

Toolangi Primary School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Harvest Festival

I am so pleased I got to attend my first Harvest Festival! What a magical night it was! I loved meeting all the families, friends of families, family members of families, friends of friends and of course, meeting staff from a number of years ago.

As the saying goes, 'everything will be all right on the night', and it certainly was! With limited practice, the performance and singing from the students was exceptional and I was so proud of them all.

Considering we have nine families in the school, to be able to raise close to \$1200 is an extraordinary effort and I would like to thank all of you for contributing to this night. Whether you baked, grew produce, made craft, assisted, spent money or just turned up to support us, it truly highlights the community spirit we have in the school.

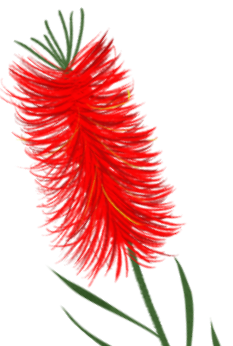
A night like this doesn't just happen and there are some people who really do need some very special thanks. Firstly, a very big thankyou to Julia for her organisation, dedication and passion on making the Harvest Festival such a wonderful experience for all – students, family, friends and staff.

I would also like to thank all staff for their help in the smooth running of the night, whether it was directing/producing, serving food, cleaning, setting up, packing up or counting money, everyone contributed to the night.

We all would like to thank Sherrin who helped for most of Thursday supporting Julia and Annie. Not only did Sherrin set up for the night but made the beautiful backdrop which was used where the food was served. Thank you also to Erica for being the official photographer on the night and capturing all the great things that happened.

Marlee – School Chaplain

Today we farewell Marlee our School Chaplain. Marlee is finishing with us as she begins her adventures in Queensland. She has been such a wonderful asset to the school, working beautifully with parents, students and staff. We will miss her and wish her all the best as she follows her dreams.





School Council

On Monday evening we had our Annual General Meeting and first School Council meeting with our 2024 School Councillors. Welcome to Jules, who has joined council this year and our continuing parent members Rachel (School Council President), Kristen, Dawn (Community Member). Our staff councillors are Sophie, Annie, Robyn and myself. We would like to thank Mike for serving on School Council for the previous two years and for his participation and support in this role.

Some items discussed at Council this month included:

- Recent professional learning for school staff
- Principal report
- Curriculum report including how the music program will be introduced in Term 2
- OHSC report and how well the Breakfast and Hot Lunch Tuesday is progressing.

I would also like to say a very big welcome to our new family and student, Dexter and parents, Sandara and Jarno. Dexter is settling well into Year Five, making some special friends already. We look forward to Dexter and his family being a part of the Toolangi Community.

Nicole Barnes

PE News

The children have enjoyed a fantastic term of PE and have taken full advantage of the opportunities provided by the term 1 Sporting Schools Grant. Lachie from GhekoSports has taken both the Hockey and Tennis units and has built a great rapport with the children, making an immediate connection with them from the first session. There was an obvious progression in skill development, as they moved from individual skills to modified games by the end of the Hockey unit.

We also took advantage of the Toolangi Tennis Courts for the final session of tennis, the children playing a Hot Shots tournament! Danielle, our softball coach, is most impressed with the skill level of all the children and has been able to progress from t-ball games to a game of Fully Loaded Softball, a new initiative, giving participants greater opportunities to get involved. Most of our children were even able to hit the ball from a pitch! We have also been able to keep working on our fitness with weekly 15 minute laps of the fitness track. The children often surprise themselves with what they can achieve, often improving on their personal best.





HARVEST FESTIVAL

I can see in the forest room a baby seated on the floor.

I can feel the money in my hand.

I can smell the rhubarb pies

I can hear the pans slamming together when Julia was cooking.

Maddie



Harvest Festival

I can see the trees swaying in the gentle breeze.

I can taste the salty jacket potato with my tasty bolanas.

I can hear kids screaming with such joy and delight.

I can smell the crumble all the way from the other room.

I can feel the sticky pumpkin's skin as I hold it in my arms.



Rafe

HARVEST FESTIVAL
I CAN TASTE THE SALTY FLAVOUR OF THE JACKET POTATOES AND THE DELICIOUS DELIGHT OF THE BOLOGNESE AND COLESLAW.

I CAN SMELL THE AROMA OF FOOD FLOODING MY NOSTRILS WITH SURE DELIGHT.

I CAN HEAR THE JOY AND LAUGHTER OF EVERYBODY HAVING A GOOD TIME.

I CAN SEE EVERYBODY PUSHING AND SHOING TO BE FIRST IN LINE FOR THE STALLS.

I CAN FEEL THE COLD HARD FEELING OF MY MONEY BEING HELD.



Jude

Harvest festival

I can see all the children crowded around the stalls.

I could hear the kids saying their lines in the school play.

I could touch the paper bag filled with yummy food inside.

I can taste the homegrown and yummy food.

I can smell the delicious jacket potatoes.

Darcy



Darcy

Harvest festival

I could smell the crumble through the air.

I could feel the softness of the toy bunny.

I could hear the bell ringing to bring everyone in.

I could taste the sweet crumble.

I could see the kids running down the hall to get to the market stall.

By Jay Jay



Jay Jay



Harvest Festival

I could see all the crafts in the stall.

I could smell the delicious rhubarb pie.

I could hear Julia announcing that my zucchini is 68cm long and I won.

I touched the silver coins in my hand.

I could taste the delicious potatoes for dinner.

BY OLIVIA



Olivia

HARVEST FESTIVAL

I CAN HEAR THE CROWD CLAPPING WITH JOY.

I CAN SEE THE DELIGHTFUL MARKET.

I CAN SMELL THE SWEET SWEET RHUBARB CRUMBLE

I CAN TASTE THE SALTY SENSATION OF THE JACKET POTATOES.

I CAN FEEL THE SCRIPT IN MY SHIVERING HANDS



Olle





Important Dates

District Athletics Day – April 30th
Taiko Japanese Drumming – May 1st (TBC)
Curriculum Day – May 3rd

