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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Families,

ANZAC DAY

Last Sunday, our school leaders participated in the Toolamba, ANZAC Day Service. Students were eager to show their respect and to commemorate the men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The wreath was made during Art sessions. Every child in the school made a flower or leaf for the wreath. Thank you Mrs Serra.



As mentioned last week, Frankie rode in the Dawn Service at Woorinen. Unfortunately the sun rise was shrouded in fog, it was certainly a very chilly, but a moving start to the day.



TOUR GREATER SHEPPARTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

Two of our students, were among the 40 staff and students from local primary schools, who toured the new Greater Shepparton Secondary College on 26 April to get a taste of what "big school" will be like in 2022. Tour groups were taken inside the new double gymnasium, the Enterprise and Innovation Centre and one of the three Neighbourhood buildings.

Each of the Neighbourhoods feature three Houses – small "schools within a school" of 300 students across all year levels. A student's House will be their home throughout secondary school and as they advance into senior years, students increasingly take advantage of the many pathways and learning opportunities only a big school can provide.

The prospective Year 7 students asked some great questions and were keen to see their own classrooms and specialist learning spaces on the top floor of each House. These adjoin roof-top garden areas unlike anything seen in our existing primary or secondary schools. The students also appreciated how they will have their own locker spaces, toilets and lunch areas.

Scan your smartphone over the code for a guided, virtual tour of the new Greater Shepparton Secondary College.



You can also view the video on the college website, www.gssc.vic.edu.au



SCHOOL SORES (Impetigo)

We have been notified of cases of Impetigo in our school. Impetigo (im-pet-eye-go) is an *infection* of the skin caused by bacteria. It is often called school sores because it is common among school children. *Impetigo* causes sores on the skin, which are usually itchy. The sores may start out as blisters that burst and become weepy, before being covered with a crust.

Children who have impetigo aren't allowed to return to school or day care until they're no longer contagious – **about 24 hours** after the start of treatment with antibiotics. Without treatment, impetigo can remain contagious for several weeks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to parents for the support with our focus on wearing our full school uniform and demonstrating that pride in our school. Congratulations to the Grade 4 students who all passed the sock test!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Monday 3rd May	Cross Country Start Time: 1:45pm
Wednesday 5th May	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 6th May	School Photos
Friday 7th May	Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00am
Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th May	NAPLAN

LEARNING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Max and Ben proudly sharing their artwork.



Foundation students sharing their learning with me.

Jasper and Lenox are developing a fantastic list of words they can spell independently.



BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3

Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 is now available. Issue 3 orders are due by Wednesday 5th May 2021.

This is the link for LOOP, which will allow you to make an on line order and payment https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx If you are not registered for LOOP, click on the link above and create a new account. You will need to enter your details, add children and select our school, Toolamba Primary School.

Enjoy the week ahead, Regards Heather



Assembly Awards

Term 2, Week 1, 2021

Striving for Excellence Awards



Ellie, Lara, Teagan, Matilda, Izzy B, Max, Mycah, Amelia, Ruby, Duke, Tiarna and Archie.

Student Awards



Cohen, Lila, Kaide, Tyson, Rachael, Abbie, Savannah and Rose.



From the Classroom

Grade One Learning

Welcome back to another busy term in Grade One. It was brilliant to hear about all the wonderful things families did on the holidays and students retuned to school ready for learning.

This term we have special visitor for the next four weeks. Sam Aitken (Mrs A) is completing placement in our room. Sam is a student teacher who is in her final year of university and this is her last placement for her degree. As part of her requirements in this placement Sam is teaching a unit she has created and planned called Our Solar System. Students are very excited to learn about the planets, star, astronauts and of course, Earth.



Grade 4

Students have transitioned easily back into classroom routines after their two week break. They have all loved sharing about their adventures over the holidays!

We have visited the Toolamba Bush a couple of times to ensure we are all ready for Cross Country on Monday! This will be the first time the students will be embarking on the 2km course.

In Reading, we have begun working on the comprehension strategy Questioning. Students have been focusing on beginning their questions with either 'Who, What, When, Where, Why, How or I wonder...' When reading at home ask your child if they have any questions about the story. The children have loved recording those on sticky notes during Independent Reading.

In Writing, students created their own Narrative based on the structure of 'Conquering the Monster'. When asked to draw what a monster is to them, all students were very creative. Some students have used their siblings, world leaders and homework, just to name a few. Next week we will be touching on Persuasive with the topic 'Remote Learning vs Face to Face.'

Students have looked at Partitioning as a strategy to solve addition problems this week. We are also practising verbalising our thinking when discussing how we got our answers.



School Photos

Thursday May 6th, 2021

School Photos 2021 – Toolamba Primary School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Toolamba Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday May 6th, 2021.

