

Toolamba PS

“Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

TOOLAMBA LIONS' CLUB CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Last Friday night, students from the Kinder and School sang at the carols. Despite the hot night and the relocation of the event, many community members gathered to enjoy the festivities. Many thanks to Mandy Sibio for all the preparation she did. Unfortunately, other staff were unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

CLASS PARTIES

Class parties will be held next Wednesday. Please send along a plate to share. Children will exchange their KK gifts. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

ORIENTATION DAY

Students were very excited to find out their classes for 2019. All students transitioned very easily into their prospective classes.



We were fortunate to have Miss Ameer McCoy join us for the day. Ameer comes from Broadford Primary School and will be teaching Grade 1 next year.



All of our Grade 6 students loved many aspects of their visits to their prospective secondary schools, which is fantastic.

Next year we will have 172 students and 8 classrooms. For 2019, we have made a concerted effort to keep the classes in the Foundation and Grade 1 area as small as possible due to the large numbers in each grade level. Instead of 26 students in each class, we now have approximately 18.

Foundation	Mrs Bathman
Foundation/Grade 1	Miss Larcombe
Grade 1	Miss McCoy
Grade 2	Mr Thompson
Grade 3 / 4	Mr Tarrant
Grade 3 / 4	Ms Anset
Grade 5	Miss Maskell
Grade 5/6	Mrs Kimmorley

Mrs Serra will continue to take Art and a Social Skills Program. Mrs Sproule will be taking PE & Sport. We are also fortunate to have Mandy Sibio joining us again next year teaching Music. Ryan Sarkady has joined us as a trainee for 2019 and will be assisting in the classrooms.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES

All seventeen of our Grade 5 students gave their School Captain Speeches on Thursday in front of a large audience of students, staff and parents. Congratulations must go to all of them for their efforts. It was obvious that they had all put a lot of thought into their speeches. All leadership positions will be announced at Final Assembly on the 21st of December. **Please note that this assembly will commence at 12.45pm.**

MANGOES

Once again, the Mango Drive was a great success, many thanks to Katie and her helpers for all their efforts in coordinating the fundraiser.

GRADUATION

Our Graduation Ceremony for the Grade 6 students will be next Thursday night. Students are to arrive at school at 5.30pm for a meal with the Staff. Then at 7pm, family members are invited to join us for the Graduation Ceremony. This will take place in the Central Learning Space. We expect that we will conclude at approximately 9pm.

Have a lovely weekend,
Regards Heather

MUSIC NEWS

What a wonderful year of making music! Grades 3-6 have just completed their song writing unit and were able to produce some original compositions. I enjoyed hearing their lyrics as they bravely shared them in their classes. We are currently learning some basic chords on the ukuleles to complete the year. The junior classes have been working with percussion instruments and learning fun songs with actions.

I was excited to see so many students up on stage at the Toolamba Lions Carols this year. They sang beautifully and all looked amazing in their festive outfits. I am very proud of how they performed. Thanks to Tonya and Mel who led the Toolamba Kinder students, who also sang with confidence. A big thanks to all the parents and Lions Club members and helpers who braved the heat to make the night possible. It was a wonderful community event and lots of fun.



SINGING LESSONS

I am looking to trial singing lessons on a Friday afternoon from 1.45-3.15pm at Toolamba Primary next year. Lessons would run for 20 minutes. I would like to have groups of two to three so that students can learn to harmonise and train their ear to perform with others. The cost would be around \$7-10 per student per lesson, depending on the number of students in each group. Could parents who are interested please text me on 0447 405 335 so that I can gage numbers? Amanda Sibio

GRADE 6 WRITING

Grade Sixes have been learning how to write an explanation text and incorporating Tier Two vocabulary words to enhance their writing. Belinda wrote a stand out piece about the Fennec Fox.

How a Fennec Fox Survives In the Desert

A Fennec Fox is an abnormal animal. It has large ears, complex feet and a rather miniscule body and head. They are definitely a terrific desert survivor.

Desert survivors are extremely adaptable animals. Their bodies are very complicated, enabling them to survive in extreme temperatures. One of these animals is the extrodinary Fennec Fox.

Fennec Foxes have two main features to help them survive. Their feet being a key factor. The feet have tough pads underneath helping them run and walk on the fiery sand. In addition to the feet their ears are also a key factor. Their ears are oddly large, amplifying sounds underground. This is how Fennec Foxes catch their prey. An important source of food so those ears come in handy.

These are the key factors they use often making them a desert survivor.

By Belinda

ORIENTEERING

Last Thursday and Friday, our students braved the severe heat and spent two days enjoying orienteering activities, led by Kim Merkel.

Some of the activities involved working in teams and individually:

- *searching for coloured pegs around the playground,
- *locating various items on maps around the school ground,
- *following instructions to make face designs,
- *animal safari hunts and
- *using their map reading skills to find hidden messages

These activities will translate into many areas of the curriculum, specifically 'Space' in mathematics, and also improve their map reading skills in every day situations.





PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE

The Toolamba Primary Fun Sports Day is scheduled for Friday if the weather permits. Icy poles will be available for purchase from the canteen during lunch if the sports go ahead. They will be 50 cents each and will be available to spectators also.

Also a big thank you to everyone for supporting the Mango Drive. Enjoy!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS



JSC Awards

Isabella Lemma, Oliver Webber



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Ryan McGrath, Mac Fifoot, Lara Sawyer, Abby McIntosh, Crystal Noles, Ava Giles, Gabe Garner, Ben O'Connell, Harriet Livesay, Aleeah Walls, Patrick Wilson, Jack Tamburro-Whitty, Violet Ward, Imogen Morrison, Rachael Jeffers, Matilda Healey



JSC Awards

Emily McDonald, Lincoln Ralph, Ollie Williams, Archie Brisbane, Tom Bull, Emile Trazzera, Jonty Tyquin, Max Thomas, Matilda Hall, Ashton Young, Pipa Watson, Linc Watson.



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Liam Tolley, Oli Farrall, Summer Kirby, Mac Fifoot, Eve Cook, Emerson Wild, Mason Reeves, Luke.C, Arya Monks, Hanna Turner, Izzy Birchmore, Noah Kirby, Lucy Kinnane, Belinda Eddy, River Barlow, Isabella Lemma, Ava Ralph

SANTA'S MAILBOX

Santa's mailbox is back at Dawn's shop courtesy of the Toolamba Lions Club. If you post a return addressed envelope (name of child and address on the back) with a stamp to Santa North Pole, 9999 by December 14th you should receive a reply. There are letter templates on the Australia Post website that your child might like to use.

CONCERT DVDS

Concert DVDs are now available at the office.

These are great keepsakes for the future.

Name.....

I would like to order DVDS @ \$20each.

Money enclosed \$..... (Eftpos available)

REMINDER FAMILY ACCOUNTS

Just a reminder to parents that 2018 fees are due to be paid and finalised by the end of Term 4.

Statements for school family accounts are sent out on a monthly basis.

Instalments can be made by using the BPAY details on your statement. EFTPOS is also available at the office.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We have been fortunate to appoint Chanida Starkey to the Educator Position for Before School Care next year. Enrolments are now being taken. The service will run 5 days per week, between 7.45am-9.00am.

The cost is \$16.00 per session.

Forms are available at the office.

TOOLAMBA OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE.

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 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

RAMP IT UP

Youth Recreation spaces, places and activities in small towns.

Your SPOT, your say!

Are you a young person about to be between the ages of 12 and 18 years? We would like to know what you want it the Toolamba Youth SPOT to be located at the BBQ shelter in front of the Community Hall.

So come have your say!

Facebook: Toolamba Youth Space-Ramp It

Where: Shop/ Colaura Gardens Toolamba

For further information contact Josh Lee- Community Development Officer on (03) 5832 9700 or browse the Small Town Youth Recreation Spaces Strategy at

<http://greatershepparton.com.au/neighbourhoods/community-plans>



TOOLAMBA LION'S CLUB Inc.

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month.

For more information, contact:

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Amanda Sibio 0447 405 335

Keira Birchmore 0417 252 874

ADVERTISING

Simply Quilts

Rhonda White 0417315171
36 Wren St. Toolamba Vic 3614

Patchwork for Beginners

Make a modern quilt

All equipment supplied, including sewing machines.
Fabric requirements will be discussed on booking.

Limited to 4 students per class.

In 6 lessons you will make a quilt that will impress your friends.

Classes will be held in the Simply Quilts Studio at 36 Wren Street Toolamba.

Cost is \$200 to be paid in advance please.

Class times: Thursday evenings, 6:30pm-8:30pm,

If you would like to know more or to book for the classes please call or text Rhonda at Simply Quilts on 0417315171.

Relax and enjoy your quilting journey.

CASS'S CREATIONS

CNC Steel Art Work, Lancaster
0497 552 833

BOX FITNESS CLASSES

Toolamba Recreation Reserve

Monday & Wednesday Evenings 6pm

Casual sessions \$10 each

Boxing provides an all over cardio and strength training workout, it helps improve endurance, co-ordination and stamina, allowing you to develop superior upper body strength, core strength, quickness and agility, cardiovascular fitness and improved posture all at the same time.

Boxing classes are great for all ages and fitness levels suited for males and females and children 15yrs and over.

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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.

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 THE TEACHER BY THE END OF MONDAY

2018 MOBILE LIBRARY.

The Library will visit Toolamba on alternate Mondays at 3.00pm-4.15pm

December 24th

CALENDAR

Fri 14th Dec Novelty Sports Day
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

Fri 14th Dec Hot Dog Day

Thu 20th Dec Grade 6 Graduation
Grade 6 Students 5.30pm
Family 7.00pm

Fri 21st Dec Last Day Term 4
Assembly 12.45pm-2pm
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME

CALENDAR 2019

Tues 29th Jan Teachers Resume

Wed 30th Jan Curriculum Day

Thurs 31st Jan All Students Start

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