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It has been a couple of weeks now since we bid farewell to Sally. At the beginning of 2020, a time of uncertainty in the world and also at TPS, Sally brought a breath of fresh air and stability, which she carried with her over the course of the last three years. Her gentle and considerate leadership allowed our small school to grow in its approach to education and its visibility in the community; whilst maintaining, nurturing and celebrating all that is important to our identity, always having the children at the forefront of her mind. I think it is fair to say that as staff, parents and students, our lives are all the better for having Sally in them. We are most grateful to her and will be touched by the legacy she leaves behind for years to come.

**Thank you Sally and  
 all the best for your  
 new position at  
 Bittern Primary  
 School.**



SOMETIMES PEOPLE COME  
 INTO YOUR LIFE FOR A  
 MOMENT, A DAY, OR A  
 LIFETIME. IT MATTERS NOT THE  
 TIME THEY SPENT WITH YOU  
 BUT HOW THEY IMPACTED  
 YOUR LIFE IN THAT TIME.

- Unknown

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### Staffing until end of term

The end of the year is fast approaching and it is a very busy time at Toolangi Primary School. Whilst I attempt to step into Sally's shoes, we welcome and thank Alex Mecuri and Bec Jeffery, who will be filling in the gaps in the timetable until the end of the year.

### Artroom

After finishing off our artworks to go in the Foggy Mountain Festival art competition students have begun work designing and creating their own plant or animal. You might remember last term we went to an exhibition at YAVA in Healesville to meet local artist Ian George. Ian's sculptures were made from many different things such as wood, polymer clay, glass, electrics and recycled objects. We are going to let ourselves be inspired by Ians, wonderfully wacky creations and use wood, air-dry clay and recycled objects to create our creatures. Can't wait to see what the students create!

**For enquiries regarding Toolangi Primary School  
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### Student Work Portfolios

Over the last couple of years, we have moved to regular SSG meetings with families, providing an opportunity for a two way conversation about student progress, goals and areas for improvement. In doing so, staff collect work samples and assessments which can be viewed during these meetings. As a result, students will be bringing home their workbooks and other examples of their work at the end of the year, however, we will no longer be compiling a formal portfolio of their work.

### Healthy Lunch-Boxes

We're all guilty of starting something new with good intentions and as time goes on, finding ourselves cutting corners and choosing easier options. As we head towards the end of the school year, we are noticing that in some cases, providing and packing healthy lunch boxes is becoming more challenging. We would like to encourage you and your children to have a look at the attached flyer and together, use it as a guide to refresh and energise the school lunch box. We are noticing more and more, highly processed packaged foods finding their way into school lunches. These high sugar snacks provide a quick energy fix but fail to fuel children to remain focused and attentive over longer periods of time, including playing during recess or lunchtime and returning to the classroom for another period of learning. We would also encourage your support in providing rubbish free lunches. Buying in bulk and separating into reusable containers has a positive environmental impact that we would like to encourage. Please note that lollies and gum are not welcome at school.

### Drink Bottles

A reminder that each student should bring their own, (preferably) named drink bottle to school, which they can take into the classroom, to remain hydrated throughout the day.

### Foggy Mountain Festival

The Foggy Mountain Festival wound up on the weekend with representatives from the local schools performing the songs they had written with Carter and Carter. I would like to thank and congratulate Ezi, Jay Jay, Bella, Oliver and Hazel who, despite their nerves, courageously stepped up on stage to perform our new song, "Everyone

Together". They did a fabulous job and we are very proud of them. Congratulations also to Ezi, who won a prize for his awesome beard and to Poppy who was awarded a prize in the art show.



### News from the Senior Room

The whole senior class is always very enthusiastic about MAPPEN. Our project is to make our own island. We need to decide where in the world it is, the average temperatures, and the identity. All of our islands are coming along very nicely and soon we get to present them. I can't wait! In maths we are focusing on measurement and time. The year 3-4's are learning to tell time on an analogue clock and the 5-6's are telling 24hr time. In measurement we are learning about perimeter and area. It is challenging but heaps of fun! We have been concentrating on direct and indirect speech in English. We are doing lots of practice and I think I'm really getting the hang of it.  
Poppy

### Parent Payments 2024

The Parent Payment Policy for 2024 was approved at the October school council meeting. Parent Payment contributions for 2024 will remain at \$295 per student. Payment is not requested until the new year. Further information will be sent home early Term 1 2024.

### OSHC

Attached to this newsletter is a short survey from Annie regarding your family's use of our Outside School Hours Care program for 2024. We ask all families to complete the survey and return to school by 1<sup>st</sup> December to assist us with planning for 2024.

### Family Statements

Robyn will be sending family statements home next Tuesday showing any unpaid excursions or charges for 2023. If you feel details are incorrect or your child did not attend an excursion, please contact Robyn.

Some of you have credits remaining from a cancelled sports day earlier this year, please deduct this amount off the payment for Big Day Out (details to follow).

Dates to remember	
Friday 24th November	School Photos
Friday 24th November	Dance with Taryn
Wed 29th November	Bike Ed with Alex
Friday 1st December	Dance with Taryn
Tues 5th December	Yr 6 Orientation Day (MLMC)
Wed 6th December	Bike Ed with Alex
Friday 8th December	Dance with Taryn
Tues 12th December	Yr 6 Orientation Day (Healesville High)
Wed 13th December	Final Bike Ed - Pick up bikes from school
Thurs 14th Dec	Final Day of OSHC for the year
Friday 15th December	Yr 6 Celebration Day - details TBC
Monday 18th December	End of year concert and Yr 6 Graduation
Tues 19th December	Big Day Out (Whole School) - details TBC
Wed 20th December	Final Day Term 4 - 1:30 dismissal