We will be taking ALL Sibling photos this year so families will not need to register for a photo. Family photos will be available online to view and order at the same time as the portrait and group photos.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop. Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2021 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details. When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2021 images are online to view before making your purchase.

2021 BEFORE photo day - INFORMATION.docx.pdf



School Sport

Sporting in Schools

Term 2, 2021

Sporting in Schools is running again this term. The program is AFL Football.

The dates are:

Tuesday May 4th

Tuesday May 11th

Tuesday May 18th

Tuesday May 25th

The first session commences next Tuesday (4th of May) at 3:15pm-4:15pm.

Each session is **60 minutes** and will be held at Toolamba Primary School commencing at 3:15pm.

A total of 4 sessions will be held. The program will run every Tuesday.

If your child/ren are interested, please complete and hand in the Parent/Guardian Consent Form as soon as possible.

For more information please see Sarah Maskell or phone the school.

Sporting in Schools Consent Form.pdf

Cross Country

The students at Toolamba Primary School are participating in the Annual Cross Country Run on Monday 3rd May. The race will be held on the same track as previous years, across the road from the school grounds, at Daunt's Bend (Toolamba Bush). It would be great for you to come along and support the students as they run the race.

What: Cross CountryWhen: Monday 3rd MayWhere: Daunt's Bend (Toolamba Bush)

See Student Starting Times Below*

Grade	Start Time	Distance
Grade 5/6	1:45pm	3km
Grade 3/4	1:45pm	2km
Grade 2	2:20pm	1km
Grade 1	2:25pm	750m
Foundation	2:30pm	500m

Outline:

- At 1.20pm, Grade 3/4 will make their way to the track via the School Crossing ready to start at 1:45pm and 5/6 will walk over at 1.30pm to also start at 1:45pm.
- Grade Foundation/1/2 can start making their way over from school at 1.45pm to see the finish of the Senior races.
- At 2.15pm all Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students should be finished and ready to cheer the Junior School for their race.
- Teachers/Parent Helpers to then take the Foundation students to 500m mark, Grade
 1 to the 750m mark and Grade 2 to the 1km mark.
- The Foundation students will start at 2:30pm, Grade 1 will start at 2:25pm and Grade 2 will start at 2:20pm.

We will assemble in the amphitheatre after the races to award ribbons for place getters.

For Students to qualify for Zone they will need to beat the following:

Grade 3 and 4 need to finish in the top 5 and beat <u>11 minutes</u> to qualify for Zone. (2km) Grade 5 and 6 need to finish in the top 5 and beat <u>16 minutes</u> to qualify for Zone. (3km)

Please Note: If the track is wet and muddy the Cross Country will be moved to the Community Oval where students will run laps equivalent to their distance.



Health & Wellbeing

Impetigo (school sores)

Impetigo (*im-pet-eye-go*) is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria. It is often called school sores because it is common among school children. Impetigo causes sores on the skin, which are usually itchy. The sores may start out as blisters that burst and become weepy, before being covered with a crust.

Impetigo is not usually a serious infection, and should clear up a few days after starting medical treatment. Children with impetigo are very infectious (contagious), but the spread of impetigo can be reduced by practising good hygiene, covering the sores with dressings and keeping your child away from other children until they are no longer infectious.

Signs and symptoms of impetigo

- The sores can be anywhere on the body, but are often on the face near the mouth and nose, or on the arms and legs.
- Impetigo may start with a blister or a group of blisters.
- The blister bursts leaving a patch of red, wet, weepy skin.
- The sore usually becomes coated with a tan or yellowish crust, making it look like it has been covered with honey.
- There can be small spots around the first sores, spreading outwards.
- There is often superficial peeling on the edge of the sore.
- Impetigo is usually itchy.

Parents sometimes worry about impetigo because it can look quite serious, but it is usually a mild infection that is easy to treat.

When to see a doctor

If your child has signs and symptoms of impetigo, take them to see a GP. The doctor will make sure the sores are impetigo.

Treatment for impetigo

Your doctor may prescribe antibiotic medicine in the form of a cream, ointment, tablets or syrup. Give these to your child as directed, and make sure you complete the course of antibiotics.

If your child gets impetigo repeatedly your doctor may do a nose swab to test for bacteria in the nose. Your child may need antibiotics, which are delivered into the nose, to prevent further instances of impetigo.

Reducing the spread of impetigo

The following strategies may help reduce the chances of your child catching impetigo from another child, or reduce spread of impetigo if your child has it.

- A daily bath or shower with soap and water may reduce the risk of impetigo. Antiseptic soaps can be used, but these may irritate the skin of some people.
- Encourage your child to practise good hygiene, including regular hand washing and throwing away used tissues. Cut your child's fingernails short and keep them clean.
- Make sure that grazes or cuts are thoroughly washed. If your child is scratching a sore, cover it with a watertight dressing.
- People coming in contact with someone with impetigo need to wash their hands regularly.
- Put all dressings from impetigo sores in a bin with a lid as soon as they are taken off.
- If your child has impetigo, wash their clothes, towels and bed linen separately from the rest of the family. Wash them in hot water and dry in the sunshine or a hot tumble dryer. Toys can be washed using a mild disinfectant.

