

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### NEW MATHS EQUIPMENT

Our eagerly awaited supply of maths equipment has finally arrived thanks to the very generous support from our P & F group.

Last year an audit of our equipment was completed and Craig identified where the gaps were in each classroom. Having access to a range of concrete materials is extremely helpful when teaching mathematical concepts to students.



#### COLOUR FUN RUN

P & F are having their first major fundraiser for the year, is a Colour Fun Run on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Proceeds from the run will go towards sports equipment and resources for Developmental Play. Your child came home last week with a School Fun Run Sponsorship Form. Firstly go to [www.schoolfundrasing.com.au](http://www.schoolfundrasing.com.au) and

create a profile page. To start fundraising online share your online fundraising link.

It is great to see that families have registered and commenced seeking sponsorship.

It would be a good idea to keep your eye out for a white t-shirt for your child to wear on the day. We would also love some volunteers to assist with the organisation and running the day.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our JSC had their first meeting for the year last week where they voted on office bearers and discussed ideas for 2019. Our Term One focus will be the promotion of the Colour Run on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and a Weird and Wacky Wednesday on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We had tied votes for two positions.

PRESIDENTS: Breeanna Bell, Ashton Young

SECRETARY: Hanna Turner

TREASURERS: Billy Corbett, Mac Calleja

#### GOULBURN MURRAY DIVISION SWIMMING TRIALS

On Tuesday, several of our students competed at the Division Swimming Trials. They included Nyla and Lexi Anderson, Eve Cook, Sophie Bryant, Maisie Jackson, Scott and Jimmy Moran, Oliver Hanns, Mac Calleja, Ashton Young and Toby Flatman. All students are to be congratulated on their efforts. Several students will now advance to the next level.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Regards

Heather.



## **COST FOR DIVISION SWIMMING**

The cost for the Division Swimming was \$10 per student. Please send payment along to school.

Thank you

## **DIVISION SWIMMING REPORT**

On Tuesday we had 11 swimming compete in the Goulburn Valley division swimming trials. Held in chilly conditions at Aquamoves our team of Mac, Ashton, Maisie, Oliver H, Jimmy, Scott, Toby. Eve, Lexi, Nyla, and Sophie did a great job with one Relay team and two swimmers making it through Zone qualifying meet Tuesday week.

### **Results**

Eve Cook 1<sup>st</sup>- 9/10 girls Freestyle

Lexi Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> 9/10 girls Breastroke

Jimmy Moran 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 year old boys Breastroke

Girls 9/10 Relay team 2<sup>nd</sup>

9/10 girls 4x50 metre Freestyle Relay. Lexi, Nyla, Sophie and Eve.

All our swimmers displayed great sportsmanship and support for team members throughout the day, especially during Relays where most swimmers swam their age group and in age groups above, to ensure all our kids participated in at least 2 Relays events some hopping out of one race and straight into another!

A huge thank you to the parents who came and cheered on the students and helped out, it made for a great day.

A very big thank you to Kevin Moran for organising the day.

## **SENIOR NEWS**

It's hard to believe it's Week 4 already! The Grade 5 and 6 students have settled in beautifully to their new classrooms and are learning the routines and expectations of being a senior student in our school.

We have been learning about Geometry, Addition/Subtraction, Recount writing and using the strategies of activating our prior knowledge to make connections when we're reading. It's been great to see so many students make a big effort to read at home

during the week. This is vital to their academic progress. Our camp to Canberra is approaching very quickly. If your child is not attending, please let Jenny Davey know ASAP. Just a reminder to notify the school if your child is absent and the reason, as we have to record the reasons for absence on the central data base. Without a note or phone call, the reason is recorded as 'unexplained.'

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE**

The Parents and Friends AGM will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Multipurpose Room at the school. Following meeting times will be voted on to decide what times will suit most members. Due to other commitments, all official members of Parents and Friends will be stepping down and declaring positions open. We will still be actively involved in the group and available to support new position holders where possible. We are excited to open up Parents and Friends to a fresh group of volunteers and look forward to new ideas. We will be here to help in any way we can. Thank you for your understanding- Katie, Beck, Megan, Andrea and Em.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT**

School council met for the first time for 2019 on the 18th of February

Items discussed included;

- School council meeting attendance
- Enrolments for 2019. Currently at 169, down 16 from last year due to the exit of 35 grade six students.
- The Annual Improvement Plan
- Colour Fun Run set for March 15
- Before School Care and that it is having good uptake
- School Maintenance Plan
- The school crossing on Wren Street and

that Greater Shepparton City Council are planning to do some improvement works in coming weeks. This follows both the school and school council requesting improvements to the crossing. Keep an eye out for them.

