

Toolangi Primary School Newsletter



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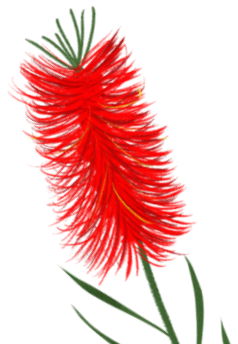
Principal's Message

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Toolangi community for the warm welcome I've received during my first week here. It has been a great experience, marked by several memorable moments:

- Engaging with the Senior Class (Years Three to Six) has been a delight; our time together has been filled with learning and laughter.
- Meeting the students in the Junior Class and beginning to build relationships with them has been a rewarding experience.
- The Breakfast Club has been a highlight, particularly the delicious ham and cheese toasties!
- Witnessing our Year Six students stepping into leadership roles and wearing their Year Six hoodies with pride.
- Interacting with parents before and after school has provided valuable insights and opportunities for connection.
- Participating in the Science/Kitchen Garden program has been truly inspiring; the garden is amazing, and those fresh blackberries were delightful!
- Surprisingly, even yard duty has been enjoyable amidst the picturesque surroundings. Though my sentiments about yard duty may evolve over time, let's see what I am saying in July!

I look forward to continuing to contribute to the vibrant community here at Toolangi.

Nicole Barnes





Toolangi Staffing

Junior School – Sophie

Senior School – Nicole (Monday, Tuesdays and Friday)

Senior School – Amanda (Wednesday and Thursday)

Specialists Subjects:

Phys Ed – Amanda (Wednesday morning)

Art – Sophie (Wednesday)

MARC Van – Katherine (Monday)

LOTE / Japanese – Ashleigh (Monday)

Science (Kitchen Garden) – Julia (Thursday)

Term One Events

Dental Van – February 14th

Naplan: 13th – 25th of March (The school community will be notified of the actual dates of which Naplan will be administered at Toolangi PS in the next few weeks).

Small Schools Swimming Carnival: Friday 1st March at Healesville Outdoor Pool (further details to come).

Kayak Program for Year 5 and 6 students: Wednesday 28th of February (further details to come)

Each year, as determined in the Annual Implementation Plan, schools set goals to achieve by year-end. One of our goals for this year is to enhance curriculum planning by utilising student achievement data. This semester, our focus will be on strengthening writing skills as part of the English curriculum. This effort will help identify students who may benefit from the Tutor Learning Initiative and enable us to create individualised education plans for them.

Breakfast Club

It was wonderful to see everyone turn up for breakfast together on Tuesday morning. To see the whole of the school sit around the kitchen bench and eat breakfast was incredible! It was great to hear the students chatter and laughter as they all enjoyed cereal and ham and cheese toasties. Marlee, our new Chaplain will join us for breakfast each week also. Please feel free to pop by yourself and have a cuppa and a toastie!



School Values

At Toolangi Primary School, we have the school values of:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Understanding
- Integrity

The Senior School recently participated in a valuable exercise where they were tasked with role-playing each of our core values and illustrating them in action. Following this, we dedicated time to thoroughly unpacking each value, exploring the expected behaviours, listening for relevant cues, and identifying the emotions associated with displaying these values. We are excited to share the insightful outcomes of this process with you in the coming weeks.

Get to Know You Interviews

Our annual Get to Know You Interviews will be held on Wednesday 21st of February, between 1.00 pm and 4.30 pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet up with either Nicole, Sophie or Amanda to share information around:

- the goals you have for your child
- emotional/wellbeing factors that your child's teacher should be aware of

We are also really happy to answer questions about our learning programs, classroom routines or year level expectations.

We will be contacting families to organise interview times in the during this week.

Parent Communication

Our primary channel for communicating with families is through Compass. We utilise the News Feed feature to share reminders, events, and school news. Should you require assistance with password resets or encounter difficulties logging in, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are readily available to assist you in obtaining new passwords and usernames.

We are pleased to announce that the Semester Reports for 2022 and 2023 are now accessible to parents on Compass. Below, you will find instructions on how to navigate to these reports.

Junior School News

Our inquiry theme this term is Community so to start us off we have been learning about how to be bucket fillers. We learnt that everyone has a bucket and our words and actions can either help fill someone's bucket or it can dip into their bucket. We have been making up little plays to practise the words and actions that fill buckets. Some of our plays have shown being helpful, caring, sharing and taking turns. I can't wait to see some good bucket filling actions in the playground and in the classroom!

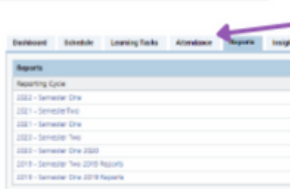
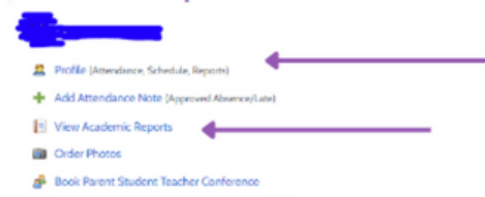
PE News

The children had their first PE lesson yesterday and there were smiles all around. They were even enthusiastic about the 15 minute run and we saw some great determination, encouragement and perseverance as they completed their laps of the running track. We have been fortunate to receive Sporting in Schools funding for term 1 and are excited to have GheckoSports on board to deliver Hockey and Tennis over two four week blocks, taking us through to the end of the term. I strongly encourage the children to wear runners and bring a drink bottle to school on Wednesdays to make the most of the sports and activities on offer.



Accessing Student Reports on Compass

1. On your child's homepage, click on Profile or Academic Reports.



4. Click on Reports to view all reports which have been published on Compass.



LOTE / Japanese News

It has been such a great start for Japanese this year. We had fun revising and learning the names of animals in Japanese and Auslan, singing all the songs we know, and making Dragon puppets to celebrate 2024 the year of the Dragon.



Annual privacy reminder for our school community

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

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy, which can be found on our website, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) – information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

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