

Toolangi Primary School

Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Can you believe that we are now in Autumn, we have passed the halfway mark of Term 1! I feel that we have settled into our new routines and new beginnings and it is really lovely to see new relationships and friendships amongst the students.

Compass is Communication

Just a reminder to make sure you are all set up on Compass and that your notifications are turned on. As well as notification of parent teacher interviews, curriculum days, newsletter releases and excursions, we also update our community about important things such as school closures due to bushfire risk through this medium. It is critical that you have access. If you need a hand or an updated password, please just drop into the office and Robyn or myself can assist you.

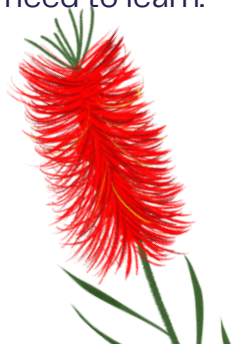
Outer East Principal Meeting

Each term Department of Education regional staff put together a special day for Principals to attend and participate in professional learning, hear from leaders of other schools in our networks and get our brains together to work collaboratively in how we can further improve our schools. This meeting involved setting priorities for the year and ensuring that Principals understood the view of the Department in what they feel, based on the data available to them are the key priority areas for 2024.

- Attendance – To learn effectively students must be at school 95% or more of the time. Schools are being asked to track attendance and follow up with families of students who have declining attendance rates.

When your child is away from school, please notify the school of their absence. This could be through Compass or just by calling the school.

- Learning – We know that students require explicit instruction at their point of need to learn. It is the responsibility of schools to ensure that all students receive this.





At Toolangi Primary School, we endeavour to provide teaching to meet the needs of every student through explicit Individual Education Plans. Throughout the year, families will be asked to meet to assist in the goal setting process for students, and we will also be including students in this conversation.

- Wellbeing – Schools have access to a variety of supports and agencies to refer students.

We also feel very privileged that we have Marlee, our Student Support Officer that works with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Marlee starts the week with us at Breakfast Club on a Tuesday, and often ends the day on a Thursday with her guitar and having the students sing along. And in between, Marlee work with students in small groups, assists them in their learning and is beginning to teach a few the game of chess!



Nicole Barnes

Harvest Festival

A date for our Annual Harvest Festival has been set. Join us for a homegrown meal on **21st March 2024**, at 5:00 pm.

Family members of all generations are welcome to come along to celebrate the harvest. The children work hard throughout the year, learning all about natural processes, and are proud to show-off the fruits of their labour.



We plan to have a little market again this year as part of our fundraiser. Anything homegrown or homemade you are able to contribute will be gratefully received. Don't forget to bring a little money with you to snag yourselves some bargains to take home. It is always great to see how creative we can be with selections of fresh produce, crafts, home baked goodies and more.



Breakfast Club

A very big thankyou to Annie who continues, with the Marlee's assistance, to provide breakfast for all students every Tuesday at 8.30am. We encourage all students to join in, it is such a wonderful way to begin the day together! Of course, parents and siblings are welcome too!



Upcoming Dates and Events

- 11th March – Labour Day
- 13th March – Naplan Writing, Year 3 and 5 students
- 14th March – Naplan, Year 3 and 5 students
- 15th March – Kayak by the River Excursion (Year 5 &6)
- 20th March – Naplan, Year 3 and 5 students
- 21st March – Naplan, Year 3 and 5 students
- 21st March – Harvest Festival
- 28th March – Last day of Term 1

Hot Lunch Days

Starting March 12th, Tuesdays will continue with our Breakfast Club, and we're thrilled to announce the introduction of Hot Lunch Day!



But wait, there's a twist! Hot Lunch Day won't just be any ordinary lunch. Students in the Senior Room will have the exciting opportunity to take charge, rotating responsibilities to plan the menu, and lend a hand in preparing and serving the meals.

This initiative isn't just about delicious food; it's a chance for students to develop essential life skills like culinary prowess, budget management, shopping savvy, and effective communication with the school community about our tantalising menu offerings.

More information will be sent out shortly.

School Tours

We encourage all families to help spread the word about the incredible opportunities available to students at Toolangi Primary School.

Our recent School Tour was a fantastic success, and we're eager to host many more in the future. If you're aware of families who are considering schools for 2025, please inform them that we offer personalised school tours at their convenience. We warmly invite them to witness firsthand the vibrant learning environment here at our school!

Please support our local small schools, Flowerdale Primary are hosting a Twilight Fun Fair on March 23rd.



Facebook is an informal way of viewing the great activities and learning here at Toolangi Primary School. Don't forget to like our page and keep informed weekly!

