



## TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### “Every Child by Name and Need”

Acting Principal: Mr Andrew Bagnall  
Junior School: Mrs Tess Kesting

#### Principal Report:

I continue to be surprised and full of appreciation for the commitment our school community has at Toolangi Primary School. We have such fantastic staff who all contribute to the culture and ethos of our school in different ways, volunteers who bring a sense of calm, parents who offer to donate services, ferry children around, weed, water, grow and nurture our gardens, and students who are kind, thoughtful and considerate in the way they treat others. One small example was a brief thank-you note from a student who commented on our Google classroom page after I had uploaded some podcasts ‘...thank you Andrew I am really enjoying these.’ When talking with Tess, she also shared stories of two Grade 1 boys who were empathetic and considerate upon hearing some sad news. These anecdotes are meaningful to me because I value the connections we build with the people we work with. Much of our day we are working with young people who already demonstrate the values that are so often missed in the larger world. It is often the times when we least expect gratitude or kindness that we most appreciate it.

#### Term 2:

I am pleased to continue in my role as Acting Principal for Term 2, and will carry on with the same teaching/admin load from Term 1.

#### Term 1 Calendar:

Calendar updates - please add the following updates to your Term 1 calendar

- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Tarrawarra excursion
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – School Council AGM
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Harvest Festival
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Term 1, 2.30 dismissal
- 14<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Term 2

#### Website updates:

The website is currently being updated, with new information being added regularly. We now have a calendar of events on the Welcome page and are seeking some talented volunteers who might like to take photos of school grounds to add to the website. If you are interested in helping take some photos, please speak with Andrew.

#### Bus travel:

Please ensure you keep in touch with us should you wish your child to use the afternoon bus to Kinglake. Regular communication helps us to know who is catching the bus, as well as ensure the appropriate paperwork for the high school has been completed.

#### Bush Craft:

This week we will be building shelters/cubbies, something our students are very good at doing. We will make the most of some fallen branches around the school grounds, our knot tying skills and some team-work to make sure we have a shelter that can accommodate 3-4 children and provide some resistance to inclement weather.

#### Jobs list:

Thank-you to families for posting your name next to some jobs, and thank-you to those parents who have already completed some work around the school.

Thank you to Ben Rose who added the table tops to the trolley near the sandpit and repaired the junior class cupboard.

#### Harvest Festival:

The date for our Harvest Festival has been set for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. We encourage our families to get creative and crafty and think about what you might be able to make and sell at a stall.

Some potential ideas for stalls could include:

Sock puppets, veggie stall (chilli's, cucumbers, tomatoes, leafy greens, zucchinis etc), pet rocks, tie dye shirts, second-hand book stall, succulents in recycled jars/bottles, shoes etc...

We will soon begin to compile a list of books and resources for our library that would extend children's learning and we hope to purchase these books with funds raised at the festival.

Please make sure you RSVP to the Harvest Festival with total numbers from your family so we can be sure to cater for everyone.

#### School Council AGM:

Our next School Council meeting is an important meeting. We will be holding our AGM on Monday night, at 7.15pm. We are seeking new families who are interested in joining our fantastic brigade of caring, supportive and committed School Council members. School Council meet about 8 times a year and play a big role in the decision-making process at our school. Thank-you to those families who have expressed interest and returned self-

nomination forms so far, and we know there are a couple of shy parents out there who would like to be involved. We have attached a self-nomination form to this newsletter, and also encourage interested parents to come along and find out what the School Council do. We try to keep the meetings short, and we do enjoy a glass or wine and some nibbles as well!

### Senior Choir opportunity:

This year, students in grades 5-6 have the opportunity to participate in the NEVR combined Primary Choir as part of the 'Fire and Rain' Youth Concert held at Hamer Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. More information about this wonderful experience will be available soon.

### Swimming:

In our last newsletter we recognised Lauren, Erica and Rose, who represented the school proudly at the District Swimming event. Here is a lovely photo of the students proudly representing our school.



### International Women's Day:

Thank-you to all who attended our wonderful International Women's Day celebration at school. The representation of women, from family friends, aunts, mothers, grandmothers and teachers is evidence that communities raise children and that women play such an important role in our community.

### After School activities:

We will once again be offering After-School activities next Term, and we encourage families to complete the attached form and return it to school ASAP. We will notify families of the most popular activity and most suitable night in the next newsletter, in two weeks time.

### Felted soap:

For those of you out there who would like to try your hand at felting soap, Logan and Erica have put together a step-by-step guide on the process. See attached. Unfortunately Tess won't be able to whizz around to all your houses to help out- she does have the magic touch with these beautiful activities, and I am sure she will answer any questions you might have about the process.

### Past Student Update:

We are always interested to hear news of past students and their families.

We would like to wish Sarah Ebbels every success for the upcoming National Titles in Sydney competing in the Hammer Throw event. Sarah graduated from TPS 2017. Well done Sarah.



*Cross age reading fun*



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### WET FELTING SOAP

Today we will teach you how to wet felt soap. You can give it as a gift or use it at home.

#### YOU WILL NEED

A bar of soap  
Wet felt  
Hot and cold water  
Stockings

1. Get out your soap. If it is sharp on the edge of your soap, grate it so it is smooth.
2. Birdy peck some felt and wrap it round your soap tight so it sticks to the soap.
3. Once you have covered the soap in felt put it in a stocking and tie it.
4. Then get hot water and rub for about 10min.
5. Halfway though put it in hot then cold water then pick it up and rub.
6. Once it is smooth with no bumps slowly take it out of the stocking.
7. When you take it out put it in hot then cold again.
8. Put it on a drying rack for about two days.

Now you know how to make wet felt soap. So enjoy.

By Logan and Erica.

