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Term 4, Week 7 2022

Principal's Report

Last fortnight recap

The calendar just gets busier and busier as we approach the end of the year, with lots of exciting and worthwhile events taking place.

Last week students and teachers from our support classes attending the Northcott Athletics Carnival where lots of running, throwing, catching and fun was had by all. Lily from KM attended the Met South Public Speaking grand final which was held at Cronulla South Public School. She chose to present a prepared speech on the topic "The snow is the best holiday" and create an impromptu speech about a torch. Our Year 6 school leaders were invited by our local state representative Mark Taylor MP to attend NSW Parliament for a tour and to witness democracy in action.

This week students in Years 3 to 6 had a visit from the children's author Nat Amore where she led a presentation and workshop about how to write to entertain. Thanks to our teacher librarian Mrs Redman for organising this opportunity. On Friday some of our students in the choir and dance group had the opportunity to attend the School Spectacular. This event was organised by Mrs Matthews and Mrs Paton.

Interactive child safety and health awareness digital handbook

NSW Police Legacy has published a fully comprehensive and interactive child safety and health awareness digital handbook.

The handbook's content is supplied by all relevant NSW government departments and/or recognised authorities, as well as having received endorsement by the NSW Governor, Premier and Police Minister.

<https://www.policlegacycynsw.org.au/forms/>

Planning for Classes in 2023

In Term 4, planning for classes in 2023 will commence. Accurate information regarding student enrolments next year greatly assists us in this process. If your child will not be returning to Toongabbie PS in 2023, please let the office staff know as soon as possible. If you have information relating to your child's class placement in 2023 which you feel we need to be made aware, please advise the school by completing the following form: <https://forms.gle/Qnbi6jMtVCT3V35V9>

Please complete this form even if you have made these requests in previous years. Requests for teachers are unable to be considered. It should be noted that while we will take this information into consideration when forming classes, not all requests will be met, owing to the many factors that need to be considered when forming classes. This link will remain live until 6:00pm Friday 25 November 2022 and be advertised in the newsletter until that date. Please kindly note that the school will not be able to consider 2023 class placement requests after that time.

Deputy Principal's Report

Semester 2 Reports

The Semester 2 Reports will be uploaded to the Parent Portal on Wednesday, 14 December. If your child is finishing school before this date, you will still be able to access the reports after this date.

Students Leaving Toongabbie

If your child/children are not returning to Toongabbie in 2023, not including Year 6 students, could you please let the school know in writing as soon as possible.

Procedure For Requesting Leave

I would like to remind parents and carers of the correct procedure for applying for leave during the school term. This should be done in writing, either by email or letter, requesting

leave including the dates of absence and the reason. If the student will be away for more than a week, a form needs to be completed. This is sent home once the request is received. Correspondence stating that "my child will be absent from school" is not appropriate. The letter should say "I request leave for my child". Please note that the Department of Education has revised its Policy & Procedure on School Attendance. Holidays taken by a student outside of school holiday periods will now be included as Absences.

E Sun Smart

As the school year enters its final weeks and the weather warms, students and teachers naturally gravitate to spending more time outdoors. It's therefore a timely reminder to protect your skin and teach your children about being sun smart. Teaching children from an early age about how to protect their skin from the sun and UV radiation can reduce their risk of developing skin cancers later in life. Understanding the UV index, and checking it daily, lets you know when to protect your skin from the sun's UV radiation. UV levels are high enough (UV 3 or above) to damage unprotected skin most months of the year and can be present even on cool and cloudy days. This means that sun protection might be needed even when the sun isn't visible. Remember to protect yourself and help students to protect their skin by wearing a broadbrimmed hat, wearing sun protective clothing that covers as much of the skin as possible, and sunscreen on exposed skin, wearing sunglasses and finding shade whenever possible when outside.

P&C News

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It was wonderful to have some more new faces at our P&C meeting on 14 November. Members in attendance were provided with reports from Mr Brown, regarding all things happening at TPS, and updates from the Band & Canteen as we begin to wrap up our activities for this year.

We are already looking ahead to 2023 already and have some new and reinvented ideas for community events and fundraising for the new year. Planning has already begun for an Outdoor Family Movie night for Term 1 (tentative date - Friday 17 March) and a calendar of events is being prepared for families to know will be happening throughout the year.

Our final meeting for the year will be on Monday 12 December at 7pm in the school staff room. All parents and TPS Community members are welcome to join us as we wrap up the year at TPS. On the agenda for this meeting are our usual reports from TPS, Band, Canteen and Second Hand Uniform Stall to wrap up the year and some forward planning for 2023. Please also be advised that a motion will also be presented at this meeting to amend the schedule for P&C Meetings in 2023. Currently meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, however the motion, if passed will change this schedule to have P&C General Meetings be held on Mondays of week 3 & 7 in each school term starting at 7pm in the school staffroom.

