

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



### PARENTS & STUDENTS,

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#### CURRICULUM DAY

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August there will be no onsite supervision for students as it is a Curriculum Day for staff.

#### LEARNING PACK DROP OFF & PICK UP

Packs are available for pick up from 1pm- 3.30pm today, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and 8.30am -3.30pm on Friday.

Packs for Grade 5 / 6 will be located at the front of the building. Packs for all other classes will be outside their classroom door. Please adhere to social distancing during this time.

#### PLEASE RETURN:

#### FOUNDATION/ONE & TWO

- Learning Tubs containing Week 4/5 & 6 Learning Booklets, hand writing booklet and take-home readers.

#### GRADE 3 / 4

- Folders containing Week 4, 5 & 6 Learning Booklets.
- Take-home readers.

#### GRADE 5 / 6

- Geography books
- Art Activities

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Due to a clash with School Council Training, the meeting scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup> of August is cancelled. The Department have reduced the number of meeting required from 8 to 6 this year.

#### FOUNDATION REMOTE LEARNING

Congratulations on almost 3 weeks of Remote Learning. Today Weeks 7, 8 and 9 will go home.

This pack is organised and presented differently to the last. I hope you find it flexible and user-friendly as well. It contains a booklet with Reading, Writing and Mathematics activities, as well as tasks designed by our specialist teachers in the areas of Art, Music and P.E. For some activities, I have aligned e-books and/or video websites to compliment tasks. It also contains 6 new just right books for daily practice of reading. I cannot stress enough the importance of daily reading. Re-reading familiar books promotes confidence, assists in retention of sight words and develops fluency.

Please continue to write daily in the Remote Learning Diary. Topics to write/draw about can be as simple as a holiday a long time ago, or writing a favourite title of a song/poem/rhyme. You may even like to add a photo of two to simulate ideas. Paste the photo in, if you wish. I have loved the work sample photos received via email and texts of children's writing in this book. Enjoy Luci Ward's photo of her entry about her new pet fish that Violet received for her birthday.

Well done to Mack and Norma for cutting up sight words to make cards, and placing them in a shoebox. What an excellent way to practice reading them aloud! An extension of this could be to spell them aloud and write them in their "I can practice my sight words" book. The value of reading, spelling aloud as well as writing sight words will strongly develop your child's confidence and independence with all written tasks. I also received a wonderful video of Arkadia Sammut using only cut up sight words to make sentences... an example of this was, "I went to my house". Awesome Learning Mack and Arkadia.

The "I can Practice my Counting" allows for independence. Encourage the writing of numerals daily to build fluency when producing these. Always utilise the 100 chart as a checker, and it will be a visual tool for recording numbers correctly. Reversals can still be evident at this time of the year, so gently correct.

The making of stick puppets were enjoyed and I have included photos of these, in this newsletter. Dramatisation of children's rhymes and songs develops phonemic awareness, as well as fosters positive wellbeing through creativity.

Google Classroom on your child's iPad should be ready to go. Contact me ASAP if you have any problems/queries regarding this. Please remember you do not have to use Google Classroom to begin or complete learning. However, using this platform allows all us to keep connected and able to share.

Remote Learning/Teaching is not my ideal approach and I miss very much being with the Foundation children. The packs are designed to make your learning day at home easy, flexible and happy. Completing the Learning Pack tasks will also keep your child up to speed on returning to school. Therefore, it is important to keep positive and do our best with what we can do

now. As each day ends, we are one day closer to returning to the classroom. ☺

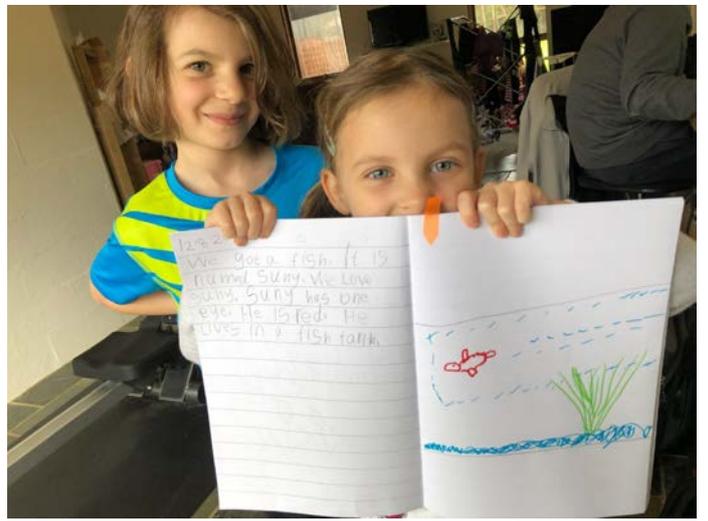
Excitement was had in Felicity Hodge's house when her first tooth came out. And I was told the Tooth Fairy was very generous.



Jake hard at work!



