



TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”

Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert
Junior School: Mrs Tess Kesting

Welcome back!

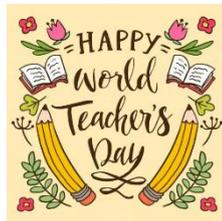
TERM 4 has commenced with a rush. It was wonderful to welcome our students back last week after the term break.

This term is shaping up to be a very busy term already with our core business of Teaching and Learning being our main priority. From a wellbeing perspective it is great that our students have the opportunity to be onsite together playing, socialising and re-connecting with each other.



World Teachers Day

Last week we celebrated our amazing teachers with a gift of appreciation and a gratitude poster.



Our wonderful students wrote beautiful gratitude messages to our school staff and put their artistic talents to work by illustrating drawings and symbols to recognise the hard work of our teachers. We thank and celebrate our staff for the important role they have in our school community and the positive impact they have on all our students and families.



Happy Birthday!

During October we will be celebrating birthdays. Happy Birthday to:

Saya 16th and Darcy on the 19th

We hope you enjoy your special day.

COVID information

I am aware that many of our families would like further clarification regarding Years 3 - 6 students wearing face masks. Our current information states that children

under 12 years of age at primary school are **recommended** to wear face masks when at school. The wearing of masks only occurs inside the classroom space and students can remove their masks outdoors.

This recommendation has come from the Chief Health Officer, we are awaiting more information and guidance from the Department of Education as to what this looks like in our school setting. This will be sent home as soon as we receive an update.

Upcoming Events

Term 4 is usually a busy term with lots of extra curricular activities and events.

These include transition, senior school camp, PE events, school photos, graduation, swimming program, just to name a few.

There is lots of work going on in the background to prepare for these events, however we are waiting for confirmation from the Department of Education as to what these events may look like.

Senior school camp:

It is unlikely that we will be able to attend the senior school camp at Karoonda due to COVID restrictions, however I am currently investigating some alternatives.

Swimming program:

Our school swimming program is due to commence in week 6 (8 - 12 November) and we are hoping to be able to attend. We will update families as soon as possible.

Facilities news:

A huge thank you to Sherrin Wiggins for coming into the school last week to clear the paths and play areas of leaf litter and debris. Sherrin has also supported our school with an arborist report and site inspection to ensure that our grounds are safe as we approach the summer season. As a result of this inspection we are obtaining quotes to have our property boundaries and designated areas cut back, cleared and tidied up. Thank you Sherrin for your support with this process and making sure our grounds are maintained and looking beautiful.

In addition to the clearing of the grounds, our kitchen garden is looking magnificent at present. Julia has been working tirelessly to ensure this learning space is at its best. Last week the children spent their inquiry time in the garden identifying the seasonal changes, replanting and observing the pollination that occurred over the Spring season.

Proposed Curriculum Day (Monday 1st November)

Pending school council approval at our meeting on Tuesday 19th October, we will be proposing a curriculum day to be held on Monday November 1st. This day will be for staff to commence

end of year assessment and reporting requirements and students will not be required at school on this day. We will confirm this curriculum day immediately following the School council meeting next week.



October

Monday 11/10/21	Tuesday 12/10/21	Wednesday 13/10/21	Thursday 14/10/21	Friday 15/10/21
Term 1 commences		OSHC after school program available	Breakfast Club OSHC after school program available	
Monday 18/10/21	Tuesday 19/10/21	Wednesday 20/10/21	Thursday 21/10/21	Friday 22/10/21
	School Council Meeting Webex 4.30pm	OSHC after school program available	Breakfast Club OSHC after school program available	

Webinar for Parents

Supporting your child to start school in 2022 – free online information session for parents/carers in Outer East

Starting school at any time can be exciting but also challenging for children and parents. Some children may have experienced disruptions to their kindergarten attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as restrictions to normal life. As a result, parents/carers may be feeling concerned about whether your child is ready for school. This webinar seeks to support parents and carers to understand what is involved in a positive transition to school and how this can be supported at home, as well as through strong links with children's kindergarten and school.

It will provide information and answers to the following questions:

- What is a positive transition to school?
- What does school readiness mean?
- What can I do to support my child to prepare for school?
- What if my child has missed a lot of kindergarten?
- What if my child is feeling anxious about going to school?
- Where can I find more information?

Presented by: Louise Dorrat and Debbie Cole, who have extensive experience in early childhood education, including supporting parents and advising teachers about the transition to school.

When: Wednesday 10 November, 7pm – 8pm

Register: [Supporting your child to start school in 2022 - Outer East Tickets, Wed 10/11/2021 at 7:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)