



# Toolamba Primary School

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*"Striving for Excellence"*

*Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive*

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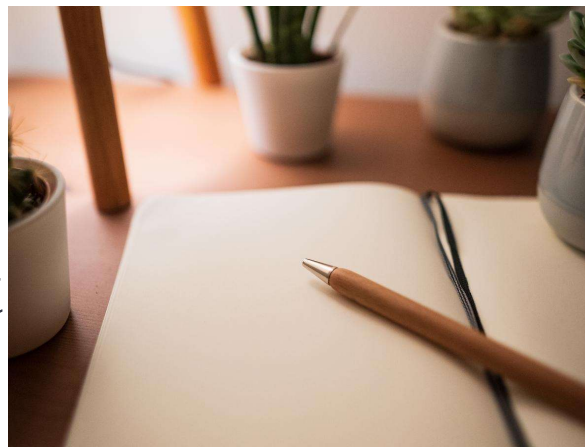


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# Principal's Report



Dear Parents and Families,

## **VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM**

On Monday, five of our students who have been participating in the VHAP in the area of Literacy, are travelling to Wallan to participate in a master class with students from across the region. George Ivanoff will share with the students, what it means to be an author and his inspirations. He will then give children time to write and discuss their work. This is a wonderful opportunity for them. Many thanks to Mel Calleja for being the nominated driver. The selection process for this program is facilitated by the Department. It is based on a combination of NAPLAN result and Teacher Judgement.

## **TOOLAMBA SPORTS DAY**

Next Friday 26th March, we will hold our Toolamba Athletics. Students will arrive at school as normal and then assemble in the amphitheatre at 9.10am. Students are encouraged to wear a T-shirt in their house colours.

Goulburn – Blue

Hovell – White

Bayunga – Red

Parents and family members are welcome to attend for all or part of the day. This year the P & F have organised a coffee van, so don't forget your wallet! Verong Vittles will also be there with a food van from 12.30pm onwards. Flyers have been sent home so that families can pre order if they wish. Order forms and money are required to be back by Tuesday 23rd March.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The Department require all schools to have a spotlight on student attendance and ensure monitoring and response processes that will contribute to increasing attendance for all students are embedded in their school improvement processes. From this week onwards,

we will be including an article on attendance. At the same time we are also being instructed to adhere to the guidelines around unwell staff members and students. If your child is unwell they are expected to remain at home. If students are unwell at school, teachers will contact you.

### **LUNCH TIME GAMES**

Our Junior School Council are to be commended upon their enthusiasm for organising Inside Games on Friday.



Regards Heather



# Assembly Awards



**Striving for Excellence Awards:** Evie, Rachael, William, Edward, Nyla, George, Patrick, Rose, Kaide, Emerson and Luke.



**JSC Awards:** Arya, Carter, Oscar, Lila, Lara, Ava, Dylan, Arianna and Max.

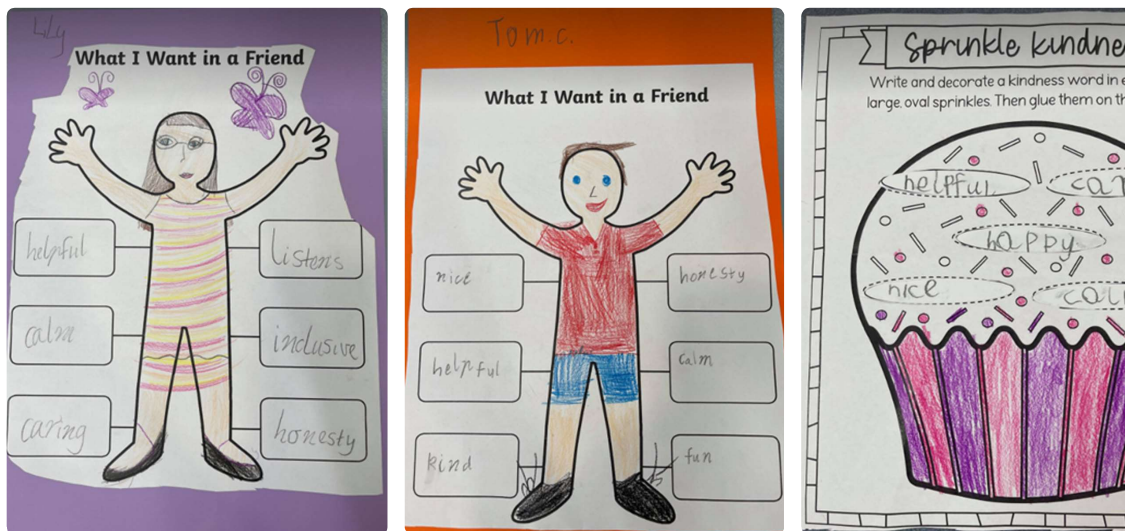


## From the Classroom

### Grade 1/2

#### Learning

At Toolamba Primary School we believe that by helping students practice good behaviour, we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow. For the remainder of the term we are having a targeted focus on 'Kindness'. Students have completed a range of activities. Some of these involve being a good friend and how to sprinkle kindness throughout our day. Why not ask your children the ways they have demonstrated kindness today?



