

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### COMMENDABLE EFFORT

Our whole school community was extremely proud of Katelyn Trevaskis on Monday morning. Katelyn had her beautiful hair cut off at Assembly to donate to the Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation. The Foundation uses donated hair to make wigs for children suffering from the disease. Not only did Katelyn donate her hair but she raised \$1000 for the Foundation.



## COLOUR FUN RUN

Our Fun Run is fast approaching and guaranteed to be a memorable event for the students. Thank you to those families who have registered on line for the event. So far we have:

- 82 students who have created a profile.
- 60 students raising funds on line.



Volunteers are needed to help on the day. If you are available to help please put your name down at the Office.

If you need assistance with creating a profile please contact the school, we are more than happy to help you.

### Dates to remember:

15<sup>th</sup> March Colour Fun Run commencing at 2pm

29<sup>th</sup> March money due in

5<sup>th</sup> April. Prizes need to be ordered before this date.

## ILLNESS

If your child has been vomiting, it is Department policy that they DO NOT attend school for a period of 24 hours from their last vomit. They are also not permitted back at school until 24 hours after their last loose bowel movement. This ensures that your child has the necessary recuperation time and reduces the risk of spreading the illness.

## CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. The standards provide a framework for schools to review existing policies and practices and all other aspects of child safety, to ensure a 'zero tolerance' approach to any form of child abuse. You can access our policy on the school's website.

## Toolamba Primary School is committed to child safety.

We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Toolamba Primary School is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

Toolamba Primary School has robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers.

Toolamba Primary School is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000

## PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Interview time is here again. Please arrive promptly for your interview time, as we have a very tight schedule. If you require longer than the 15 minute time allocated please feel free to arrange an alternative time. Teachers will be more than happy to do this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Regards Heather

## 5/6 CAMP-CANBERRA

**Dates:** 18.3.19-22.3.19  
**Cost:** \$570  
**Payment Terms:** Full payment required by the end of term one!

## 3 / 4 CAMP CURRUMBENE

**Dates:** 4.12.19-6.12.19  
**Cost:** \$220  
**Payment Terms:** Full payment prior to camp

## 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.

### GRADE NEWSLETTER

In Grade 3/4 all students have settled nicely into the year. For reading, the students have been working on asking questions. In Writing, the focus is on the ideas trait. Students have really enjoyed sharing their ideas and building their concept map. In Maths, students have been learning about Time. All students are looking forward to the upcoming colour run.



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS Mia K, Hanna T, Mac C, Cassin C, Billy M, Ben O, Aden J, Indie G, Sophie B, Maisie J, Violet W, Teagan R, Lexie K, Declan E, Jack T-W,



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - Lucas B, Imogen M, Eve C, Emerson W, Matilda H, Rachael J, James T, Reeve E, Sienna M, Luke C, Declan R, Lily T, Tyson W.



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - Edward S, Alex C, Nellie T-D, Leo M, Spencer W, Finn W, Edward T-D, Jimmy M, Oliver H, Maddi T, Lucy K, Chelsea K, Bailey D, Luke W.



JSC AWARDS - Eve C and Teagan R





JSC AWARDS - Lucas B, Ben O, Cohen B, Lexie K, Mila J, Jimmy T, Olivia B.



JSC AWARDS - Harry W, Oliver H, Brock F, Andrew Sw

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Last Friday, Emma Banting from Parks Victoria came to Toolamba and organised a session for Clean Up Australia Day for the Grade 5 students. Students searched the bush for rubbish during the hour. They also learnt about native trees and birds we discovered on our walk. Students were decked out in high visibility vests, gloves and carried pick up tools to collect their rubbish. Students loved it! Emma was very impressed by how clean the bush was. I was also impressed with Gabe, Oliver, Hanna, Natasha and Zoe who continued to

pick up rubbish during recess and lunch in our school ground.

