



TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”

Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert
Junior School: Mrs Tess Kesting

Welcome back

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed our students back last week after a period of remote and flexible learning. Well done to our parent community for once again navigating the challenges of working at home with their children. Tess, Amanda, Sophie and I are constantly reviewing our remote learning practices to ensure that we meet the needs of all children. We were happy to provide a range of online learning activities, paper packs and resources to assist you to engage the children as much as possible.

School Review

Validation day - Thursday 5th August

Due to COVID restrictions our review process has slightly changed from panel visit onsite to an online review discussion. Annalise, Tess and myself will be working collaboratively with the review panel to evaluate the previous 4 years of our School Strategic Plan (SSP) and commence discussion to develop a new plan focusing on the future priorities for our school.

NEW DATE: Parent forum re-scheduled - August 12th.

Toolangi Primary SCHOOL REVIEW

Parent Forum – Come and have a coffee and a chat with us!

We invite you to a community forum to meet with the review panel. Your input is highly valued and very much welcomed!

Please send me a text or email if you are able to attend.

WHEN: Thursday August 12th

TIME: 2.45 – 3.30pm

WHERE: At school (FOREST Room)



Parent Opinion Survey - OUT NOW!

An invitation to participate in the Parent Opinion survey has been sent home to families today. This online survey should only take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. I ask you to please

take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

COMPASS is coming!

Compass is a web based school management system. Compass is used by many Primary and Secondary schools to centrally manage all facets of our school including attendance, wellbeing, reporting and assessment, scheduling and communication.



Robyn, Tess and I are completing COMPASS training and upon completion we will be launching Compass to our school community. One of the impressive features of Compass is that we will be able to communicate with our families more effectively. More information will be sent to families once we are set to launch.

Senior school snow trip

It was with great sadness that we had to postpone our senior school snow trip 2 weeks ago, however the good news is that due to Andrew D's (PE Teacher) patience and persistence we now have a new date.

Senior school snow trip date change

Wednesday 18th August 2021.

Fingers crossed we get to Lake Mountain on this date.



Please refer to the note sent home on Wednesday 4th August for further information.

2022 Enrolments being taken now!

Do you know any families intending to enrol their children at Toolangi PS for 2022?

If so please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible to assist us with our planning for 2022.

Information regarding our transition programs in Term 4 will be sent out prior to the end of this term



Kids Teaching Kids

Under the expertise and guidance of Julia, the senior school is making great progress with their preparations for the Kids Teaching Kids program at the Yea Wetlands on August 31st.

TOPIC: Cane Toads.

We know everything there is to know about these invasive and ugly predators.

Senior students have been:

- Creating a board game about the invasive nature of Cane toads
- Preparing facts about cane toads to teach other students with card games
- Writing poetry about cane toads for publication in the KTK book to be shared with the schools participating from the Murrindindi Shire (see sample poem from Otis)

We are looking forward to our day on August 31st where we will teach other students about this invasive species. Our children will undoubtedly impress their fellow students with their engaging activities and extensive knowledge about Cane Toads.



Meanwhile in the art room

Senior students have started off the term learning about positive and negative space and practising using water colour paint to make new signs to be hung above the Library and Forrest room doors. Look out for them to be finished and hung up soon! Big thank you to Sherrin for the idea of signs and organising the canvases.



CANE TOADS

*Want to know why there's toads all around
They're starting to cover more and more ground
They're also getting faster and faster
This is becoming a giant disaster
The toads are adapting so the scientists say
That's how they're going every which way
Toads are mutating at a fast pace
We shouldn't have brought them in the first place
By Otis*



OSHC UPDATE

The search is continuing for a suitable applicant for the OSHC Co-ordinator position. This position offers ample opportunity for further professional development for the right applicant including funding assistance to complete the required diploma in children's services. Following is an extract of the position description, if you or someone you know are interested in the position, please contact Robyn or Sally for a full job description and further information.

In the meantime, Sally and Robyn are continuing on with the mountains of paperwork required to establish the program which will commence soon after a co-ordinator has been appointed.

Toolangi Primary School Outside School Hours Care Program

OSHC Co-ordinator - position description

Toolangi Primary School is looking for a motivated, enthusiastic and community-minded educator to establish and operate the Toolangi Primary School Outside School Hours Care program.

The OSHC program will offer families Before School Care and/or After School Care, dependant on care needs and requirements. The program is newly established and aims to grow and become a welcome extension to our children's school day and support our school community.

The program will be offered to our school community and will initially commence with after school care 2-3 days per week, a breakfast program one day per week the option of providing before school care and vacation care as the program grows.

The educator will be offered 15.5 hours per week, days to be negotiated. The position is levelled at Education Support Staff Level 1, Range 2. (starting salary hourly rate from \$27.00 per hour), payment during school holidays included in salary package.



August

Monday 02/08/21	Tuesday 03/08/21	Wednesday 04/08/21	Thursday 05/08/21	Friday 06/08/21
			Breakfast Club School Review Day 1 Validation day	
Monday 09/08/21	Tuesday 10/08/21 Hooptime (Yr. 3 4)	Wednesday 11/08/21	Thursday 12/08/21 Breakfast Club School Review Day 2 Parent Forum	Friday 13/08/21
Monday 16/08/21	Tuesday 17/08/21	Wednesday 18/08/21 Senior school Ski Trip Lake Mountain	Thursday 19/08/21 Breakfast Club	Friday 20/08/21

Upcoming Events:

- School council meeting rescheduled (August 24th)
- Gymnastics final session (August 27th)
- KTK Conference (August 31st)
- Tarrawarra Exhibition excursion - Art (September 7th)