Mack using the 100s chart.



Diary Writing Luci



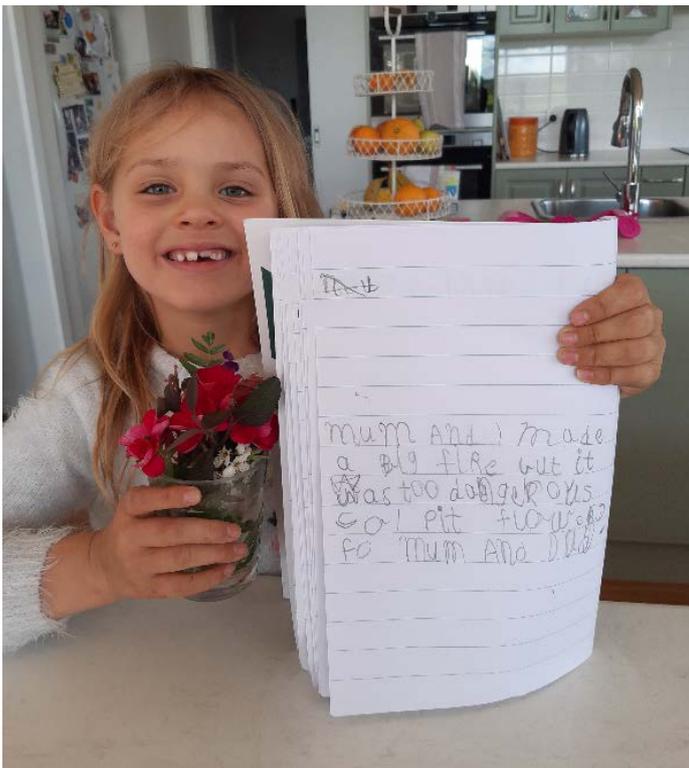
Stick Puppet-Rose



Tom at work.



Pancakes by Jacob.



Savanah's Diary Writing

## 1/2 Learning

It has been fantastic to receive student learning over the past three weeks. Students have been very busy and it is so lovely to see siblings working together. It makes learning very special when we can share it with others.



Above, Lily and Charlotte working together on their cylinder people. Below, the Turnbull brothers completing a doubles maths game.

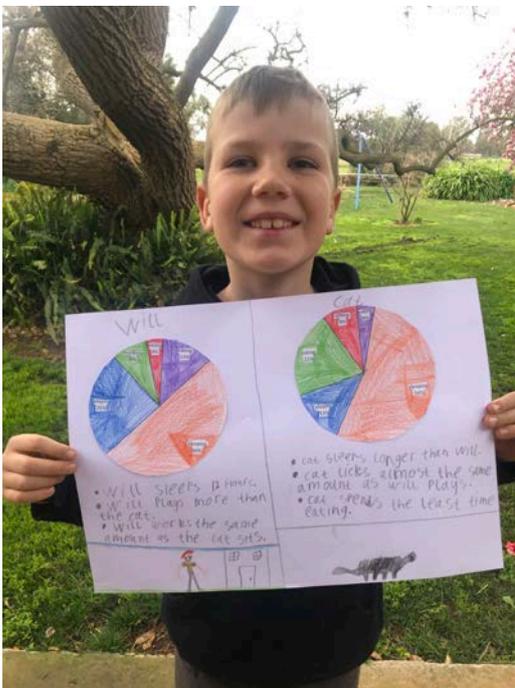


Dylan and Violet, building using boxed from home. Violet worked with her dad to create a Freddo Frog Vending Machine out of a cardboard box.

We are loving the way families have really enjoyed the learning packs and are make the most of this opportunity to spend time with family.

We have loved seeing the students Brain Builder activities, where they had to an activity on the grid and some students even making their own activity.

Below is Angus. He has compared the activity of his younger brother and their family cat over a 24 hour period.





Keep up the outstanding learning Grade 1/2!

### GRADE 3 / 4

All parents of 3/4 students should have received an invitation to join the Google Classroom last Friday. We are going to begin trialling sending feedback to parents on what students have completed each week in the Google Classroom. If you did not receive an invitation please contact Miss McCoy or Mr Tarrant to rectify

Students this week have engaged in a number of online tasks, the stand outs for most have been the Grocery Shopping task and Money Kahoot.

Below is what Cassin would buy for a day of eating if he got to do the grocery shopping!

