



## TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### “Every Child by Name and Need”

Acting Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert  
Junior School: Mrs Tess Kesting

#### Principal Report:

#### International Women’s Day



**#Choose to Challenge #IWD2021**  
**‘A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change’. So let’s all choose to challenge!**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our amazing women in our community to very happy International Women’s day. Please take an opportunity to reflect on the enormous contribution you make to the people around you and the amazing skills, enthusiasm and empathy that you provide to your families and significant others.

It has been a significant 2 weeks at school with lots of great events to share and celebrate.

#### Senior School Kayaking

Our Year 4,5 and 6 students headed off to Lilydale Lake for an afternoon of Kayaking. This event was organised by Andrew Devisser, our Physical Education Specialists through the Upper Yarra Valley Primary School’s Sports Association. The students thoroughly enjoyed participating in the events and mingling with students from other schools. Please enjoy reading Otis and Poppy’s articles attached to this newsletter. Thank you so much to Deb, Annaliese and Brooke for transporting and supporting our students for this event.

#### Small Swimming School Carnival.

This event was postponed due to the weather conditions on Tuesday 2 March 2021. The carnival has been rescheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> March at the Yarra Centre and will adopt a slightly different format. This day will include gymnastics and tennis and hopefully a swimming component (to be confirmed).

#### Playgroup

Toolangi had its first Playgroup session for the year this week. It was a lovely morning for babies and toddlers to play together, dance around the room, sing songs and listen to a story. Parents joined in with songs and story and had a chance to chat and meet each other in a quiet and respectful way.

Attending a playgroup has enormous social and academic benefits for children and is a wonderful opportunity to ‘get to know’ the families within our community. Please see the article attached explaining the benefits of playgroup.

This playgroup is also an integral part of our Transition program for children who may be attending our school over the next few years. It is with great pleasure that we invite all interested families to share our wonderful school with our bountiful gardens and engaging play areas.

Playgroup is held each week in the Forest Room on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 – 11.00am.

If playgroup is something you would like to know more about please contact Jo Pinnock (0431255202) or Tess at the school.



#### Senior School:

Students in the senior school have been focusing on writing Narratives. They have published some great stories entitled ‘The Day the Power went out’. These stories demonstrate great structure and imagination. We have also been working on reading using our CAFE reading goals. Each student has an individual goal focusing on the development of Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency or Expanding Vocabulary. In maths the students have been practising their addition and multiplication skills and selecting appropriate strategies to assist them with problem solving.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is scheduled for 2021 and the dates are May 11 - 21st.

Our school will be conducting NAPLAN online and we are currently preparing for this process. NAPLAN is for students in Year 3 and 5 only. Further information will be sent home to these families prior to the end of Term 1.

### Junior Class

Nine little gnomes in the junior class have been playing and learning together with great gusto. Show and tell is a high light of their busy day and chasey tiggly has been a playground highlight with the sand pit a close second.

Inside, little hands are drawing and writing with care and beauty. Books are being read and stiches upon stiches have made their way through hessian reflecting the determination of each little being.

### Music

The sound of xylophone and marimba have filled our school with the joy of music making as children play with confidence. They are developing the skill of being able to play with others as an orchestra where each instrument is relied on to play its part.

Movement has also been a feature where children are developing the tricky skill of weaving themselves through the group. At the Harvest Festival children will perform and use the skills we have been working on to delight you as an audience.

### Harvest Festival

On Monday March 29<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the harvest Autumnal weather gives us.

October through to December Julia planted cabbages, capsicum, tomato, carrot seedlings with the children. This is like planting hope, treasures and expectations as they watch them grow, care for them and rejoice when finally, they see the fruit start to grow.

We celebrate together with a meal, a performance by the children created in music lessons and community friendship. As it has evolved over the years we now ask families to make something to sell at a buy and sell table, we hope you are well under way with terrific ideas for this!

Please return your attendance to this traditional event tomorrow and remember a gold coin donation for the delicious 2 course meal.

### Bunning Sausage Sizzle

We have been lucky enough to secure a date to host a Bunnings sausage sizzle at the Chirnside Park Bunnings.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021. This is the last day of the Easter break, with school commencing the following morning.**

In the past this has been one of our best annual fundraising opportunities. In 2020 we were unable to host on our allocated day due to Covid19 restrictions.

I am happy to organise this event, including the paperwork, ordering supplies and setting up our stall for the day. However, we need volunteers to work in short shifts to cook, serve and clean up. This is an effort, but it is usually a lot of fun and will bring in much-needed funds to the school. You do NOT need experience in order to help out, jobs are very manageable, such as buttering bread, turning snags or taking money.

Please save the date and think about how and when you can help out towards the day. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Closer to the date I will make a roster with those able to help, so we all know what we are doing on the day.

Thank you very much,  
Julia.

### Payments to school

Robyn would like to request whenever possible if parents could please make payments to the school via direct deposit. Please ensure you use your name and the reason for payment as a reference. Of course we will still accept cash payments if online banking is not available or for smaller items (gold coin donations for fundraising etc.).

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