



# TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”

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What a busy few weeks we have had since our last edition of the newsletter. This term is shaping up to be fast and furious with lots of great celebrations to share with our school community.

## Breaking news!

We are opening up and can begin planning camps, swimming programs, excursions, transition, graduation and concert. So much to organise in just a few short weeks.



The most recent lifting of restrictions enables us to power ahead with these important celebrations. We are very excited!

Many of these events are still in the planning stage but we are determined to implement the following great activities and events.

## Swimming program

Healesville indoor pool 5 day program

Dates: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

We may require some support from parents to transport students to and from the venue. If you are able to assist with this please let Tess or myself know.

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, parents will not be able to attend the swimming lessons and if you are offering to drive other children you will need to be fully vaccinated as per DET guidelines.

We will take lots of photos throughout the week to share with you in our newsletter.

Notices to parents will be sent out as soon as details have been finalised.



## Senior school camping program

As a result of the cancellation of our booking to Camp Karoondah, we have been fortunate to lock in a more locally based camp at Alexandra.

### Camp: Alexandra Adventure Resort

3 day camping program full of activities including rafting, archery, flying fox, giant swing and more.

Dates: Wednesday 8 - 10 December Cost: \$275.00 Includes Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students.

I am in contact with the families of our senior students to organise the details of this event.

## REMINDERS:

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Halloween Dressup Day  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Curriculum day  
no students on site.

## Transition - Kindergarten to Foundation

We are excited to welcome our 2022 prep children to school for their transition program.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9.15 - 10.15

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 9.15 to 11.00 bring morning tea.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9.15 – 1.00p, please bring morning tea and lunch

## Transition - Year 6 to Secondary school

We have both Emma and Otis heading off to Healesville High school in 2022.

Tuesday 7th December 2021 is the statewide scheduled date for year 6 into 7 transition day, in preparation for year 7 2022 commencement. This will be a great opportunity for Emma and Otis to experience secondary school as future students. More details to follow

## School Photos

Adrienne will once again take school photos this year. She captures the children in delightful ways, and we look forward to her coming to school **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

Photo forms will be sent home in the coming days.

## COVID requirements

Parents are most welcome to enter our school buildings, however it is essential that you use the QR code upon entry. This information is essential if we happen to have a positive COVID case at school.

At this stage, parents are not required to be vaccinated to be onsite at school unless they are performing work in the school. This includes, parent helpers, NDIS providers, and other operators such as incursion providers and private music teachers.

## Enrolments being taken now

Do you know of any families in the area who are looking to enrol their children at school?

If so, please direct them to our school website and encourage them to contact the school for a tour. School tours can be arranged on a personal basis. Please let us know if there are any families interested in joining our wonderful learning community.

### Junior Class

Our class size has changed for a little while. The children and I are adjusting to a few little faces being away. Children took home their individual learning plans during the week where, together, we identified areas of learning to concentrate on. It was good to hear the children talk about what they are learning. Children have started sewing cushions practising diving in with the wool and coming up with a fish to make even stiches. They are enjoying this work very much.

Some seniors who missed out on year 2 hobby horses have begun filling the stable with some beautiful manes.

### Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert had a very special feel last year being held at school. Santa also enjoyed seeing where the children go to school.

We have decided to have our concert in the same place under the roof near the sandpit this year on **Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>**. More details to follow

Sherrin Wiggans will lead a merry party to decorate the space, if you are able to assist please contact her to offer your assistance.

### Kitchen Garden with Julia

We have been enjoying some Spring weather in our veggie patch. The Junior class have planted out our new wine barrels with bee-attracting perennials as well as lots of beans, pumpkins, zucchinis and strawberries.

Our Seniors have been studying micro-organisms, so we can use our knowledge to preserve food, making delicious berry jam.



### Hip hip Hooray! We are up and running with our OSHC program.

Wednesday 27th October marks the commencement of this service within our school.

Well done Annie! Our creative, engaging and caring OSHC coordinator Annie spent a lovely afternoon yesterday enjoying afternoon tea under the trees with 5 of our students engaging in structured learning activities designed to stimulate our children's curiosity and imagination.

### Have you completed our OSHC survey?

A survey was sent out last week to gather some parent feedback regarding the OSHC program. I will resend the survey to all families. If you have not received the survey please let me know or alternatively check your junk mail as sometimes surveys end up in this folder.

To book into the after school program which at this stage operates on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, please contact the school. If you have not already enrolled we will send you out an enrolment form. The afterschool program is free of charge for this week and next. For more information please contact the school.

