



TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”

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Term 2 is rapidly drawing to a close with each week offering a variety of challenges and excitement.

Firstly we have navigated the wild weather over the past week, with power outages and falling trees. This has resulted in safety concerns but also inconvenience as we manage without essential services for a period of time. This week followed a week of remote learning and lockdown with a few days of students on site in between these events. The main priority is safety and it is with great pleasure that we welcomed our students back to school on Wednesday 15th June. We are most certainly looking forward to the remainder of term with as few disruptions as possible.

COVID safety regulations

As a result of the recent updates the following rules apply:

- ALL parents and visitors MUST scan the QR code located at the front office upon entering the school
- Regularly apply hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing where possible.

At this stage we are not able to participate in excursions or in school activities, however there are new Department operating guidelines coming out in the next few days.

School Review

Our school will be undertaking a school review in Term 3.

The Department of Education (DET) conducts reviews of schools every 4-5 years. This process is conducted by the Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority (VRQA) and the evaluation is completed with support from a DET appointed external reviewer. The school review supports each school to differentiate its improvement journey by building on current strengths and assisting it to respond to challenges. The review:

- welcomes school community participation in the review
- embraces the input of experts from both within and beyond the school

- forges links between evidence, school review, and strategic and annual planning
- seeks multiple perspectives, engagement with the whole school community and openness to challenge for improvement
- celebrates strengths and achievements

Acceptable Use Agreement (Students)

Senior school students have been discussing the safe use of technologies. This includes how to communicate respectfully, how to protect personal information and to respect themselves and others when using digital technologies.

We have discussed this agreement in class and also sent this student agreement home for parents to review

After discussing this agreement with your child, please sign and return to school as soon as possible. These documents will be kept on file at school.

For further support when talking with your children please refer to the following website
<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

This acceptable use agreement for Digital Technologies is a Department requirement and serves to ensure the safety of students when using technology and the internet.



Child Safe

As an important component of our Child Safe policies and procedures it is essential that all tradesperson and adults working with children have an updated Working with Children Check (WWCC). It is a Department requirement that any adult conducting child related work or is working unsupervised onsite at our school must present a current WWCC. WWCC compliance is an essential part of our induction process.

If you have a WWCC please leave a copy with a member of staff. If you wish to obtain a WWCC got to:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Education Week May 24th - 28th Theme: Building Connections

Education week was celebrated in style with a fantastic morning of Physical activities that was equally challenging as we also applied our thinking in Maths.

Andrew set up some fabulous activities that required us to build, run, problem solve and use our skills in cooperation and teamwork. We had loads of fun and really enjoyed having some of our parents join in as well. Thank you to Rachael and Sherrin for joining us on the day.



Breakfast club

Breakfast club was also well attended during Education week and is certainly a highlight of our week. Our children and parents really enjoy our shared breakfast time each Thursday morning. This is a great time to share some food, have a chat and start our day in a really positive way.

Thank you to the parents who assist us with this program each week.



MID YEAR REPORTING and Assessment Portfolios

Mid Year reports and Assessment portfolios will be sent home on the last day of Term (Friday June 25th).

Parent/teacher Interviews to be held on Tuesday 22nd June and Wednesday 23rd June from 3 - 5 pm.

Thank you to those parents who have already booked in a time. If you have not done so, please contact the school to make an appointment.

Spinning honey

We were lucky enough to spend a rainy afternoon in the art room spinning some honey out of frames straight from the hive. This was a great opportunity for the children to experience the process of honey collection. Getting up close to the amazing honeycomb structures built by bees, we discussed how and why bees make hexagons. Children all got to take some honey home to share with their families. The senior students are now trying to devise a way to purify the wax to make candles.

Julia



Now that we are in the midst of the Winter weather we are needing to spend more time inside at recess and lunch times. Please send in some comfy slippers for the children to wear inside if they wish. Our classrooms are warm and cosy and there are plenty of inside activities to keep the students occupied during these times.

I would like to share with you a lovely photo of some of our students who took the opportunity to make the most of the better weather last week to build a cubby.



Sally

**End of term lunch and Queens Birthday month
Friday 25th June**

'Here Ye, Here Ye'

Children/royalty will make their own cheese, tomato and ham toastie – under supervision!

They will also have the sweetness of a warm apple crumble to satisfy their tummy.

All royal costumed children are invited to join us around the castle table for merriment and delightfully posh conversation.

Tess



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| June | | | | |
| Monday 14/06/21 Queens Birthday Public Holiday | Tuesday 15/06/21 School Council Meeting 7.00pm | Wednesday 16/06/21 | Thursday 17/06/21 | Friday 18/06/21 |
| Monday 21/06/21 Gymnastics CJ Dennis Hall TBC | Tuesday 22/06/21 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3 - 5 pm | Wednesday 23/06/21 Gymnastics CJ Dennis Hall TBC Parent/Teacher Interviews 3 - 5 pm | Thursday 24/06/21 | Friday 25/06/21 Special Lunch incl. rescheduled Queens Birthday dress up day End of Term 2.30 Finish |

COMMUNITY NEWS

CLEANING POSITION AVAILABLE at Camp Toolangi

Camp Toolangi is looking for locals to assist us with our camp cleaning.

We are located on Spraggs road in Toolangi and provide camping experiences to schools, community, sporting, religious, family and corporate groups. We can accommodate up to 147 people and operate all year round.

General cleaning duties including bathroom cleaning, vacuuming and window cleaning.

Variable weekday hours generally Monday, Wednesday and Friday within school hours.

Subcontract or casual employment opportunities available.

We provide all cleaning supplies, equipment and training.

If you are interested in this position or would like to know more, please contact us on 59629219



OSHC Co-ordinator Position Available:

TPS is still searching for a suitable applicant for the position of childhood educator to assist in the establishment and implementation of our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Program.

The suitable applicant will hold or be working towards a diploma in early childhood services. This position is a four year contract initially requiring 15.5 hours per week for before and after school care with the addition of a future school holiday program.

If you or someone you know would like further information or wish to apply for the position please contact Sally

Applications close 10th June.



School Holiday Fun at Y Water

As another school term comes to a close no doubt both parents, and grandparents, will be looking out for activities to keep their primary age offspring and grandies amused during the winter school holidays.

We'll look no more as the Y Water Discovery Centre in Yea has two wonderful events planned for the Wednesday mornings which will entertain and inform your children.

Wednesday 30th June – 10-11.30 will see us engaging with nature in the beautiful Yea Wetlands. Cost is \$4 per child.

Wednesday 7th July – 11-12.15 is a very special treat for NAIDOC Week – a shadow puppet performance called "**Spike the Echidna**" which follows a baby echidna's journey to find out where he belongs. Spike is an interactive experience for a family audience. Cost is \$8 per child.

Bookings are essential for both activities and bookings can be made, in person, at the Y Water Discovery Centre (open 10-4 daily) or by phone on 5797 2663. Tickets for Spike can be purchased online at - <https://www.trybooking.com/BRABR>

