

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



Dear Parents and Families,

The term is flying by and it seems hard to believe we are in Week 7 already! The Grade 1 / 2 classes are very excited about their trip to the Fauna Park next week. This activity will replace our normal Grade 1 / 2 Tea and Sleep Over which cannot take place this year due to Covid restrictions.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our final meeting for the year will be Thursday 26th November. Jenny Davey has kindly offered to hold it at her house on the back deck. Unfortunately, due to restrictions on gatherings of people only school councillors will be able to attend this year.

Time: 5.30 for a 6 o'clock start.

Venue: 760 River Road. Murchison Nth.

### REPORT WRITING

Staff have been allocated report-writing day this term. These days have been staggered over this week and next week.

The Department of Education and Training has recently adjusted the expectations around student reporting for Semester 2 in recognition of the continued disruption caused by COVID-19.

While Toolamba PS has continued to deliver a teaching and learning program and monitor the learning of each student, we have adjusted our usual program to reflect the recent period(s) of remote and flexible delivery.

We will therefore provide a simplified written report for the parent/carer of each student enrolled at the school for Semester 2, 2020, focusing on what progress has been made and what has been achieved by your child.

### Reports will include:

- a description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum taught;
- a comment on student participation and engagement in the learning program offered;
- for English and Mathematics:
  - student achievement information;
  - progress shown from the last time these curriculum areas were reported on;
  - a five-point scale.
- for all other curriculum areas taught:
  - a short comment on progress and achievement across the Semester.
  - Parents/carers are welcome to contact the classroom teacher to arrange a time to discuss your child's report.

## **ORIENTATION DAY TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

### **STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY**

Provided Victoria reaches the Last Step on the roadmap for reopening on Sunday 22 November, Orientation Day events can go ahead in an adapted form — subject to public health advice. At this stage, Kinder students will be able to attend however Secondary schools are not going ahead at this point in time..

- Peer support or 'buddy' programs are not permitted. Students from other year levels are not permitted to take part in Orientation Day programs.

Schools will be advised if there are any changes to these arrangements after Sunday 22 November 2020.

### **GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

At this stage, Graduation will go ahead in a modified form. According to the Operational Guidelines Year 6 graduations are permitted face to face in Victorian schools. Students from the graduating year level and staff can attend in person. Parents/carers and other family members or friends cannot attend in person but could engage via an online broadcasting of the event.

All schools are required to follow public health directions and apply the operational health and safety advice to schools during the graduation ceremony.

Have a lovely weekend ahead,

Regards Heather

### **GRADE 5/6 CAMP**

Grade 5/6 students attending camp, brought home some important notes on Monday. They included a Clothing List, Medical Form and Camp Agreement. We would like the Medical Form and Camp Agreement returned to school ASAP. There will be another note sent home before the camp as a last minute reminder. If you have any more questions, please contact us at school. Students who are not attending camp are expected to attend school. They will be allocated to another classroom for the week.

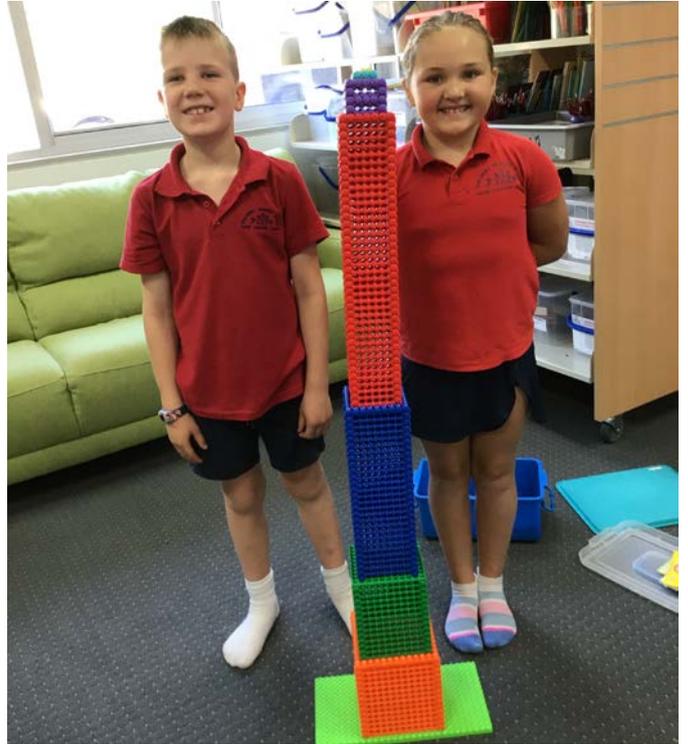
### **GRADE 5/6 WRITING**

It was exciting to have the students collaboratively working on a writing piece, by sharing a Google Doc. They were writing a play based on a story, fairy tale or their imagination.



## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE THIS WEEK

Throughout the week, children have been participating in activities, which help them develop a strong sense of identity. Children feel safe, secure and supported. They also learn to interact with others with care, empathy and respect.





## MICHAEL GROSE

The last three confidence-building strategies every parent and teacher should know are by

Michael Grose who is one of Australia's leading parenting experts.

### 6. Practise unconditional acceptance

Your ability to accept children and young people's best efforts in any area of endeavour, irrespective of the results, will go a long way toward determining their self-esteem and confidence. If a child makes their bed to the very best of their ability, resist fixing it, even though it may fall short of your adult standards. Instead, remind them next time of how to do it well.