- That the payment of voluntary levies for 2019 is on the decline putting pressure on school to maintain our technology ratio and rolling replacement program and maintenance of grounds and equipment.

- That the school council AGM will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March including election of office bearers. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details

Toolamba Primary School Council

### **NEWSLETTER EMAILED**

If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by email, as well as a hard copy, please email the school with your request. [toolamba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:toolamba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sport 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.

#### **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are 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 go towards expenses relating to camp, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

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

#### **How to apply**

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form in any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018
- **Changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019. Check with the school office if you are unsure.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### **PRE LOVED UNIFORMS**

We have preloved uniforms in various sizes. They sell for \$2.00 each. Come in and browse.

#### **TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019**

Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	Call for nominations for School Council
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Closing Date for Nominations
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ballot Papers Distributed (If necessary)

Tue 15th Mar Close of Ballot for School Council

Mon 18th Mar New Council is able to meet.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Monday 19th March to elect the office bearers. This meeting is chaired by the Principal. Thereafter, the fully constituted new School Council will meet, chaired by the duly elected president.

### **What is a School Council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the School Council?

### **There are three possible categories of membership:**

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the School Council or encourage another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on School Council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

What is the workload?

School council must meet at least twice each term. Meetings should be restricted to approximately 2.5 – 3 hours duration at most.

All school councilors are expected to sit on at least one sub-committee. Sub-committees also meet at least twice each term

### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL**

- Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- Develop and monitor the school strategic plan
- Develop, review and update school policies
- Develop, review and monitor the Student Code of Conduct and the School Dress Code
- Raise funds for school related purposes
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- Maintain the school's grounds and facilities
- Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)
- Report annually to the school community and to DET.
- Stimulate interest in the school generally

### **THE COUNCIL DOES NOT:**

- Manage the school
- Employ teaching staff
- Represent sectional interests
- Renew the principal's contract or hire and fire the school principal
- Determine class allocations
- Discuss individual issues between teachers and students and/or parents
- Purchase land, buildings or motor vehicles
- Enter into hire purchase agreements or obtain credit or loan facilities, unless authorized by the Minister

### **Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Contact the school for further information.

### **TOOLAMBA BEFORE SCHOOL CARE:**

**Mobile No. 0448585568**

Enrolments are now being taken. Please contact Chanida Starkey to make a booking. The service will run 5 days per week, between 7.45am-9.00am.

The cost is \$16.00 per Student, per session.

Forms are available at the office.

### **TOOLAMBA AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**

**Mobile No. 0457847970**

Out of School Hours Care is available at Toolamba Primary School; after school Monday to Friday from 3.15pm to 6pm during school terms. The price is \$16.00 per student, per session. Bookings can be made by ringing the After Hours Care number which is **0457 847 970**. Please ring this number rather than book through the office.

Enrolment Forms are available from Fiona or the office. To make a booking for Mon, Tue, Wed or Thurs you need to ring before **12pm on that day**. Bookings for Friday need to be made before **5.30pm on Thursday**.

If you have booked your child/children into care and wish to cancel it, this has to be done prior to 12 midday by ringing 0457847970 and speaking to Fiona or leaving a message. **If the cancellation is made after this time, you will be charged regardless of whether you use the service or not.**

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

### **OCCASIONAL CARE**

Occasional Care is available at Toolamba Kinder on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am-3pm** If you would like to book a place for your child, please call the Kinder on 5826 5320.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING**

Coach : Mark Mills

When : Tuesday nights from 6.45pm

Where : Toolamba Tennis Club, Wren St

Cost : \$11 per lesson (30mins)

Contact Mark on 0429 307 373

## TENNIS COACHING AVAILABLE

There are four available places for intermediate tennis lessons with Bruce Ferguson. These are held at the tennis courts before school, 7.45 to 8.15am Tuesday mornings.

Cost is \$90 for 10 lessons. Please contact Kristy Thomas if your child is interested in 0439 353 316

## LADIES SOCIAL TWILIGHT TENNIS

Join us for a hit and giggle on a Tuesday night. All abilities welcome.

Starts : 12 February 2019

When : Tuesday nights 6.30pm

Where : Toolamba Tennis Club, Wren St

Cost : \$60 (2018/18 season)

Contact: Mel Calleja 0488 004 004



## TOOLAMBA LION'S CLUB Inc.

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.

