

Toolamba PS

“Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



PARENTS & STUDENTS,

We are so excited about the return of Grade 3-6 students next Tuesday. Our school has certainly felt quite empty without them.

Students in Grade 3-6 have been given the **option** to have Friday off Remote Learning so that all learning packs are returned to the school by 3.30pm.

This will enable teachers to check through returned work and ensure all technology is ready to go for Tuesday. However, if parents would prefer students continued learning I am sure there is plenty they can go on with.

There will still be supervision for those students requiring it on Friday.

Once again, thank you to all the school community for your efforts during these unusual times. We are so fortunate to live and work in such a wonderful community.

RETURN OF REMOTE LEARNING PACKS

Packs are to be dropped off at school from Thursday onwards. **They can be left along the wall at the front of the school.** We require them at school by 3.30pm on Friday so that teachers can be prepare for students return. This includes:

- Laptops and chargers
- All take home reading books

- All stationery
- All remote learning books.
- Password sheet
- Headphones (all children require their own set of headphones)

Because we cannot use our bubble taps, all students are required to bring their own drink bottles.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

As of Tuesday, we will have teachers on both crossings to ensure the safe arrival and departure of children.

To assist with this congestion:

- Families with only one child will be dismissed at 3.10pm.
- Families with more than one child will be dismissed at 3.15pm
- Older siblings will collect their brothers or sisters prior to leaving the school grounds.
- Families parked on the outer areas of the carpark, i.e. the tennis court side are to wait on the grassed area.
- Families parked near the median strip closest to the school are to stand on the gravelled area. Teachers will then be able to direct children to the appropriate crossing.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday the 8th of June is Public Holiday. There will be no school for students on this day.

COMMUNICATION

Our preferred method of communication is an email or a **phone call to the school on 58265212**. You can communicate with your child's teacher via email from **8.45-4pm**.

Outside these hours, you can email the school

toolamba.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Please keep your child's teacher updated with any concerns you have. We want your child's transition back to school to be as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

REPORT WRITING

Currently staff are writing reports. As we have mentioned earlier these reports will be a different format from normal due to the extended period of remote learning.

Reports will:

- Not have A-E ratings or the normal progression points.
- Include a written comment on Literacy, Numeracy and Specialist areas.
- They will also include a comment on remote learning.
- A student reflection on remote learning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Monday 1st June, we had our second online meeting. Thankfully, my technology issues at home have been resolved hence the meeting was more successful this time and certainly less stressful!

Have an enjoyable long weekend.

Regards Heather

REMOTE LEARNING

There is nothing like an authentic purpose to motivate writing, as our students and families have demonstrated. Are you convinced??

Hi Sarah,

I thought I would do this for a bit of a laugh since Ethan has given up for the day :-)

Dear Mrs Kimmorley, Mr Thompson, Miss Maksell and Miss Pirie,

Imagine a 4 day weekend! They don't come around often enough do they!? The kids could take the opportunity to recharge their batteries after what has been a pretty crazy Term 2 so far. And let's face it, the parents sure could use this opportunity to relax and enjoy a school work free day. It has been rather exhausting for us all. Lets reward the kids for all of their hard work during this time.

Nice long weekends are a treat for the whole family. A chance for most routines to go out the window and for the household to take the opportunity to relax and recuperate. The kids have been through so much in the last few months, and they would definitely benefit from an extra long weekend. A Chance to get outside and not worry about school work.

Not only has it been a crazy time for the kids, but as parents of kids that have been learning from home, we are exhausted! I know that I've been relearning things from when I was in Primary School (which was a long time ago). Thank goodness for Google!

The kids have been exposed to some pretty weird situations with COVID-19 news and information everywhere they look. They have to be given credit to adjusting to life so well with our new normals. I believe an extra day off is a great way of letting them know that they have worked so hard and coped so well.

So, let's make the 4 day weekend a reality by allowing the kids to have Friday off. I know that they will absolutely appreciate the gesture... I know I will.

Yours Sincerely,

Ethan's Mum

Dear Mrs Kimmorley, Mr Thompson, Miss Maskell and Miss Pirie,

Did any of you hear the good news? It's nearly Friday! Having Friday off will mean more time off for us, more time off for *you*, and less stress and fatigue for everyone! I believe we should have the last day of the school week off because of these three reasons.