Miss Maskell



**TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019**

Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ballot Papers Distributed (If necessary)
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Close of Ballot for School Council
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	New Council is able to meet.
The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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.	
<b>What is a School Council and what does it do?</b>	
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.

#### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE, AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.**

A reminder that Schools do not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

#### **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**

#### **GREATER SHEPPARTON'S HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2019**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

FREE event! All welcome.

- 50 places open for free access across the municipality



- Bus trips, walks, talks, visits
- Come and enjoy your heritage, visit interesting historic buildings
- Rare chance to see many of these places

Bookings are required for some places which are only open for specified times.

Visit [www.greatershepparton.com.au](http://www.greatershepparton.com.au) or call 5832 9730 for bookings and for more information.

Pick up your booklet to see what's open or go online at [www.greatershepparton.com.au](http://www.greatershepparton.com.au)

Booklets at Council, Libraries, community centres and elsewhere.



## TOOLAMBA JUNIOR SOCCER 2019

Welcome to another soccer season!

The 2019 season will commence in Term 2 on April 26 and continue through until September (15 rounds). Fees for this season are \$100 per player, payment plans are available.

We are hoping to field teams at all age levels, including the new Kinder Roos. To help organise teams please register your child's interest through our Facebook page messenger or to 0417504520. A registration night with

boot swap will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 5pm at the school amphitheatre.

If you are interested in coaching please give me a call, there is plenty of support from the association and it is a great way to be involved. Remember - without coaches we don't have teams.

Watch our Facebook page and the newsletter for important information and updates throughout the season.

Many thanks,

Katie, Toolamba Junior Soccer Delegate

## TATURA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Tatura Junior Football Club will hold its registration night and first training for the Under 10's and 12's on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of March at Howley Oval, Albert Street Tatura from 5pm- 6pm.

If you are in Grades 3-4 (under 10's) or Grades 5-6 (Under 12's) and have never played football before, that doesn't matter the club would love for you to come and play. Everyone guaranteed a game.

For further information you can contact:

Nathan Saddler on 0438 572 611



## 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

## 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



## TOOLAMBA JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Our players have shown great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the season that has resulted in all of our teams finishing in the top 3. The B Grade 3 team won their grand final on Sunday, the C Grade 2 team unfortunately lost their semi-final and our Double Division 2 team finished on top of the ladder. It is a pleasure to see their passion for the game, not only in their Saturday morning competition but also in their participation in tournaments and tennis clinics.

Thank you to all of our parents, including our team managers, for their support throughout the 2018/19 season.



## 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

**\*\*Lions 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)

## ADVERTISING



### *Watches & Diamonds*

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

## 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



## Bovine Inseminations

### HERD IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

1740 Finlay Road, Tongala, 3621

Phone (03) 5859 0763

FAX: (03) 5859 0219

## 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.

## 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\*\*

## LIBRARY VAN

**Parks out in front of the school.**

Mondays 3.00pm-4.15pm

March		18
April	1	15
May	13	27

## CALENDAR

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Labour Day (No School)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Colour Run. 2.00pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar}	Grade 5 / 6 Canberra Camp
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar }	

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Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May]

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May]

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> June

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Aug

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Sept

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec}

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec }

Hot Dogs

Finance Committee. 6.00pm  
School Council Meeting A.G.M.  
6.30pm

Toolamba Athletics

Tatura Athletic Sports Grade  
3-6.

Last Day Term 1  
Assembly 1.30pm  
School Finishes 2.00pm

Easter Monday  
NO SCHOOL

First Day Term 2

School Photos

Life Ed

Queen's Birthday  
NO SCHOOL

Last Day Term 2  
Assembly 1.00pm  
School Finishes 2.00pm

First Day Term 3  
School Concert Rehearsal

School Concert

Father's Day Stall

Last Day Term 3  
Assembly 1.30pm  
School Finishes 2.00pm

First Day Term 4

Grade 3 / 4 Camp Currumbene  
**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Last Day 2019  
Assembly 1.00pm  
School Finishes 2.00pm