

Toolamba PS

“Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

F-2 INFORMATION SESSION

Our F-2 Information session will commence at 5.30pm tonight in the Central Learning Street. Please enter through the front entrance of the building.

EXCITING NEWS

There will be building works on the Lion's Walk around the oval this week due to the installation of the long awaited exercise equipment for Toolamba. Works will begin this Thursday with expected completion by the 19th Feb.

WELCOME BBQ

Last Thursday's BBQ was very well attended. Many thanks to all who attended. It is certainly a great way to start the year. Thank you also to those who assisted by setting up, cooking, serving food and of course the dreaded clean up.





HIP HOP

Each year students participate in a HIP Hop session. It is amazing what they can accomplish in just one session.





SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first meeting for the year will be at 6.30pm on Monday 17th February at 6.30pm. Finance Committee will meet prior to this at 6pm.

BUS SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention that parents have been parking on the opposite side of the road to where the bus pulls up at the bus stops. This means young people are crossing the road in an unsafe manner, sometimes even in front of the bus. Student safety is an ongoing concern for us.

000 DAY 4th MARCH

JSC are planning to have a 000 Day to raise funds for Bushfire victims, including schools and animals who were affected by the recent fires.

It is an out of uniform day and the theme is, "Emergency Services" Students are asked to give a gold coin donation. There will be a parade at 9am. Students will be able to purchase a sausage or hamburger for lunch. Icy poles will also be on sale

After lunch, we will have several emergency service vehicles visit the school and chat with the children about their profession.

PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT INTERVIEW

Meetings will be held on **Thursday 5th March** from 12.15 pm -7pm.

For Grades, 3-6 only there is the opportunity for meetings from **8am-8.45 on Wednesday 4th** to accommodate working families.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews are a chance for you to meet with your child's teacher. By attending, you have an opportunity to become more involved in your child's learning and further develop the very important home-school partnership.

We strongly believe reporting should be a three way process. Through being involved in this process students become active participants in the reporting and assessment process. It is very important that students attend the meeting. At the meeting, students will discuss the progress they have made with their learning. By doing this they develop a sense of ownership and responsibility for their learning.

Meetings will take place in the classrooms. They will be of 15 minutes duration and it would be appreciated if you could arrive promptly at your appointed time so that the interviews can run as scheduled. If you feel a longer appointment time is needed, please contact the teacher to organise a different day.

Please select your preferred times and return to school by **Wednesday 26th February**. We will inform you of your allocated time by **attaching it to the newsletter on Thursday 27th February**.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Regards Heather

ASSEMBLY AWARDS



JSC AWARDS 3/02 – Jaxon F, Bailey M, Lucinda W, Ben C, Arkadia S, Lucy K



JSC AWARDS 10/02 – Rose R, Rachael J, Holly W, Andee H, Serana E, Kye G, Max S, Khiem N, Brock F, Leo M, Nyla A, Indie G, Luke W



STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE: Tom C, Rachael J, Jimmy Moran, Maddi W, Evie M, Tyson W, Violet W, Elyse V, Cohen B, Khiem N, Lachy C, Ellie J



JSC Committee –
President: Hanna T
Vice President: Ben O
Secretaries: Marlie T & Lachy H
Treasurers: Will S & Imogen M

P&F NEWS:

Parents and Friends held their AGM last night. Thanks to all that attended the meeting and volunteered to take on roles for the coming year.

Congratulations to the following:

Co-Presidents: Nina Lemma, Kristy Fasano

Secretary/Social Media: Keira Birchmore

Treasurer: Amanda Davies

Fundraising: Jo Jeffers and Kasey Cook

Class – Parent Coordinator: Jo Jeffers

Smile Program: Nina Lemma

We discussed our fundraising options and look forward to a fun and productive year!

If you missed the meeting but would love to be involved please contact Nina or Kristy or come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 4th March at 7pm in the Multipurpose room.