Key points to remember

- Impetigo is very infectious and can be easily spread to other children.
- Try to prevent your child scratching the sores as much as possible. Cover the sores with a watertight dressing and cut your child's fingernails.
- It is important to remove the scabs from the sores.

- Complete all courses of antibiotics as prescribed and continue treatment with creams or ointments until all sores are healed.
- Your child can go back to child care, kindergarten or school after 24 hours of treatment and when the sores are completely covered with dressings.

For further information visit

https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Impetigo_school_sores/

Positive Parenting

The Positive Parenting Telephone Service is a telephone-based parent education service for parents, grandparents caring for grandchildren, and careers with children aged 2 to 12 years who may be having parenting difficulties or whose children are at risk of developing significant social and behavioural problems.

The main feature of this program is to provide parent training and assistance through a selfhelp workbook which will be supported by weekly 30-minute phone calls from a trained Parent Educator over a 6 to 10-week period. This can also be delivered through our online modules.

Appointments are available during the day from Monday to Friday along with Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

This program is funded by The Department of Health and Human Services. Our aim is to increase access to all families including fathers, grandparents, kinship carers and rural families.



Health Reminder

It is important that we all continue to monitor our own and the health of our children daily, during this time. If you or your child develops any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath:

- Stay at home and do not attend school
- Seek medical advice
- Call the school to let us know of any important outcomes
- If you or your child has a health condition or complex health needs, please discuss this with your medical specialist.
- Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the DHHS website.

Our school is continuing to promote and implement on a daily basis both Covid-safe behaviours and practices across our school community.

Financial Assistance - CSEF

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Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or

sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF

visit:https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

CSEF_application_form.pdf



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.



lessons & activities





To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)*, have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



nts are eligible, please contact your local Coordina Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Beny Street and othe rogram is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information







Resources & e-Learning

At Toolamba PS, we are very fortunate to have subscriptions to support our students in the area of Literacy and Numeracy, which are great engaging resources to utilize out of school hours.

Epic is a wonderful website containing hundreds of texts. Children can log in and read along to stories.

Epic: https://www.getepic.com/sign-in

Login details:

- Foundation: jib4540
- Grade 1: rlc7376
- Grade 2: yht4344
- Grade 3: gnm4155
- Grade 4: zdb1035

and then complete associated interactive games and activities. Students enjoy using this website

Reading Eggs: www.readingeggs.com.au

Individual classes will send home the login details for your child.



Community Sport

Basketball

The Basketball WINTER COMPETITION will be starting on 26th April.

Registrations are open NOW: Here is the registration link:

https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/6f2186

Nights of play

- Monday U18 Boys and Seniors
- Tuesday U10's Boys and Girls
- Wednesday U12's Boys and Girls
- Thursday U14's Boys and Girls & U16 Boys

Training Tuesdays (started 20th April).

> U10 & U12 - 4:30pm

- > U14 5:30pm
- > U16 6:30pm

Coulson Centre Mooroopna (next to Westside / Greater Shepparton Secondary College – Mooroopna Campus.

I encourage anyone who wants to have a go to come along as the Winter competition is a great starting point!

We are keen to keep the kids playing though winter, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me Kylie D'Aloia or the president of the Mooroopna Cats Basketball Club – Owen McCarron – 0419 006 100.





Parents & Friends Committee

P & F News

We have a busy term with P & F events.

Definitely one of the favourite events with mums and students alike – The Mother's Day Stall. This year the stall will be held on Wednesday 5th May in the learning street starting from 9am. Each student will be given an opportunity to purchase items from the stall and have them gift wrapped by our volunteers.

Prices start from 50c up to approximately \$5 and \$10 per item. The students love being able to shop for items.

We are gratefully accepting donations in the white baskets in the school foyer and will be up until the day of the stall.

If you would like to volunteer on the day either selling or wrapping presents please send me a text or message me on Facebook, details below.

It would be fabulous if there were some dads that are available to help – then we (volunteer mums) aren't sneaking a peak at our presents 😳

If you can help out please let me know.



Keira Birchmore President P&F 0417 252 874 Facebook: Keiz Birchmore

Out of Hours School Care



Fun in OHSC

The children have been enjoying the activities planned by Sharon and Toni-Marie.



Before & After School Care 2021

Toni-Marie Arnold has taken on the role as Before & After School Care Coordinator. We are also very fortunate to have Sharon O'Connell working with Toni-Marie as well.

