



# TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## “Every Child by Name and Need”

Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert  
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This is our first newsletter for Term 2 and there is much to report on and celebrate. Term 2 is a busy term, with our Harvest Festival, NAPLAN and semester report taking centre stage and School Council meeting this coming Monday.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL:

A wonderful evening was had by all last Thursday as we conducted our Annual Harvest Festival. Despite the cold weather the children performed songs in our beautiful kitchen garden, performed a delightful play and participated in a percussive orchestra to the tune of the Pink Panther theme. Who knew that our children are budding artists, musicians and performers? The talent of our young people at Toolangi is incredible!

Our evening continued with a delicious feast of potatoes with all the trimmings and lemon meringue pies with the ingredients largely sourced from our own kitchen garden. Our culinary expert Julia, once again put together an amazing dinner to feed our entire community. Thanks Julia.

Our evening concluded with our harvest stall containing plants, crafts and produce made and donated by our school community. This is a great



Happy May Birthday to:  
25<sup>th</sup> Bella



fundraising event and we raised approximately \$482.00

Thank you to our parent helpers with a huge shout out to Sherrin and Julia for their incredible support with this event. A special mention to Erica and Otis (ex-students) for their amazing assistance during the day.

### NAPLAN

This week marks the commencement of NAPLAN. This National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is a series of tests focused on basic skills that are administered annually to Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The purpose of NAPLAN is to provide a snapshot of a student's current reading, writing, language, and numeracy skills. We wish our students well with NAPLAN this week and know that they will do their very best.

### Semester 1 Reports

The end of this term marks the distribution of semester 1 reports. Sophie, Amanda and I will be assessing students and writing reports using the COMPASS platform.

**Student Support Groups (SSG) meetings** will be held in week 7 (Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June). A COMPASS post will be sent out in the next few weeks for parents to book in for their term 2 SSG meeting. Please note that this term we will be trialling a 3-way conference with our senior students to discuss progress within the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and student goals.

We encourage our senior students (yrs 3 -6) to be present for this SSG meeting.

### Assessment Portfolios to Presentation Portfolios.

Prior to the current time we have prepared **assessment** portfolios for each child. The nature of this process is changing slightly for this year. Commencing this year, we will be preparing presentation portfolios rather than assessment portfolios. These presentation portfolios will contain samples of children's writing, selected art pieces, photographs, certificates etc. The

students will be selecting their pieces in consultation with Sophie, Amanda, and Sally. These folios will be collated during the year and sent home in December 2022.

**Attitudes to School Survey – 2022**

The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in this survey during the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A parent notice with further details will be sent out to families this week.

**Kitchen Garden Program**

Today our grade one children handed over the broad beans they grew last year to our new preps in our annual seed sharing ceremony. First, we opened the pods to reveal the beans in their 'blankety beds'. This is a great way to practice what we have learned and observed over the seasons - germination, growth, pollination, and a completed life cycle.



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