All financial members will be entitled to vote regarding this change to the TPS P&C Constitution.

Our meeting will also include our traditional end of year celebration. All Life Members of the TPS P&C Association will be invited to join us for an end of year celebration. Please RSVP via this link if you would like to attend - <https://forms.office.com/r/hhECvJirPC>

Considering joining the P&C in the new year? If you would like to be a part of the P&C Committee, you will need to be a financial member of the P&C Association. This meeting on December 12 will be your last opportunity to become a financial member before the AGM.

P&C @ Carols Night

The P&C will be selling LED Safe-flame Candles at the 2022 Christmas Carols evening for \$4 each. There will also be a small stall selling some gifts at various prices.

Donations of Prizes for Christmas Raffle

The P&C are asking for donations of non-perishable food items, Christmas items or new toys or novelties that can be made into hampers for the Christmas Raffle.

Donations can be left at the school office before Friday 2 December.

If there are any TPS Families that have a business and would like to donate products or vouchers to the P&C for use as raffle prizes, please contact Brooke on 0405 356 210 or email toongabbiepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Band News

Thanks to those that have registered their child's interest on the School Bands website for joining the band @ TPS next year! There is still time to register your child's interest! Check out the following link for instrument information and then you can sign up here too: <https://www.schoolbands.com.au/choosing-the-right-instrument/>.

Some important events coming up:

- Last Band Parent Meeting for 2022 & AGM: Thursday 1st December, 7pm in the TPS Staffroom
- Concert Band performance at Presentation Day Assembly, 7 December (day)
- Training and Concert Band Performing as part of the TPS Carols night, 7 December (evening)
- Training and Concert Band Performing at Bunnings Seven Hills Christmas Event, 8 December (evening)

Bring your cash to the TPS Carols night and support our band by buying some BBQ items (sausages, eggs, bacon) and some sweet items from the cake stall!

We will need some helpers to cook and serve the BBQ/Cake stall on the night of the Carols. A roster has been sent out for band parents to let us know how you can help on the night.

Beth Smith - Band Convenor

Canteen News

The Canteen may run out of a few items in the next few weeks, due to the end of the School year.

In week 9 the Canteen will have canteen made Christmas cookies available from the Tuesday at recess time they will be 80 cents each.

Rhonda Fogg - Canteen Manager
Second Hand Uniform Stall

The 2nd hand uniform shop is open Tuesday mornings 8:30-9:30am, in front of the canteen.

All items are \$3 each.

All donations are welcome and can be left at the store, at the office or at the canteen.

There are lots of the smaller sizes, so for the new kindy's for next year, as well as lots of winter pinafores for the girls.

For the month of November, boys grey long sleeve shirts are \$1, lots in size 8. Also, sports uniforms in size 4 and 6 will be \$1 for the rest of the year. Lost of tops and shorts, less skorts.

If your child is in year 6 , or if your family is leaving the school at the end of the year, please consider donating their uniforms to the 2nd hand uniform shop at the end of the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bronwyn Elkin - Stall Co-ordinator

Support Classes - Tennis/ Squash Racquet Donations



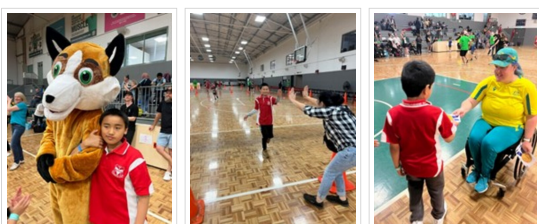
Return of Library Books

Borrowing is now over for 2022. All Library books need to be returned next week (Week 8) please, in preparation for Stocktake. Any lost or misplaced books can be paid for at the school office. Year 6 students need to finalise their Library account, prior to their departure.

Northcott Athletics Carnival

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K6D, K6M and K6S thrived on the opportunity to participate at the recent Northcott Athletics Carnival. This provided our students with the opportunity to compete against other children from Greater Western Sydney in races and field events. Our students represented their school with considerable pride and their team spirit was overwhelmingly strong. The day was an incredible success with all students actively striving to achieve their personal best.



Thank you to the families who kindly donated tennis and squash racquets for our students to further develop their skills. This equipment has been well utilised during our sport and gross motor sessions and has quickly become a popular activity amongst our students.

Cool Kid's Music Flyer 2023

https://toongabbieps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/434/cool_kids_music_flyer_2023.pdf