EASTER RAFFLE:

Easter is just around the corner and P&F will be running an Easter Egg Raffle leading up to the end of term.

We are seeking donations of Easter eggs to assist with prizes. Baskets will be available in the office foyer to receive donations, with thanks.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and

sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families, The allowance is paid to the school to go towards expenses relating to camp, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 per primary school students
- 225 for secondary school students

How to apply

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form in any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019
- **Changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020. Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

REMINDER – PERSONAL INFORMATION

A reminder to parents to notify the school of any changes to their phone numbers or address details.

It is most important that all personal information is kept up to date in the event of an emergency i.e.: CODE RED DAYS.

Thank you.

TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2020

Mon 17 th Feb	Closing Date for Nominations
Mon 24 th Feb	Ballot Papers Distributed (If necessary)
Mon 2 nd Mar	Close of Ballot for School Council
Mon 23 rd Mar	New Council is able to meet. AGM

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Monday 23rd March to elect the office bearers. This meeting is chaired by the Principal. Thereafter, the fully constituted new School Council will meet, chaired by the duly elected president.

What is a School Council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the School Council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council

- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on School Council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to

nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

What is the workload?

School council must meet at least twice each term
Meetings should be restricted to approximately 2.5 – 3 hours duration at most

All school councilors are expected to sit on at least one sub-committee. Sub-committees also meet at least twice each term

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- Develop and monitor the school strategic plan
- Develop, review and update school policies
- Develop, review and monitor the Student Code of Conduct and the School Dress Code
- Raise funds for school related purposes
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- Maintain the school's grounds and facilities
- Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)
- Report annually to the school community and to DET.
- Stimulate interest in the school generally

THE COUNCIL DOES NOT:

- Manage the school
- Employ teaching staff
- Represent sectional interests
- Renew the principal's contract or hire and fire the school principal

- Determine class allocations
- Discuss individual issues between teachers and students and/or parents
- Purchase land, buildings or motor vehicles
- Enter into hire purchase agreements or obtain credit or loan facilities, unless authorized by the Minister

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Contact the school for further information.

PRE LOVED UNIFORMS

We have preloved uniforms in various sizes. They sell for \$2.00 each. Come in and browse.

LUNCH ORDERS

There will be no Wednesday lunch orders for Term 1 in 2020.

NEWSLETTER EMAILED

If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by email, as well as a hard copy, please email the school with your request. toolamba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

TOOLAMBA BEFORE SCHOOL CARE:

Mobile No. 0448585568

Please contact Toni-Marie Arnold to make a booking. The service will run 5 days per week, during the school term, between 7.45am-9.00am.

The cost is \$16.00 per Student, per session.

Enrollment Forms are available at the office.

TOOLAMBA AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Mobile No. 0457847970

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 student, 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, to avoid being charged for the session, one weeks' notice is required by phoning 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

TOOLAMBA WRENS CWA NEWS

Our first get together of the year is a short meeting at 10.30am followed by *Card Making* with Erin Zobec from 11am on **Sunday 23rd February 2020**.

💰 Cost is \$20 for a kit to make 4 cards, with one card to be donated to the our Welfare Fairies for use throughout the year.

🏠 Liz Kerrins has volunteered to host at her house 1165 Murchison -Tatura Rd Tatura.

🍽️ Bring a plate to share for lunch.

📞 RSVP to Liz 0417331347 by 18th Feb.

Open invite so if you are not a member but would like to see what Toolamba CWA is all about we'd love to have you along.

For more information contact Liz on the above number or Kate White on 0451046940.

TOOLAMBA TUESDAY NIGHT BERRY MARKET

Jules from Toolamba Berries has an abundance of delicious blackberries this season.

She is going to pick them on Mondays and bring them each Tuesday night to tennis to share with us, commencing Tuesday 18th February.

They are \$2 a punnet so drop in and pick up some delicious organic blackberries while they last.

Toolamba Tennis Courts from 6.30 pm .

