



# TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## “Every Child by Name and Need”

Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert  
Junior School: Miss Sophie Fothergill

Welcome to the new school year!

It was wonderful to welcome our children and their families as they returned to school last Monday. A very special welcome to our 3 Prep students, Freya, Layla and Quinn.

2022 promises to be an amazing year at Toolangi PS and we have commenced the year with a rush!

- We welcome Sophie Fothergill as the Junior school teacher for 3.5 days a week.
- Sally and Amanda continue to work with the Senior school and part time in the Junior school.
- We look forward to seeing Tess when she returns from leave.
- Our Tutor learning program continues with Amanda working with cohorts of students on a Thursday.
- We welcome Jennifer Meaby, our new MARC teacher who will be attending our school on Mondays.
- We will be offering an online LOTE program (Japanese) led by Ashleigh Katsu due to commence in a few weeks time.
- We welcome back Robyn our friendly Business Manager
- Our specialist programs continue with Sophie leading Art, Andrew leading PE and Julia leading our Kitchen Garden program.
- Annie returns to run our OSHC program - times and dates to be confirmed.
- As a result of a successful sporting schools grant, Anthony will be returning this term to take tennis on a Monday.

### Senior school news.

Welcome to Darcy and Ronan who have joined our senior school team.

The seniors have commenced their learning with the commencement of our writer's notebook program, developing their skills with place value and problem solving in maths and participating in our CAFE reading program by filling their book boxes with some 'good fit' books. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful role our seniors have played in supporting our prep students in their first week of school.

### Happy February Birthday to:

9<sup>th</sup>- Rafe

10<sup>th</sup> – Ezi

13 Jarvis

15<sup>th</sup> Quinn

17<sup>th</sup> Olle



### Junior school news.

On Monday the junior class were very excited to welcome 3 preps to the school, Freya, Layla and Quinn. They all quickly found their feet and have settled in very well. This week in the junior room we have been playing math games and name games. We have been practicing our writing by making books filled with facts about us. This has been a great way to get to know each other.

The preps enjoyed their first art lesson this week. They were given just 3 colours: red, blue and yellow and within no time all the children were discovering that they could make so many more colours!





## Facilities News

In preparation for our new school year there have been many projects completed during the January holidays.

### Cleaning and water maintenance

Our carpets, windows and floor areas have all been thoroughly cleaned and are positively shining. The water system has been renewed to ensure that our tanks fill with fresh rain water and we have a reliable water supply at all times. Our water filtration system has been replaced as part of our A generator has been installed to provide us with adequate power for essential services during power outages. Our grounds have received a great deal of attention to reduce vegetation to assist us with fire prevention and protection.

### Air purifiers

In addition to the above projects we have installed 3 air purifiers to assist with the ventilation of air within our learning spaces.

### Shade Sail Grant

TPS has been successful in a grant for the installation of a shade sail to cover the deck/sandpit area in our school grounds. Quotes are being obtained for this project and we anticipate that this project will be completed at the end of term.

### Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our [school website](#). For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

## Bushfire relocation procedures

Attached to our newsletter is a parent consent form relating to relocation to Yarra Glen Primary school in the event of an Extreme Fire Danger day. As part of our emergency management procedures we are required to consult with parents to ascertain if they will be sending their children to school on a Code Red day. Please see the note for more information.

During this term, we will be practicing a Shelter in Place (SIP) drill using our art room as our designated SIP building and activating our sprinkler system as part of this drill. We will communicate with families when we conduct this drill.



### COMPASS

Just a reminder to families to activate their Compass account as soon as possible. It is essential that parents have access to Compass as we will be communicating regularly in this way. Families have received another copy of their account details and PIN today in case you have misplaced this information. Can you please email the school at [toolangi.ps@educaiton.vic.gov.au](mailto:toolangi.ps@educaiton.vic.gov.au) or phone when you have successfully downloaded the app. If you have any questions please contact Robyn or Sally at the school.

### Upcoming Events

Senior Class Kayaking Lilydale Lake  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