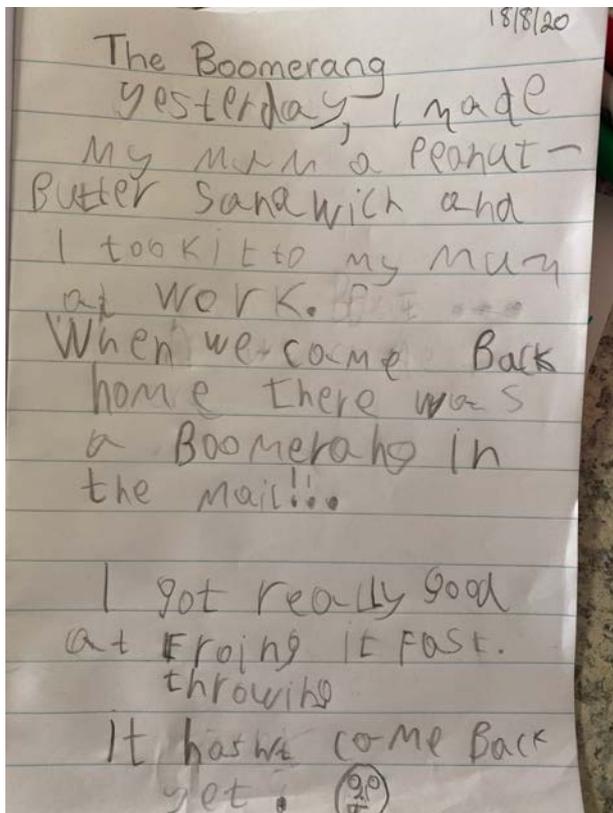
### Woolworths

In each box enip in 1 item and how much it costs.  
See my example of bread below

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks	Dessert
 Kilgobbin Wholegrain Protein Granola Bars 200g \$3.37	 Woolworths Heritage 500g \$2.00	 Woolworths Fresh 200g \$7.00	 Smith's Assorted Originals 500g \$5.50	 Cotton's Ice Mocha Chocolate 200g \$3.95
 Woolworths Originals 2L Full Cream Milk \$2.30	 Mighty Milk 200ml Full Cream Milk \$3.00	 Woolworths Beef 200g \$6.00	 Smith's Assorted Originals 500g \$3.20	 Cotton's Blue Mocha Chocolate 200g \$4.00
		 Woolworths Tasty 200g \$6.00		 Smith's Assorted Originals 500g \$2.00

Total: \$49.81

Lastly, here is some writing by one of our Grade One students, Andrew.



Our unit on Money is coming to end this week and students will begin working their way through multiplication in the next learning pack.

Students have been exploring persuasive writing with the topic around 'The Perfect Pet'. They were tasked with writing a letter to their parents in an effort to convince them into buying them their perfect pet.

While all students were very persuading, we just thought we should share Lachlan's letter to his mother with you all.

Dear Mum

I think the Perfect Pet for our family would be an Eastern Grey Squirrel. If you don't think so be it, I think we should. Sometimes, I think, Kids should get a choice on something, Because PARENTS get to decide on everything. So I think the Perfect Pet is an Eastern Grey Squirrel.

Firstly, we don't have to use hardly any money, because they find their own food which is good so we don't have to buy things for them. They also find their own homes, so wherever they decide they want their home we can get a cage for them and put it there.

Secondly, in winter when it's cold they have a perfect place to stay warm. All we have to do is bring their cage inside until it's not cold anymore. Some Squirrels hibernate, But that's only Ground Squirrels, Tree Squirrels do not hibernate, But they still don't like the cold, so that means it won't be cold all Winter, outside, Freezing.

Squirrels aren't big animals, which means you don't have to have a big place to keep them, you can just have a tiny backyard with a tree of some sort to live in. If your Squirrel does have a baby it won't try to protect the baby from you because you look after him or her,

but if he or she sees any unknown person he or she will be very protective.

Squirrels are very protective animals, which is good if you ask me, I wouldn't want a big animal that attacks, I would rather a small animal that is calm and protective.

Yours Sincerely,

**Lachy.**

Throughout Weeks 7, 8 and 9 we have included science experiments. In feedback we received from students they wanted some more hands on tasks. These experiments will be on Tuesdays for Integrated and are included in the learning pack booklets.

Week 7, 8 and 9 learning packs are in weekly booklets for all students in Grade 3/4. Where possible we would like worksheets to be kept in this booklet and not glued into home learning books.

We have had a few emails this week around confusion with online meets throughout the day. Students are expected to attend every meet each day.

**9:00am** Class Meeting

**9:15am** Literacy Meet

**11:00am** Numeracy Meet

**12:30pm** Integrated/Specialist Meet

**1:00pm** Extra Assistance

The extra assistance meet is there for students to seek help with work that they are still completing. Either Miss McCoy or Mr Tarrant will be on this meet until 3:15pm.

Tyson is hard at work!!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Subject: Toolamba Lions Twilight Festival

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic, unfortunately the Toolamba Twilight Festival for 2020 has been cancelled.

We would like to thank you for your valued support over the past several years. It is unfortunate but we hope to be back, bigger and better in 2021 with yet another very successful Twilight Festival in Toolamba.

Regards  
Heather Mulcahy  
President.

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

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



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## CALENDAR

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Last Day Term 3**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**First Day Term 4**