#### Life Education

Students in Grades 1 and 2 learnt about Safety Rules. We had a great time learning about what to do in an emergency, what to take with us on a trip to stay safe and where to go for

help for a range of different circumstances.



## Grade 3/4

It was wonderful to share students' learning with parents throughout last week.

Students have begun to develop their skills in Narrative writing. We are focusing on using adjectives and verbs to help engage the audience.

### Student Pieces:

The colossal, dusty moon looks like a diamond in the night floating over the Earth.

**Evie Monks**

The white pearly whiskers tickle as you go further on.

**Lachy Sorraghan**

In Maths, our whole class focus is on Time. Students are learning to tell the time to the minute, using AM or PM to help us know the time of day and converting between units of time such as 2 minutes = 120 seconds.

We all enjoyed visiting Gayle and Harold in our Life Ed experience this week. Students got to explore the human body, we learnt about the different systems our body is made up of and all of our organs.





Students have been practising for Toolamba Sports Day next week. They have been shown different techniques during their PE sessions with Mrs Sproule. A big thank you to Jacqui Evans and Sharon O'Connell for helping us prepare for our upcoming Sports Day.



## Grade 5/6 KT Writing - Captivating Our Reader

The hot, bright sun melts gently into the calm, flat water.  
 The deep purple sky sits happily on the peaked mountains.  
 The soft plants sway gently in the cool wind. – **Erin**

The furious eye stared into my soul.  
 The eyelash burns like the fire of his rage.  
 His striped fur was as smooth as new concrete. – **Oscar F**

The tiger's raging eye was staring at me like an eagle.  
 Its soft, silky fur brushed against the cage like a polishing cloth.

Its bold eyelashes raised high with anger. – **Lucy**

The tiger's sparkly eye stares like a predator.

Its bold, black eyelashes quiver.

Its thick, coarse fur radiates in the log grass. – **Elyse**

Clear, pristine water shone like glass on a sunny day, as a boat raged through it.

Soggy, squelchy hair blew and scattered in the harsh wind.

The beautifully patterned board rose above the water like an excited kid on a trampoline.

– **Eve**

The sun beamed down on thee sunflowers, shining bright for all to see.

The vibrant colours light up the world like a shooting star in the night.

The petals stand tall, making the sunflowers themselves. The petals grip on to the seeds like getting a hug from a friend. – **Siarn**



# School Sport

## Sporting in Schools - Term 1, 2021

### **HOCKEY**

The final session is next Tuesday, March 23rd at 3.15pm-4.00pm.

The session is 45 minutes and will be held at Toolamba Primary School.

This is a free program as it is funded by Sporting in Schools.


## Sports Day - Friday 26th March 2021

The timetable for the day has been provided below. The staff would appreciate some volunteers for the day. Please contact the office if you are interested.

 Sports Day Timetable 2021.pdf

Verong Vittles are offering lunch orders for our Sports Day on 26th March. Orders and correct money are to be returned by Tuesday 23rd March. They will be selling food on the day from 12:30pm - 2:00pm.

The Brew's Bus coffee van will be on site from 9:30am.

 Lunch order form.pdf

## Tatura & District Athletic Sports Day - Tuesday 30th March 2021

Once again, it is time for the annual Tatura and District Athletic Sports. Students from Grade 3 to 6 will be competing. As the day commences at 9am, buses will have to leave the school by 8.30am to arrive on time. This means buses will leave the school before our normal buses arrive therefore parents are responsible for getting their children/child to school prior to 8.30am if they wish them to travel by bus. There will be two buses taking the children backwards and forwards.

Please ensure the permission slip is returned to the office by Thursday 25th March.

 Tatura & District Athletic Sports.pdf



# Health & Wellbeing

## Health & Wellbeing

### **HOW CONSISTENCY IMPROVES KIDS' BEHAVIOUR**

**By Michael Grose**

One of the simplest ways to improve a child's behaviour is to be more consistent.