For more information, contact:

Heather Mulcahy 0447 332 833

Amanda Sibio 0447 405 335

Keira Birchmore 0417 252 874

## TOOLAMBA IS HAVING A GARAGE SALE

**When:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March from: 8am-1pm

Register your house on the Toolamba Lion's Club Town Garage Sale Map \$10

Or book a car boot site at Lion's Reserve opposite Junction Hotel \$5.00

\*\*Lion's will be selling Breakfast Egg/Bacon rolls and Sausage sizzle for lunch. Maps \$2.00 on the day @Colaura Gardens\*\*

To register your house or book a car boot site contact; Heather Mulcahy 0447 332 833, email [heathermmulcahy@gmail.com](mailto:heathermmulcahy@gmail.com)

## GOULBURN VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Shepparton Hockey Centre

McEwen Reserve Shepparton

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. 10 30am to 12pm

Free Clinic

T-Shirts can be purchased on the day for \$16

Girls just want to have fun.

Fun, friendship and fitness for life.

Female hockey clinics for all levels

For more information please email:

[gvha.girls@gmail.com](mailto:gvha.girls@gmail.com)

12pm – 1.00pm sausage sizzle

## ADVERTISING

### GUITAR AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

Cliff Doornkamp conducts 20-minute lessons for both guitar and keyboard every Thursday. The cost is \$18.00 per lesson (payable at time of lesson).

For more information, please contact Cliff Doornkamp on 0474 769 963.



### Bovine Inseminations

#### HERD IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

1740 Finlay Road, Tongala, 3621

Phone (03) 5859 0763

FAX: (03) 5859 0219

## AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF TAE KWON DO

Learn fitness, confidence, discipline and self-defence!

### First session free.

Monday and Wednesday 7pm to 8pm

In the Toolamba Hall (next to the school)

All ages are welcome!

Contact: Stephen – 0428 021 169

## LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders are on Wednesday. Dawn and Clifton currently provide a lunch service for the school on a Wednesday. Orders are to be written on the front of a brown paper bag and returned to school by the Monday of each week. Please ensure you have the correct money. If for some reason you have placed an order and your child is not attending school on that day please ring Dawn's (58265331) and cancel the order. A menu is attached to the newsletter.

## Weekly Canteen Order - Dawn's Shop

### TOOLAMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER MENU



PIES:	\$4.50
PLAIN MEAT	
STEAK & ONION	
CHICKEN	
QUICHE	
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$3.50
PARTY SIZE:	\$2.00
PIES	
SAUSAGE ROLLS	
CHEESE & BACON ROLL	\$2.50

(TOMATO SAUCE .20c)

\*LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAYS\*

\*\*ALL ORDERS TO BE HANDED TO TEACHER BY THE END OF MONDAY\*\*

#### HOT DOG ORDER FORM.

**Hot Dog are now only available in bread.**

The next Junior School Council Hot Dog Day will be held on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Orders must be in at 9.00am, on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

Hot dog orders are due in by 9.00am on Thursday. Orders are collated, money is counted and rolls are ordered on Thursday. **PLEASE NO LATE HOTDOG ORDERS.** We would appreciate your support with this.

Name.....

Teacher.....

Hot dog in bread @ \$2.50

Total enclosed \$..... Change required \$.....

Name.....

Teacher.....

Hot dog in bread @ \$2.50

Total enclosed \$..... Change required \$.....

Name.....

Teacher.....

Hot dog in bread @ \$2.50

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#### LIBRARY VAN

Parks out in front of the school.

Mondays 3.00pm-4.15pm

January	7	21
February	4	18
March	4	18
April	1	15
May	13	27

#### CALENDAR

<b>Fri Mar 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Hot Dogs</b>
<b>Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Colour Run</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Labour Day (No School)</b>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Mar}</b>	<b>Grade 5 / 6 Canberra Camp</b>
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar }</b>	
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Hot Dogs</b>
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Finance Committee. 6.00pm</b> <b>School Council Meeting A.G.M.</b> <b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Toolamba Athletics</b>
<b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Tatura Athletic Sports Grade</b> <b>3-6.</b>
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Day Term 1</b>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Tue 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>First Day Term 2</b>
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec}</b>	<b>Grade 3 / 4 Camp Currumbene</b>
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec }</b>	<b>NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b>

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