Having Friday off will change it from Normal Friday (during COVID-19) to FUN FRIYAY! It will give all of us students free time to do more of what we love. Who can blame us? It's the last day of remote learning. Now that's what I call Friyay!

Did you know, having Friday off will not only give students free time but will also give you teachers free time too! If we have Friday off there won't be any students on the MEETs and there won't be any student emailing or commenting to you. Can you imagine the happy feeling of not having to worry about a bunch of confused and extremely naggy kids?

If we have Friday off, everyone can sleep in and not have to worry about being so stressed. Having a few more hours, or even minutes of sleep can decide if you have a grumpy, miserable day or a happy, cheerful one. No more stress for anyone. How good would that be?

I continue to believe having Friday off will be for the better. More free time for everyone and a lot less stress and fatigue. Do you really want us to beg?

May your Friday Sparkle!

Yours Sincerely,

Erin

P.S. Please, Please, Please, Please, Please let us have Friday off.

Dear Mrs Kimmorley, Mr Thompson, Miss Maskell and Miss Pirie,

40 days of home-schooling!!! That is a lot of learning from home and

It is why the last day of home-schooling ever (hopefully) should be celebrated and enjoyed by having the day off (No offence teachers the day is just better without work)Here are my reasons why we should have the day of .

Doesn't everyone want less stress in their life? If we have Friday off lots of people will be relieved of the stress that home-schooling can create. Us students will have time off and not have to worry about completing and ticking of tasks and getting stuff done on time, Parents will also have free time because they don't have to help us or guide us through learning and lastly you teachers will a have time away from annoying emails and comments you have to answer and MEETs were you have to explain one thing a million times and

you will have extra time to plan for when we start again next week .This is just one reason why we should have the day off .

Family matters most doesn't it ? If we have time off we will get to spend more time with people we love .Having the day off give us an extra 4 or 5 hours to spend with them and bond, teachers will also get to spend the day with family and friends. It's a Win Win.

We should get rewarded with a day off School shouldn't we ? US Students have been working tirelessly to finish our home learning, so we should be rewarded for all our hard work with a day of enjoyment and relaxation. Our amazing teachers will also get rewarded, they have been working 24/7 trying to create tasks for us to do. Therefore, teachers if you give us a day off you will get to have a quiet and peaceful day

I definitely think that having Friday off will cause less stress for everyone, we will get to spend more time with family and we will be rewarded for all our hard work that we have put into home-schooling over the past eight weeks.

**Yours Sincerely,
Eve**

Dear Mrs Kimmorley, Mr Thompson, Miss Maskell
and Miss Pirie,

I personally think that we should have Friday off so we can start getting back into routine and have a break from remote learning.

Yours Sincerely,

I reckon we should have Friday off because it gives us a chance to get back into normal routine and have a bit of fun and catch up with friends and jobs around the house.

It will also give the teachers a chance to get the class ready for Tuesday and let go of stress.

Freedom

Relaxing

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Day

Awesome

You

And I'm special

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GUITAR AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

Cliff Doornkamp conducts 20-minute lessons for both guitar and keyboard every Tuesday. The cost is \$20.00 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

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Contact: Stephen – 0428 021 169

GVSPORTSCARE

Physio & Podiatry

E: admin@gvsportscare.com.au

PH: 0417600532

W: 111.gvsportscare.com.au

Physiotherapist, Sophie Woodhouse enjoys treating a mix of sports and spinal injuries.

Tom Davey is a biomechanical and sports focused Podiatrist, who is also skilled in general nail and diabetic care.

Sophie and Tom are excited to move back to Shepparton and work in the Goulburn Valley!

Calendar

Mon 8 th June	Queen's Birthday
Tue 9 th June	Grades 3-6 resume.
Wed 24 th June	Reports Go Home
Fri 26 th June	Last Day Term 2
Mon 13 th Jul	Term 3 Starts
Fri 18 th Sept	Last Day Term 3
Mon 5 th Oct	First Day Term 4
Wed 11 th Nov- Fri 13 Nov	3 /4 Camp
Mon 30 th Nov Fri 4 th Dec	5 /6 Camp Wyuna