



## TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### “Every Child by Name and Need”

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Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful school holiday break with your families and managed to stay warm and well during the recent wintry blast.

We are gearing up for an exciting term with many exciting events, including our Senior school camp, snow trip, kinder visits and more.

#### **Ski Trip - Senior School**

Our senior students are heading off to Lake Mountain on Monday 18th July for a fantastic day in the snow. The children will be departing from Healesville at 8.40 am sharp and returning at approx. 4.00pm. Sophie will be attending as the teacher in charge for this day. Notices relating to medical information and checklist of what to bring/wear has been sent home with students this week.

If you have any problems providing your child with suitable wet weather gear, please contact us at school as we have some items of clothing available.

#### **Senior School Camp (Year 3 - 6)**

Our school has been invited to be part of the Positive Start Program which entitles us to provide a **free** camp for our senior school children from September 7 - 9th 2022.

Camp Manyung is in Mt Eliza on the Mornington Peninsula. It is an ideal camp for our senior children and is located right on the beach. We are also hoping to attend Willum Warrain which is an indigenous cultural centre in Hastings where we are invited to participate in a cultural immersion tour.

Notices will be sent out to parents next week with more information including consent and medical forms.

#### **MAPPEN - Guided Inquiry Senior School**

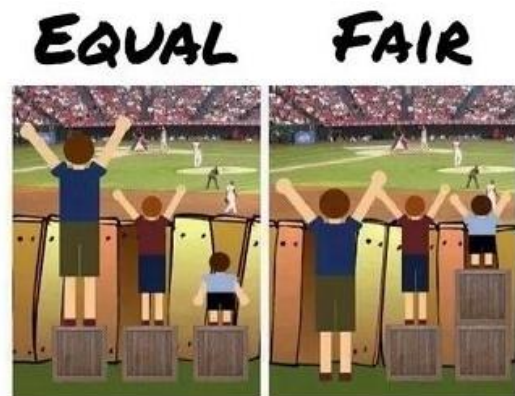
This term in Guided Inquiry we will be learning about Social Justice. Our topic entitled ‘Someone Else’s Shoes’ encourages us to discuss issues experienced by people with disabilities. We learn

about the role that rules and laws play in our community and the importance of ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and without prejudice.

This topic links directly to the development of personal and social capability including social and self-awareness which is an important component of the Victorian Curriculum.

#### **Junior School**

The junior schools Guided Inquiry unit this term will be looking at social justice through the lens of ‘Fairness and Friendships’. We will practise following classroom rules and family rules and we will consider appropriate actions in different places. We will learn techniques to manage conflict and social skills to use when working in a team. In the first week back, we have been beginning to look at the difference between what is fair and what is equal.



#### **Publicity and Promotion**

Term 3 marks the commencement of our transition programs and enrolment tours. During the school break, our school council president worked tirelessly to place a school brochure and letter in resident’s mailboxes within the Toolangi and Castella districts. This was a huge effort, and we would like to thank Rachael very much for her efforts. In addition, Rachael has also organised 2 new school signs to be erected at the entrances to our school. Great effort Rachael and thank you!

We have scheduled a second visit from Kinglake Kinder and look forward to welcoming Linda and her children later this term to experience some Art with Sophie.

If you are aware of any families who are interested in enrolling their child at our school, please contact me to arrange a school tour or chat.

### Playgroup has begun!

Playgroup with Annie will continue to operate in Term 3 on Thursday afternoons between 2pm-3pm. Intentionally designed for children aged 3-6 years, the playgroup focuses on creating learning experiences and opportunities that seek to inspire curiosity and creativity. We welcome and encourage younger siblings to attend also.

This term Annie will work with the children to investigate the geographical wonders of the seven continents and our natural world. These hands-on explorations will continue as they wander into the adventures and mishaps of buildings and architects. At the end of term, the children will delve deep into the intriguing and bizarre world of botany.

If you know families that may be interested in attending our playgroup, please invite them to join us or contact Annie at school.

### Sporting in Schools Gala Day

The Sporting in Schools Gala was a great way to end team 3. The day started at the Yarra Centre with Launching Place Primary School. Launching Place Primary was split up into multi age groups and Toolangi was one group. The children then got to participate in a round robin of 10 different activities. During the activities, the groups accumulated a score, for example, one goal in the netball hoop would be one point for that group. At the end of the day after all the scores were tallied up Toolangi won the day with a whopping score of 91!



### Working Bee

At the end of last term several of our families attended a working bee at school. This working bee was attended by several of our families with the focus being to clean out our sheds and art room. We successfully filled the skips provided and ensured that we could recycle any unwanted waste. Julia also worked tirelessly in the kitchen garden with Mike thoroughly cleaning our play equipment and deck areas. Thank you so very much to all our parents, staff and students who attended this working bee. We greatly appreciate your efforts, and our school looks all the better for a good cull and clean!

### Music Lessons

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that Peg Whalley is returning to teach music at Toolangi PS. Peg offers private lessons in piano and violin for those children who would like to learn an instrument. Please note that these lessons are an extracurricular activity with a cost involved. If you are interested in your child receiving private music tuition, please contact Peg on 0414 840 132.



### COVID update for parents.

#### Rapid Antigen Testing (RATs)

These tests will continue to be available for families until the end of the year. The school has an abundance of RATs and will provide these to families each fortnight. Commencing this Monday 11/07/22 RATs will be available for parents to collect at the end of the day under the rotunda. Parents are encouraged to test their children if they are displaying symptoms and/or if they are in close contact with a household member who has tested positive for COVID.

#### Face Masks

Face masks are recommended for students to wear, however have not been made compulsory. Students travelling on the bus are required to wear face masks unless they have a medical exemption.

At this stage, our staffing has been relatively unaffected by COVID, however if this situation were to change, we will keep parents informed and ensure that our teaching and learning programs continue with as minimal disruption as possible.