Any bookings for either, Before School Care or After School Care can be made by calling Toni-Marie on **0448 585 568.** There will now be only one phone number to call to make a booking.

- OHSC Information Booklet.pdf
- OHSC Enrolment Form.pdf
- Appendix 1 from Transfer of Children Policy.pdf

Bookings and Cancellations.pdf

How to claim Child Care Subsidy.pdf



Community News

Tutoring

Students from Grade 5 to 10 who want to improve their number, writing or reading skills can now join our weekly sessions of "Letters & Numbers". The activity is run by the Tatura Community House and takes place in the Tatura Library, every Tuesday during the school term from 3:45 to 4:30pm for primary school students and from 4:45 to 5:30pm for high school students. The tutoring is free of cost. Come and get the support of our lovely volunteers who all have a background in education and who will make it fun for you to learn and improve your skills.



Mobile Library

The Mobile Library has resumed a full schedule, including visits to schools. We have made some adjustments to the schedule, which includes changing our visit to Toolamba to a Monday afternoon 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

Toolamba Lions Club

If you are new to town or just interested in becoming more involved in the community, Toolamba Lions Club is again running our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Toolamba Junction Hotel at 7pm (COVID permitting). It is a great way to meet new people and serve our great town. If you would like to come and find out what Lions Club in Toolamba is all about, we would love to have you attend one of our meetings and shout you a meal! Call Amanda Sibio (Membership Coordinator) on 0447 405 335 or email <u>amandasibio@gmail.com</u>

Transition Tatura - Art Competition

In 2019 and 2020, Transition Tatura held two very successful short-film competition for students of all Goulburn Valley Schools. The challenges both years for the children, either by themselves or with friends or family, was to make a short film (1 to 6 minutes) about the

environment. In 2021, we have decided to expand the Environmental Short-film Competition to an Environmental Art Competition. As usual, this competition is open to all current students within the Goulburn Valley.

Schools in the City of Greater Shepparton and surrounds have been sent a "preliminary notification" prior to the school holidays and more details will be sent once Term Two is back in full swing.

As with previous competitions, all artworks, films, songs, poems, plays (etc...!) will be showcased at the 2021 Transition Tatura Communities Shaping the Future Film Festival on Saturday August 28th.

The 2021 Topic:

Either by yourself, with your family or with friends, use your favourite form of artistic expression (from our list below) to address the competition topic;

"My Town: A Zero Carbon Town ... what can I do to make it happen?"

The categories of art Transition Tatura will be considering for this competition are as follows;

- Visual Art (painting, drawing, sculpture, fashion design, etc.)
- Performance Art (dance, theatre, song, music, etc.) (up to six minutes duration)
- Literature (poetry, story, etc.) (up to 1500 words)
- Media Arts (film, animation, computers, etc.) (up to six minutes duration)

There will be three age groups for each artistic category

- Grade Prep to Three
- Grade Four to Six
- Secondary Schools

Prizes for winning entries in each category

- Grade Prep to Three \$60
- Grade Four to Six \$60
- Secondary School \$60
- Overall Best Entry \$280

Total prize pool is \$1,000. Entries to close 4.00pm, Friday July 30th, 2021.

For more information;

- check at your school's office
- check with your art teachers
- go to Transition Tatura's Facebook page: Transition Towns Tatura
- call Ross on 0407 845 247 (please leave a message or SMS if no answer)

Think Global, Act Local...

Transition Tatura, a not-for-profit collective of like-minded people, plans and supports community guided responses to climate change and shrinking supplies of cheap energy. Through localisation, energy reduction and community strengthening, our goal is for Tatura and all populations to transition to resilient communities that can readily respond to the challenges and dangers of climate change and oil depletion. Launched in the UK in 2006, Transition Initiatives have grown to include towns and communities across the world. Transition Tatura is the 397th official Transition Initiative.

'A Taste of African Cultures'





Advertisments

Guitar Lessons

Beginner to advanced. All ages. Available Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact Jarrod Stuart on 0417 758 992 if interested.

Watches & Diamonds

Manufacturing Jeweller and Watchmaker. All work done on the premises. 150 Hogan street Tatura, Victoria 3616 (03)5824 1100





Calendar

Term Dates

Term 2 Monday April 19th to Friday June 25th

Term 3

Monday July 12th to Friday September 17th

Term 4 Monday October 4th to Friday December 17th

Important Dates

Monday May 3rd	Cross Country
Wednesday May 5th	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday May 6th	School Photos
Friday May 7th	Mother's Day Breakfast - 8:00am
Friday May 14th	Goulburn Murray Division Cross Country
Friday May 21st	Goulburn Murray Division Sports - McEwen Reserve
Thursday June 10th	Camp Quality Visit
Monday June 14th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday August 19th	School Concert
November 8th - 12th	Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra
November 24th - 26th	Grade 3/4 Camp to Toolangi