Children love their parents to be consistent as they are able to predict how they will act. A consistent approach to discipline helps put kids in control of their behaviour.

Consistency means as parents we follow through and do as we say we will. It means resisting giving kids second and third chances when they break the rules or behave poorly around others. When we let kids get away with two or three infractions of the rules we often come down very hard eventually, which causes *resentment*. *Act early and prevent poor behaviour from escalating* is the best approach.

Consistency also means both parents in a dual parent family get to act together and respond in similar ways when children are less than perfect. Children learn from a young age to play one parent off against the other when their standards differ or communication is poor. Sole parents need to be consistent with how they react when children behave poorly.

A consistent approach is shown through a clear set of limits and boundaries that provide kids with structure and teaches them how to behave. Studies show that families with very

few boundaries or rules are more likely to have children who behave poorly around others, or don't consider their own safety.

Children like limits and they also like to push against boundaries. One study has shown that kids will push parental boundaries about one third of the time. This is a normal, but irritating expression of a child's push for independence and autonomy. Some toddlers, teens and other tricky types will push twice that amount, which is very hard work indeed.

Consistency is often sacrificed by busy parents and put in the 'too-hard basket'. When parents are tired, stretched and overworked the last thing we want to do is engage in a battle with a strong-willed child over what are sometimes petty issues. Besides, consistency can make a well-meaning parent who values relationships feel downright awful.

But giving in rather than holding your ground is not a smart long-term strategy. If you give in occasionally kids will learn that if they push hard enough, or give that winning smile, you will eventually give in. Consistency is about being strong. It takes some backbone to be consistent.

Here are some ideas to help you be consistent with your kids:

1. **Focus on priority behaviours.** It's difficult to be consistent with every single misbehaviour, but it's easy to focus on one or two. When you are consistent with one or two priority behaviours it has a positive impact on other behaviours.
2. Give yourself a **tangible reminder** about the behaviour you want to follow up. Leave a note somewhere telling yourself that you need to *"Walk away when a child whines. Don't give in."* Or *"Catch your kids doing the right thing when they resolve a problem without arguing."*
3. **Check your routines.** Make sure you have simple routines for troublesome times of the day such as bedtime or mealtimes.
4. **Act** rather than overtalk or repeat yourself when kids misbehave. Sometimes it's really inconvenient to set a consequence, as you may have to battle a tantrum that follows. But the stand-firm approach pays off in the long-term as kids learn eventually that you mean what you say, and say what you mean. That's what firm, consistent discipline requires.

## IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

The time is right to focus on improved attendance rates at **Toolamba PS**.

Last year on average each student was absent for **11.1 days**. This means that on average each student will miss **4 months** of school during their time at our school.

Local and international research demonstrates a strong correlation between students' learning, longer-term life outcomes and attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs.

It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance from an early age, as the older a child gets the more difficult it can be to establish new habits.

Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and future potential as adults.

Once learners have begun to absent themselves from pre-school or school, and the initial cause of this remains undetected or unresolved, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate through their subsequent schooling and adulthood. Please remember that if you are experiencing difficulty in having your child attend school, discuss the matter with your child's teacher.



## Health Reminder

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 website.

Our school is continuing to promote and implement on a daily basis both Covid-safe behaviours and practices across our school community.

## Financial Assistance - CSEF

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports 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.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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 use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.



The annual CSEF amount per student is:

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

### MORE INFORMATION






For more information about CSEF

visit:<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  laptops & tablets  |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes   |  books & supplies     |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions   |

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)\*, have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



