

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

2018 has been another exciting year, packed with numerous fun activities such as camps, excursions, sports days, the Kitchen Garden Program, our concert, multi-age days and with time in there for some focused teaching and learning.

We were in our third and final year of our partnership with Melbourne University. This partnership has certainly had a positive influence on our reading results and the explicit teaching of the reading curriculum.

### JSC CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

JSC members were treated to a lovely morning tea on Tuesday morning. Special guests were Monica Kinnane and Lindy McIntosh who have supported the JSC fundraising by running the Hot Dog Days.



We were also very excited to see that a long held JSC wish , to repaint the train, came to fruition.



## FUN SPORTS

Once again the Fun Sports were a huge success. Children competed in their houses in a range of enjoyable activities, the water relay being the favourite. Team work and fun was the theme of the day. Many thanks to Craig for his organisation.







## **FAREWELL**

Tonight we will have the opportunity to formally farewell our Grade 6 students. They have been a fantastic group whom we have grown very fond of. We are certainly going to miss them!

We will be extremely sad to say goodbye to Brad Maskell and Nina Lemma tomorrow.

As you are probably aware Brad has accepted an appointment at Meredith Primary School. We wish him all the best, he has been a wonderful asset to our school and an invaluable team member.

Nina has only been with us for 12 months but in that short time she has certainly been a wonderful support to staff and students in the school.

We are also very sad to be farewelling the following families: Lisa Bourke & David Barthold, Leanne & Bruce Bedwell, Julie & Peter Cartmel, Carol & Colin Eddy, Rachael & Ross Fifoot, Melissa Lepp & Evan Gundrill, Tina Hamer, Paula & Ross Read, Simone & Steve Reeves, Shannon Ryan & Kane Ryan, Andrea & Shayne Tolley and finally Jaye Walsh and Sean Watson. Many have had a long association with our school. We thank you for your contributions and valued commitment to our school. It certainly has been appreciated. Positive home school partnerships play such a vital role in your children's education.

Unfortunately, Shayne Tolley will retire as vice-president of our School Council in March next year. Shayne has brought a considered opinion to our council along with his special sense of humour. We invite everyone to keep in contact and wish your children all the best for their future schooling.

## **GRADUATION**

Tonight is the big night for our Grade 6 students. They will arrive at 5.30pm for dinner with the teachers and then families will join us for the ceremony at 7pm. Once again Juanita has been behind the scenes organising. We certainly appreciate all the effort she puts into making the night so special for the students. Thank you to all those families who assisted with the catering.



### **INFORMATION SESSIONS 2019**

Class Information Sessions will be held in the **first three weeks of Term 1 2019.**

**Grade 3 -6                      Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**Foundation-Grade 2    Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

### **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all those parents who have helped our school by attending working bees, hearing reading, helping around the classrooms, doing Book Club, Hot Dog Days, and the Kitchen Garden Program. Your assistance has been wonderful. I also appreciate the fantastic support given by School Council to our school. Once again our wonderful Parents and Friends Club have worked tirelessly for our school providing many additional resources for our students. Your efforts go a long way to making Toolamba PS the great school that it is.

### **HOLIDAY SECURITY**

As you have done in the past I encourage you to keep an eye on our school over the holidays. Please notify the police if you see anything suspicious.

### **SCHOOL COMMENCES**

Teachers start back on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and all students start on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Foundation students do not attend school on a Wednesday up until the Long Weekend in March.

### **FINAL ASSEMBLY 12.45 pm.**

Please ensure that if your child is receiving an award at assembly could they please wear their full school uniform for photos, thank you.

- Awards:
  - Academic
  - Numeracy Excellence
  - Literacy Excellence
  - Integrated Excellence
  - Terrific Team Mate
  - Sports
  - Art
  - Attendance
- Terrific Kids Award
- Scholarships-
  - Mooroopna Rotary Quiet Achievers
  - Toolamba Lions' Club Denis Riordan
- Grade 6 presentations
- School Captain Speeches
- Leadership Announcements
- Farewell to families
- Parents & Friends' Club
- Santa
- Dismissal 2pm

Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of our truly committed staff at Toolamba for all of the support and dedication they have shown towards the children, our school and me throughout the year. Once again, they have been amazing.

All my very best wishes for a very merry Christmas and happy and safe New Year. Enjoy the holidays with your children. I will look forward to seeing you all in 2019 ready for another exciting year. Hopefully I will be able to share with you the arrival of a healthy new grandchild.

Regards Heather

### **FEE REMINDER**

Just a reminder to parents to return the 2019 School Fee Payment Option Form to school tomorrow

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

Thank you to those students and parents who helped with the selling of icy poles at Fun Sports Day. We hope the students enjoyed them. Congratulations Bayunga!

On Orientation Day I was lucky enough to meet the families of students entering foundation. Again we will be holding a morning tea for new families in the multi-purpose room on the first day of school 2019. If anyone would like to provide a plate to share or drop in for a cuppa and a chat, I'm sure your efforts will be well received.

Thank you to everyone who has helped or supported the Parents & Friends Group this year. Please remember we are an open group who come together to assist the school and our community in any way we can. We only meet once a term and would love to see new faces and hear fresh ideas. Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



## 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)

## 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

### TATURA XMAS BLUE LIGHT DISCO

**FREE ENTRY**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

6-9pm

6 to 13 year olds

Victory Hall, Hogan Street Tatura

Santa will be visiting

Contact Daryl Phillips 5824 3099

Condition of entry available [bluelight .org.au/conditions-of-entry](http://bluelight.org.au/conditions-of-entry)

### MURCHISON-TOOLAMBA FNC – NETBALL TRIALS

Netball trials will be held in late January. Please add these dates to your diary - Monday 21st January, Wednesday 23rd January and Wednesday 30th January.

A short survey will be circulated through the club's social media and website to gather your preferences for the upcoming season.

We are very keen to build on our finals placings in A, B and C Grade in 2017 and 2018.

Our club will be adding Under 13 and C Reserve netball to its KDL ranks in 2019.

We will also be holding a meeting for our junior netballers to gauge interest in the KDL, Shepparton Netball Association and Tatura Netball Association competitions.

### RAMP IT UP

Youth Recreation spaces, places and activities in small towns.

Your SPOT, your say!

Are you a young person between the ages of 12 and 18 years? We would like to know what you want in 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 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

### 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.

### 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

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Grade 6 Graduation

Grade 6 Students 5.30pm

Family 7.00pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Last Day Term 4

Assembly 12.45pm-2pm

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**

### CALENDAR 2019

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Teachers Resume

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

Curriculum Day

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

All Students Start

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

Grade 3-6 Information Session  
5.00pm

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Welcome Kinder & School BBQ

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Foundation -2 Information  
Session. 5.00pm

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Mar

Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar

Colour Run

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar

Labour Day (No School)

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Mar}

Grade 5 / 6 Canberra Camp

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar }

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar}

Grade 3 / 4 Camp Currumbene

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar }

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar

Toolamba Athletics

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Tatura Athletic Sports Grade  
3-6.

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