



TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”

Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert
Junior School: Mrs Tess Kesting

End of term already!

Term 3 has rapidly drawn to a close and what a term it has been. We are grateful to have the children back for the last week of term. It has been so enjoyable seeing everyone together again and wonderful to hear the voices and laughter of happy children in our rooms.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families, including grandparents, carers, siblings and significant others for ensuring that the children were participating in their learning and were engaged, happy and connected during lockdown. I am sure it is challenging at times to engage in remote learning whilst continuing to run a family, go to work and complete the day to day business. Fingers crossed that Term 4 is relatively free from disruptions relating to COVID restrictions.

Thank you!

Happy Birthday!

September seems to be a busy month for many students and staff at TPS. These birthday's include Tess, Sally, Sophie and Robyn.

We were spoiled by a staff morning tea provided by Tess and Amanda and shared a lovely piece of cake, cup of tea and a chat.

We also have Otis and Harvie celebrating their birthdays in September. Thanks for the chocolate crackles Kelly and the now famous banana bread from Annalise.

We have a lot to be grateful for this term and it is delightful to end the term with so many birthday celebrations. We thank you for your well wishes and morning tea contributions.



Reminder:
This Friday End Of Term 2.30 dismissal
Dress up as your favourite footy team or sport

Remote and Flexible Learning

Mud Brick houses

During the remote learning period the children in Foundation-Year 2 were given a project to design and build a mud brick house.

The children and their families took this project on with enthusiasm and accepted the challenge with interest, trepidation and joy. The children used a multitude of skills to investigate how to make mud bricks, maths to plan, organisational skills to complete, reading to research and writing to document the build.

The houses are testament to their tenacity, risk taking and creativity. From the photos and comments I received during lockdown the children and families loved this challenge.

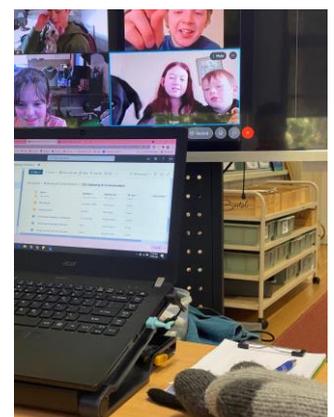
I am proud of all their efforts and I thank our families for taking this project in their stride.



Online learning

The students in the senior school thoroughly enjoyed our daily catch ups on Webex. Each day held a new focus designed to bring smiles to our faces and to share a few laughs. Most importantly we got to see each other.

Our sessions included a range of activities including a scavenger hunt, sharing a lego construction, wearing your best oodie, showcasing a pet day, tongue twister and joke time just to name a few. I think my favourite session was meeting 'Legs' the lamb who lives with Saya.



Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

It is with great excitement that we can announce the appointment of an OSHC Coordinator at Toolangi Primary school. The successful candidate was Annie Hopper. Many of you may already know Annie, however please see below for a short introduction.

Hello families!. My name is Annie Hopper and I'm thrilled to be leading our new OSHC program at Toolangi PS. It is such an honour to be a part of this beautiful school community and support the inspirational work of Toolangi PS in cultivating the curious and innovative minds of our children. Before becoming a mother of three young boys, I was a primary school teacher and loved helping young learners become independent and curious citizens of the world. I cannot wait to help create a beautiful environment that explores the wonders of our natural world and celebrates the joy of life long learning into our OSHC Program.

Annie

This service will provide families with the option for their children to attend before and after school sessions and possibly a school holiday program in the future. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Annie as our OSHC coordinator and parent extraordinaire!



COMPASS

Due to the lockdown period we have had to delay the launch of COMPASS, our school management system.

We are planning to deliver COMPASS information to families at the commencement of Term 4. We will be sending out parent letters which will provide you with your personalised login details to access the parent portal.

Further information will be sent to you once we return to school

What are the benefits of using COMPASS at TPS?

- Instant communication with families via a post (*this information may relate to event reminders, news updates, emergency management information etc.*)
- Whole school management system enabling all student information to be in the one place
- Attendance management
- Reporting (to be implemented in 2022)



Using COMPASS will not replace our usual methods of communication with families. Staff will still phone parents or speak with them in person as is our usual practice. Our school prides itself on developing connections with our families and the best way to do this is through face to face and personal conversations.



There is certainly a lot to look forward to in Term 4

We plan to action any or all of these events depending on COVID related restrictions.

Many of these events may look a little different from previous years however we will endeavour to make them as engaging and comprehensive as possible.

School Transition programs

(Kindergarten to Prep and Year 6 to Secondary school)

Senior school camp: Camp Karoonda

(yrs. 4 - 6) in November

Notices and information will be made available early in Term 4

Whole school swimming

School photos

125th Birthday celebration

This event will occur but may roll into 2022

Graduation and Christmas Concert

(incorporated in music program with Tess)

Tarawarra excursion

Art excursion led by Sophie

Physical Education excursions

Junior school Photo trail

Physical maths challenge