



# TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## “Every Child by Name and Need”

Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert  
Junior School: Miss Sophie Fothergil

This will be our last newsletter before the Term 1 holiday break. It has been a fabulous term with minimal interruptions which makes a nice change. We wish you all a safe and relaxing term break and urge you all to stay well.

Just a few reminders before we break for the end of term.

### EASTER BONNET PARADE:

On Friday 8th April we will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade. This parade will occur at 2.00pm and parents are welcome to attend. School dismissal is at **2.30pm** on this day so parents are welcome to take their children home at the end of the parade.

### END OF TERM SPECIAL LUNCH:

We will be providing a special lunch for children on Friday 8th April. Our children will be enjoying some toasties and milkshakes for lunch. If your child has any dietary requirements, please let us know.



### ANZAC DAY:

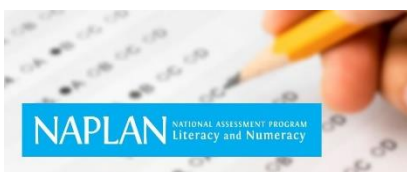
This day falls on the last day of our school holiday break. We welcome our students back for Term 2 on Tuesday 26th April 2022.

### CURRICULUM DAY (Pupil Free Day):

Friday 29th May is a school council approved curriculum day. Children will not be required to attend school on this day.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is a state-wide national assessment for students in years 3,5,7 and 9. Just a reminder that NAPLAN will be implemented from May 9th - 13th. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please contact Sally at school.



### HARVEST FESTIVAL:

This annual event is set for Thursday 5th May. We are currently practising our performances for

this evening and looking forward to providing an enjoyable show for all our families.

We encourage families to start thinking about produce and craft to sell at our stall. These could include jams and preserves, biscuits or slices, handcrafts, or toys. The only requirement is that the craft and produce is home made. This stall has been a great fundraiser for our school. We invite our families (including grandparents and extended family members) to share in a home cooked dinner organised by Julia and her band of parent and student helpers. More information will be sent to families once we return after the holidays.



### BUILDINGS and GROUNDS:

Over the school break we will be having the following work projects completed:

- New sleepers in car park area
- Sand pit top up
- Removal of green waste
- Soft fall under the playground and pirate ship area

### SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022

Our 2022 election process is complete, and it is with great pleasure that I present the members of our newly formed school council.



- Rachael Dunkley (President)
- Michael Morant (Parent member)
- Dawn Hartog (Parent member)
- Sally Herbert (Principal)
- Sophie Fothergill (School Employee member)

Congratulations to our members and thank you for your continued support of our school.

### Junior Class Report

The Junior class took their maths lesson into the art room this week where everyone was learning

to draw and identify 2D shapes. We can't wait for next week when we add paint to our shape drawings. Grade 1 and 2 students have been focusing on reading and spelling words with the 'e,ea' sound such as 'head, best and end'. Everyone in the junior room is very excited to now have their own personal book box (just like the seniors). The book boxes include share books at their level and personally selected books from the library. The addition of the new book boxes and the take home reading journals has caused a reading frenzy in the junior room. Keep up the good work Juniors!



### Senior Class Report

Our senior students have been focussing on their writing by completing persuasive writing texts with Amanda. Our skills in language conventions are improving due to an intensive focus on grammar, punctuation, verbs, and adjectives. Our students should be able to differentiate between action verbs and present and past tense verbs.

In maths we have been working specifically on the quick recall of our times tables, multiplication, data collection, graphs, and lines of symmetry.

A highlight of our week is always Japanese with Sensai Katsi. I received some great feedback from Sensai Katsi regarding the enthusiasm and rapid pace that our children are making with reading and writing Japanese.



Why is it important for my child to attend school every day?

- Research shows that to develop the habit of regularly going to school, a routine starts in the first years of school.
- By regularly going to school, your child and your family gets to know the teacher, other children, and families.
- The more you are involved in your child's learning the more we can work together to support your child and make sure they get the best start to school.

- Attending regularly helps your child develop a sense of belonging and connection to school.

### What can you do to help your child?

Developing the habit of going to school regularly is vital so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills that they need for future learning.

You can help by:

- Talking positively about school so your child is happy to go each day
- Having set start and finish times for breakfast
- Having a set time and routine for going to, and getting out of bed and getting enough sleep each night
- Encouraging your child to have their school uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Spending some time each day together reading for enjoyment and talking about what happened in their day

### End of Day arrangements

Just a reminder to parents at the end of the day to wait under the rotunda until the children are dismissed and not to enter the school prior to 3.30pm unless it is an emergency or previously arranged. The end of the day routine for our students is important as it provides us with the opportunity to recap on the day's learning, tidy up and farewell on a positive note. This can be challenging if there are parents and toddlers in the corridors.

In addition, we ask for your support in ensuring that our displays and artwork in the corridor are left untouched. We have had a few occasions where photos and artwork have been damaged by an unknown source. Thank you for your support.

### Parent Information Evening

Last Monday we held our parent information session focussing on Literacy at TPS. Thank you to the 6 parents who attended this session. The session included a detailed summary of how we teach phonological awareness, reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Our aim is to provide parents with an understanding of the frameworks and practices we use to teach literacy and how teaching is differentiated to support our children's individual learning needs.

### School Holiday Fun

Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre (previously the Y Water Discovery Centre) is delighted to be back offering school holiday programs. (See attached flyer)