GOULBURN MURRAY DIVISION SWIMMING TRIALS

The Goulburn Murray Division Trials will be conducted at the Aquamoves on Tuesday 25th February.

Events include Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Relay. Age groups 9/10 years, 11 years and 12/12 years.

If your child is interested, please contact the office for more information and approximate timetable. Entry forms are required by 20th February.

Alternatively, contact Kevin Moran on 0408 512 097.

TOOLAMBA EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Installation of new exercise equipment around the community oval has commenced. Works will continue for approximately one week. Please be mindful of the space, especially those children walking to school. It is an exciting addition for our community.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

Story Time In The Park

Colaura Gardens, Toolamba

Thursday 30/02 /2020.

10.00 am- 11.30am

Mixed Games

Toolamba Recreation Reserve

Monday 30/03/ 2020.

10.00am-10.45am



ENVISION PROJECT

Exciting news! Toolamba Lions are on board with the Envision Project collecting bottle tops for Helping hands. YouTube video <https://youtu.be/NP0VcknTjJg> tells all you need to know.

Such an amazing project that not only helps create hands but is doing great things for our environment too. At this stage there are collection buckets at Toolamba General Store and Toolamba Primary School. We need bottle tops and caps with the number 2 or 4 displayed. Start collecting and do your bit for the environment too.

For more information, please contact Jody Merritt 0428998848



TOOLAMBA LION'S CLUB Inc.

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month.

For more information, contact:

Heather Mulcahy 0447 332 833

Amanda Sibio 0447 405 335

Keira Birchmore 0417 252 874

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Watches & Diamonds
 Manufacturing Jeweller and Watchmaker.
 All work done on the premises.
 150 Hogan street Tatura, Victoria 3616
 (03)5824 1100

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF TAE KWON DO

Learn fitness, confidence, discipline and self-defence!

First session free.

Monday and Wednesday 7pm to 8pm

In the Toolamba Hall (next to the school)

All ages are welcome!

Contact: Stephen – 0428 021 169

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

HOT DOG ORDER FORM.

Hot Dogs are now only available in bread.

The next Junior School Council Hot Dog Day will be held on **Friday 21st February**. Orders must be in at 9.00am, on **Thursday 20th February**.

Hot dog orders are due in by 9.00am on Thursday. Orders are collated, money is counted and rolls are ordered on Thursday. **PLEASE NO LATE HOTDOG ORDERS.** We would appreciate your support with this.

Name.....

Teacher.....

Hot dog in bread @ \$2.50

Total enclosed \$.....

Change required \$.....

Name.....

Teacher.....

Hot dog in bread @ \$2.50

Total enclosed \$.....

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LIBRARY VAN. 2020

Parks out in front of the school.

Mondays 3.00pm-4.15pm

February		17	
March	2	16	30
April	Holiday		27
May	11	25	
June	Holiday		22
July	6	20	
August	3	17	31
September	14	28	
October	12	26	
November	9	23	
December	7	21	

The Mobile Library does not operate on public holidays or on days of extreme or code red fire danger.

Contact: Goulburn Valley Libraries in 1300 374 765 for more information.

CALENDAR 2020

Thurs 13 th Feb	F – 2 Information Session 5.30 pm
Mon 17 th Feb	School Council 6.30pm Finance 6.00pm.
Fri 21 st Mar	Hot Dog Day
Wed 4 th Mar	Dress Up In A “000” Theme JSC Fundraiser For Bushfire Relief
Thurs 5 th Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 6 th Mar	Hot Dog Day
Mon 9 th Mar	Labour Day (No School)
Fri 13 th Mar	Toolamba Athletics
Mon 16 th Mar	Responsible Pet.
Tues 17 th Mar	Tatura Sports Grades 3 - 6
Fri 20 th Mar	Hot Dog day
Mon 23 rd Mar	School Council AGM 6pm.
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Wed 25 th Mar	Life Education

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