### 7. Expand their horizons

Some kids are confident and capable at home but are fearful and nervous when it comes to new social situations and unfamiliar environments. Children today have less opportunity than those in the past to negotiate and explore unpredictable situations. Wherever possible look for opportunities to expand

children's horizons to include unfamiliar places and unfamiliar locations including catching public transport and walking to friends' places unattended when capable.

### 8. Recognise improvement

Focus your comments on children's effort and improvement rather than on winning the game or getting top marks. Help kids set realistic goals in line with their capabilities and interests. Learning five new spelling words a week may be more realistic than 20 words that his school may require. Most importantly, great parents and teachers have a knack of communicating confidence in kids. They find ways to let kids know that they believe in them - that they know their kids will perform and succeed, that they have faith that they can deal with life's challenges and know that they can become more independent.

## HEALTH REMINDER

COVID-19 Update

It is important that we all continue to monitor our own and the health of our children daily during this time. If you or your child develops any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath:

- Stay at home and do not attend school
- Seek medical advice

- Call the school to let us know of any important outcomes
- If you or your child has a health condition or complex health needs, please discuss this with your medical specialist.
- Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the DHHS..

Our school is continuing to promote and implement on a daily basis both Covid-safe behaviours and practices across our school community. Thank you for your support with the guidelines and, as always, I am proud to belong to such a caring and supportive school community.

#### **GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY COUNCIL**

Council currently has almost 100 6-month positions available right now, thanks to the Working for Victoria program funded by the State Government.

These roles range from tree planting, sports ground maintenance, painting to building refurbishment and more.

We have had some feedback that the program isn't currently well-known in our small towns, so it would be great if you could please pass this information through your group when you get a chance.

More information, including step by step guides on how to apply for these roles (in seven languages if needed), can be found here: <https://greatershepparton.com.au/council/employment>

Jobseekers will be asked to sign up with the Sidekicker platform. Once they are signed up, we now have a streamlined process where Council and Sidekicker work together to find a suitable Council role for the applicant.

If you have residents looking for work who have previously had trouble with Sidekicker, or haven't tried Sidekicker yet but want some guidance, please feel free to just send through contact details to [mick.mattingly@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:mick.mattingly@shepparton.vic.gov.au), and we can follow up and get the process moving.

For more information or to register with Sidekicker: [www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria](http://www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria) and <https://www.getsidekicker.com/create-sidekick-account?source=vic-gov-marketplace>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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#### **GOULBURN VALLEY LIBRARY**

It is with great excitement that we announce that all our libraries are open to the public. The Premier has eased restrictions and we have re-opened with a maximum of 10 patrons in our library spaces at any time. The Mobile Library has also commenced operations, with a modified schedule.

At this stage we will not be offering in-house story times, programs, or use of our meeting areas until we are sure we can manage the physical distancing and hygiene requirements needed to ensure public safety.

Patrons will be expected to maintain physical distancing and personal hand hygiene, and mask-wearing will be mandatory. Patrons will also need to provide contact tracing information and are asked to be patient if we have reached our capacity limit and they need to wait until allowed to enter.

All returned books are cleaned before going back on the shelf and in the first step to increasing services we will be encouraging people to minimize the time spent in the library. Click and Collect, borrow and go home will be our mantra!

Our initial opening hours and days of operation will vary from our previous normal hours and are reduced to ensure adequate time for staff to sanitise the library."

Patrons are still encouraged to make use of our on-line services that have taken off while we have been closed! We have a huge range of FREE eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines for adults and kids. People can join online and get access straight away. We also offer video streaming of movies and documentaries through our Kanopy streaming service. Why pay for Netflix?

## **STREET TREES FOR TOOLAMBA**

The Toolamba Town Planning Group in conjunction with the Greater Shepparton City Council are planning to start a scheme to plant suitable trees in the township of Toolamba. Trees will be sourced and funded by the Council and watering in the initial stages of establishment will be undertaken by the Toolamba CFA. Tree height near powerlines and placement near drains will be considered.

It has been decided that trees should be exotic and deciduous to give contrast with the surrounding native bush as is the case with Bright. Native trees do not make good street trees and their considerable leaf and other debris they drop throughout the year makes their upkeep difficult.

It is planned to start planting in Autumn in selected parts of the town. Where trees are to be planted outside a resident's property, they will be notified. No action will be taken if a resident does not want to participate.

Treeing towns is now considered important and has become known as the urban forest project. Canopy cover is a measure of how much area is shaded by trees. It is considered the most efficient (and cheapest) method for reducing the heat in towns.

Keith Bryant

For the Toolamba Planning Group

## TOOLAMBA TENNIS CLUB NEWS

### LADIES SOCIAL TWILIGHT TENNIS

Join us for a hit and giggle in a relaxed and friendly environment. All abilities welcome.

When : Thursday nights, 6.30pm

Starts : 22 October

Cost : \$60 per person (2020/21)

### HOT SHOTS – COMMUNITY PLAY

At this stage we plan on running a Hot Shots program in Term 1 next year.

For any enquiries, please contact:

Mel Calleja on 0488 004 004

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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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!



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## CALENDAR

Wed 25th Nov	Grade 1 / 2 Activity <b>(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)</b>
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Council 6pm
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	} Grade 5 / 6 Camp Orientation Day
Nov - Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 Graduation <b>(Note change of date)</b>
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day Students <b>(Note change of date)</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Curriculum Day <b>(Tentative)</b>