

TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”



Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert
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Good afternoon to all our families.
We have much to celebrate in this edition of our school newsletter.

OPEN EVENING - Friday February 18 2022.

We were so pleased to be able to finally open our doors to the community for an open evening last week. Our school was 'dressed to its best' with a beautiful display of school memorabilia and school photos lining our corridors, craft and art works in our Forest room, a beautifully arranged welcome in our rotunda and gardens and grounds presented at their finest.

Our students, ex students and visitors participated in an evening of fun filled games and activities guaranteed to bring a smile to their faces. Our visitors delighted in telling stories of yesteryear and recalling fond memories of their time at Toolangi PS.

It was a great evening and I wish to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to ensuring this day was a success. Particular thanks to Sherrin, Nigel, Annie, Kaye, Rachel, Julia and our staff for their combined efforts and hard work before, during and after the event.

On Saturday our students performed the song 'Schooling in Toolangi' written by the late Bob Pockett, a wonderful community member who is fondly remembered by all. It was with great honour that we could sing this song about the history of our school and contribute to the launch of the Toolangi/Castella History weekend.



Junior excursion to the Toolangi Fire Brigade

As part of our MAPPEN program the Junior school is exploring the concept of Community with focus on Places and Spaces. An essential part of this learning is to explore our local community and services. On Monday our Junior children went to the Toolangi Fire Station to learn about this important emergency service and on the walk back looked at all the other wonderful services available to the community. When we arrived back at school the children went on to build something that they had seen along the way. We had wonderful buildings such as the community garden, the tennis court, the hall and many more.



Kayaking Lilydale Lake

This week the grade 4-6 students travelled to Lilydale Lake for some Kayaking fun. A fun day was had by all; further details in the next newsletter.

Special thanks to Sherrin and Amanda for assisting with transport and helping out on the day.



Congratulations to Saya Swimmer extraordinaire!

Did you know that we have an exceptional swimmer in our senior class?



Saya proudly represented our school in the district swimming carnival at Healesville outdoor pool. She came first place in backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke. She received third place in the relay race.

Congratulations Saya - we are so very proud of you!

Thank you also to Dawn for transporting and encouraging Saya on this day.

COMPASS

Have you activated your Compass login? If you are having any difficulties please contact the school for support. We can provide you with a copy of your login details and PIN and assist you with this process. We encourage all parents to access Compass to keep up to date with school related information.

School Council Elections

As we enter a new year we are also looking to form a new school council. Over the past few years our school council membership has become misaligned. This is a result of school council members resigning due to families exiting for various reasons. We need to realign our membership to ensure that there is a mix of 2 year and 1 year term members to ensure the consistency of membership and avoiding all members' terms expiring at the same time. At the current time we have 6 positions available on the School Council.

- 3 x 2 year terms
- 3 x 1 year term

Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in self nominating or nominating a parent of our school please return the relevant nomination form by 4 pm March 11th 2022.



Whoohoo Active wrist bands are on the way

New Free Program

We are super excited to launch Athletics Australia's Active Bands to our PE and active games program, and at zero cost to our school community!

Active Bands has been created to get kids moving and increase physical literacy. Research continually shows active kids perform better in the classroom and maintain better health and wellbeing.

Combining a super cool wristband with an interactive app, Active Bands is a fun, FREE way for kids to keep active and be rewarded along the way. It can be hard to think of ideas to keep our kids active and having fun. Active Bands solves that problem by providing heaps of fun activities and challenges for kids to complete.

Best of all your child can use their Active Band at home and at school. We will be using Active Bands at school during selected physical activities, so let's capture all of their physical activity together!

Next week your child will bring home their new Weet-Bix Active Bands wristband. Please scan the QR code on the backing card, follow the easy prompts to download the app and register your child's wristband.

For more information go to
weetbixactivebands.com.au

Upcoming events

Swimming Carnival:
Wednesday March 2nd.



OSHC

The O.S.H.C (out of school hours care) program for 2022 has opened its doors to a flurry of activities involving creativity and imagination. We've had so much fun unearthing the treasures of past costumes baskets, building towns and cities out of loose parts and exploring the delicate brushstrokes and subtle colours of water colour painting.

Currently, O.S.H.C operates Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between 3:30- 6pm. For further details regarding our program and fees, please contact Annie Hopper (O.S.H.C Co-Ordinator) on 59629255.

**Breakfast Club**

Please note Breakfast Club has had a change of days and is now every Tuesday from 8.30am. We all enjoy coming to school and sharing stories around the breakfast table with Annie.

**Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)**

We have been notified by the Department of Education that Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) kits will be made available for parents until the end of term 1. We have just received a delivery of testing kits and these will be available for collection under the rotunda on Monday 28th February at 3.30 and will be repeated every 2 weeks until the end of term 1.

Students and staff are encouraged to do the tests twice weekly and only need to report their result if it is COVID-positive. They must report a COVID-positive result to:

- the school by phone or the RA Test Portal; this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms
- the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call centre on 1800 675 398.

Community news

Toolangi Fire Brigade has a very successful Junior Brigade program that has run for many years. The Junior brigade members train in basic firefighting skills, and other life skills such as teamwork and problem solving and have a huge amount of fun along the way. The junior brigade is open to any and all children between the ages of 11 and 16. If you are interested, please phone Dawn Hartog, Captain for more information on 0407 372 276.





Open Evening / Historical Event 2022

