



TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”

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

Principal news:

Welcome to 2021!

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome that I have received as Acting Principal at Toolangi Primary school for Term 1.

It was lovely to meet everyone at ‘The Night Before’ BBQ last week. This is a wonderful tradition and enables everyone to see each other before the start of Term 1. Thank you to all the work undertaken by staff and families to ensure this event is so successful.

I am overwhelmed by the beauty of Toolangi Primary school. Not only the school environment but also the warmth and compassion of the school community. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know students and families as well as to learn about the history of this amazing school.

The staff at Toolangi are a pleasure to work with and their commitment to ensuring the best education for your children is unwavering. I thank them all for assisting with my transition to Toolangi Primary School for Term 1. I would also like to acknowledge Andrew Bagnall as the Acting Principal during 2020 for his incredible work at Toolangi during a year like we have never experienced.

Sally

2021 Staffing Update

Sally Herbert – Acting Principal/Snr Class Teacher
Tess Kesting – Junior Class Teacher
Amanda Hull – Senior Class Teacher (Friday)
Sophie Fothergill – Art (Tuesday)
Andrew Devisser – Sport (Wednesday)
Julia Holmes – Science / Kitchen Garden Program (Thursdays)
Katherine – Marc Library Van (Monday)
Robyn Tymms – Business Manager (Tues/Thurs)

Snake Sighting

Yesterday we were alerted to a snake in the school grounds. Students were ushered inside and a procedure was in place to engage a snake catcher to come and remove the reptile. Unfortunately the snake catcher was unable to locate the snake and as a result the staff are

ensuring regular ground checks and are hyper vigilant to observe the safety of all. Tess and Sally have been working with the children regarding snake education and safety.

Buildings and Grounds

Our school is on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR). This requires us to ensure that our grounds, building and emergency management plans are compliant with the Department of Education’s requirements. Work has just been completed on installing a sprinkler system to the designated Shelter in Place (SIP) building (Art room). Each term the school is required to conduct fire drills and we will practice a SIP drill with the addition of our new sprinkler system.

Interschool Swimming Sports

Upper Yarra District Swimming Sports is to be held on Friday 19th February at the Healesville Pool. This event is for children aged 10 - 12 years and is for fairly competent swimmers.

If you are interested in your child attending this event please contact the school for further information.

Please note that our school will be involved in a small school’s swimming carnival later in the term.

Junior Class

Nine little children eager to learn, delighting in play, venturing into the big playground and making new friends. It most certainly is a great joy to me to be a big part of their day at school.

Our prep’s Summer and Olivia have been drawing and counting little stones. The year ones and twos have been writing sentences, investigating homes of animals and putting digits into Place Value houses (hundreds, tens ones).

Children have settled back to school and are a great help to our new children getting them use to routines and offering a kind smile and welcoming words.

Tess



School Council

Our first school council meeting for 2021 will be held next Tuesday 9th February 7.30pm at the school. All parents are welcome to attend school council meetings at any time throughout the year. This year we will be looking for additional members to join the committee as some of our current members have moved on to new schools. We thank them for their time with SC. If you are interested in joining school council or would like further information of what is involved please speak to a member of staff or a current SC member.

AGM – School Council

The School Council AGM will be held Tuesday 9th March. Nomination forms and further information will be sent home later this month.

Art with Sophie

Welcome back to school everyone. Hope you had a lovely break. As I was giving the art room a good clean over the holidays I noticed that the art smocks have seen better days. If you have any old long sleeve shirts made from flannel or other thick material that you could spare, they would be gratefully appreciated. Of course if you're good on the sewing machine and want to get creative and make some art smocks that would be very welcome too. Thank you.

Sophie

Uniform Orders

A reminder for parents wanting to purchase new uniform that orders are now placed directly with Eduthreads online at any time and delivered to your door. To place your order please visit

www.eduthreads.com.au

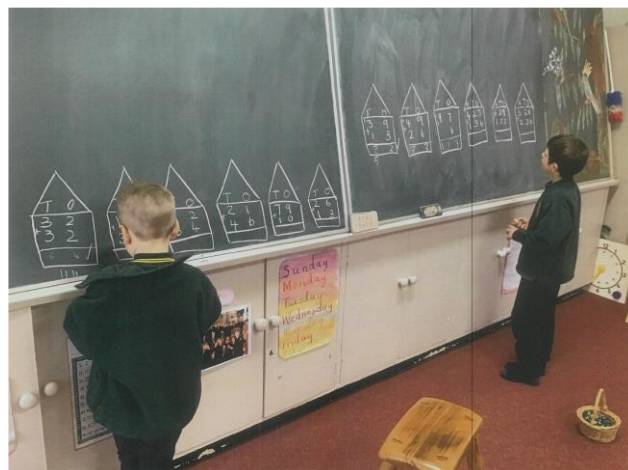


CSEF – Camps Sport and Excursion Fund

The CSEF program is a state government initiative to assist eligible families with the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. To be eligible to apply you must hold a valid means-tested concession card (healthcare card). The allowance of \$125 for primary school students is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities. If you are eligible for this funding or would like further information please see Robyn in the office Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Music Lessons

Would your child like to learn Piano or Violin? If so Peg comes to school every Tuesdays and offers private lessons on site. For further information please call Peg on 0414 840 132.



Grade 6 students Emma and Otis in their new graduation hoodies.