



TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”

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It's Autumn time. As we were sitting in our beautiful grounds at lunchtime today we were in awe of the amazing colours in our playground. We are so very fortunate to come to school every day in such an inspiring environment.

Education State Conference

On Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May, I will be attending the Educational State Principal Conference. This conference is an opportunity for Victorian government school principals to come together for the first time since 2019.

The conference program is designed around 4 key themes:

- learning and wellbeing
- power of education and community
- education for reconciliation
- transformative possibilities of inclusion.

I am looking forward to attending these important learning sessions as well as representing and promoting our school within a wider network. During my absence, Amanda will be teaching the senior school.

Publicity and Promotion

We have been working hard behind the scenes to promote our school to the wider community with the aim of increasing enrolments in 2023. This is being conducted in the following ways:

1. A school brochure has been created to distribute to the Healesville, Kinglake, Toolangi and Yarra Glen area. A copy has been attached to this newsletter for your reference.
If you would like multiple copies of this brochure to distribute to interested families, please come to school to collect them
2. New School Signage is in process. Rachael is overseeing this process with the aim of 2 new signs to be erected on the main road and in our school grounds.

3. Kinglake Kinder visit has been scheduled for this week. We look forward to welcoming Linda and her children for an activity session on Thursday.

Farewell to Andrew Devisser

This week we farewelled Andrew as our PE teacher at TPS with a morning tea and small presentation. Andrew has been connected with our school for the last 10 years and has provided a wealth of PE and sporting opportunities to our past and present students. We are not saying a final goodbye to Andrew as he will be continuing in the district coordinator role and he also promises to drop in and say hello to us from time to time.

Our students presented Andrew with a trophy to signify his outstanding commitment to our school community, a book of memories created by the children and a basket of homemade goodness provided by Julia. Thank you Andrew and enjoy some well deserved time with your family!



Curriculum News

Senior School

The senior school have just completed their NAPLAN assessment tasks.

We are so proud of the determination and positivity our Year 3 and 5 students demonstrated during this week of assessments. NAPLAN is a national assessment task that covers skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. The implementation of NAPLAN was expertly led by Amanda and we thank her for managing this process so well. This

includes the hot chocolate that our students enjoyed at the end of their assessments.

MAPPEN

This term we are studying sustainability through a unit of work entitled Think Global and Act Local. The rationale is to learn about the natural world and how we are changing it. In turn this motivates us to live sustainably.

We will be investigating:

- Mapping and the world of geographers
- Building weather instruments and using them to collect data
- Using tables and graphs to record weather data
- Severe weather and natural disaster

Junior School

This term in the Junior room children are learning all about sustainability and in particular recycling, reducing and reusing. The children had a close look at the school's rubbish and buried some selected pieces. At the end of the term we will dig them up and see if the predictions we made after burying them are right. Some of the items we chose to bury include, a twistie packet, an apple core, yoghurt tub and paper. Most of the children predicted that most of the rubbish we buried will have turned into soil when we dig it up after 7 weeks. We can't wait to see if our predictions are correct!

P.S Drop in and see the art display of repurposed plastic bag fish in the hall.

Photo Trail

The junior school plus the grade 3 children were lucky enough to participate in the Photo Trail held at Maroondah Dam on the third week of term. The children had a lovely day at the Dam playing games and using photos as clues to guide them



on a nature walk around the Dam. The children especially loved playing in all the fallen autumn leaves. Big thank you to parent helpers Alex and Annie who took some great photos and made the day run smoothly.

Student Support Group Meetings (SSG)

Have you logged into Compass and booked in your SSG meeting with Sophie, Amanda and I? If not, please do so as soon as possible! At this stage only 3 families have booked. Please contact the school if you have any issues booking interviews on the Compass platform. These interviews are being held on 6th, 7th and 8th June and we would like to see every family.



Upcoming Working Bee

At our recent school council meeting we arranged a working bee at the school on **Saturday 18th June 2022**. Please mark the date in your calendars.

The working bee will focus on the following areas and tasks required within the school including:

- Mulching and related work within Kitchen Garden
- Karchering the pirate ship and deck areas
- Clean up of Art room
- Removal of rubbish including the old BBQ and unwanted furniture in sheds
- General gardening and cleaning (A skip for hard rubbish will be provided)

The old saying of 'Many hands makes light work' is so very true. We would like as many people as possible to help out for a few hours on the morning of Saturday June 18th. An expression of interest for families to attend will be sent home next week.

Robyn on leave

Our wonderful Business Manager, Robyn is heading off on June 3rd for some well earned leave. Robyn will be back in the last week of term 2.

We wish Robyn a wonderful and most deserved break and cannot wait to hear about her adventures upon her return in week 9.



Upcoming Events:

Aussie Sports Day – Years 4-5 Friday 3rd June
 Student Support Group Meetings 6th - 8th June
 Working Bee – Saturday 18th June