**Contact**  
your local Saver Plus  
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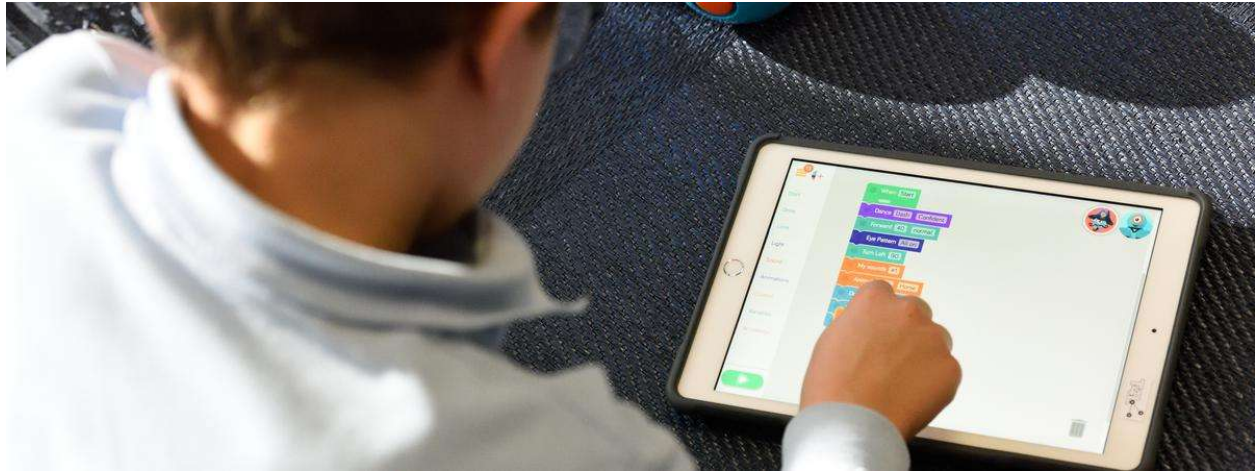
**Online**  
saverplus.org.au

Find us on Facebook 



\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information!

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## Resources & e-Learning

At Toolamba PS, we are very fortunate to have subscriptions to support our students in the area of Literacy and Numeracy, which are great engaging resources to utilize out of school hours.

**Epic** is a wonderful website containing hundreds of texts. Children can log in and read along to stories.

**Epic:** <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>

### **Login details:**

Foundation: jib4540

Grade 1: rlc7376

Grade 2: yht4344

Grade 3: gnm4155

Grade 4: zdb1035

and then complete associated interactive games and activities. Students enjoy using this website

**Reading Eggs:** [www.readingeggs.com.au](http://www.readingeggs.com.au)

Individual classes will send home the login details for your child.



# Community Sport

## Netball

### **TATURA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

The Tatura Netball Association Friday Night competition for Division 1 (grades 5 & 6) and Division 2 (grades 3 & 4) girls and boys commences on Friday 23rd April, 2021. We are excited to be back playing netball this year!

We encourage all parents/guardians/friends/family to get involved with netball this year as coach, assistant coach or team manager to ensure we can provide opportunities for ALL those who want to play netball.

Team registrations are to be submitted by 30th March.

**NetSetGo:** (Prep to Grade 2) are to complete their registration directly at [www.netsetgo.asn.au](http://www.netsetgo.asn.au)

The first NetSetGo session will be on Friday 30th April, 2021 from 5pm – 6pm at Tatura.

### **TOOLAMBA NETBALL CLUB**

We had a wonderful turn out at our first training session on Wednesday. We will be entering two teams in the Tatura Netball Association Friday Night competition, commencing 23rd April 2021. If your child is interested in playing for Toolamba, please contact one of coaches. Training will be at school on Tuesday from 4:30pm - 5:30pm.

Division 1 (Grades 5 & 6) coach is Carita Anderson 0409 561 407

Division 2 (Grades 3 & 4) coach is Bree Giles 0438 889 571.

MURCHISON-TOOLAMBA FNC


**UNDER 12  
FOOTBALL  
2021**

**GAMES PLAYED AT  
9.00AM  
4 X 15 MIN  
QUARTERS**

**LOOKING FOR BOYS  
AND GIRLS IN GRADE  
4, 5, 6 TO JOIN OUR  
UNDER 12S**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL CRAIG THOMPSON  
0407465560**



**TOOLAMBA**   
JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Invites all new and returning players to the following date:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 3:15 to 6:30pm - Registration / Info session

To be held at the soccer field at Toolamba Primary School

Teams open for registration are:


- Kindercoos
- Under 6
- Under 7
- Under 8
- Under 10
- Under 12

**Seeking expressions of interest for prospective coaches and team managers**

For any further information message via our facebook page or contact Jon Calvert on 0429 777 402

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TRAINING**

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
JUNIORS 5.30PM  
SENIORS 6.30PM  
(AT SHEPP. HOCKEY GROUNDS)**

 For More Information:  
secretary@mooroonahc.com 



# Parents & Friends Committee

## Easter Raffle

Easter baskets are in the foyer ready to take donations. If you would like more tickets, please see the office.

All tickets are to be returned no later than Monday 29th March.

The next meeting will be held Monday 26th April at 7:00pm.

# Out of Hours School Care



## FUN IN OSHC

Once again the children have been participating in a range of engaging activities planned by Sharon and Toni-Marie.



## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2021

Toni-Marie Arnold has taken on the role as Before & After School Care Coordinator. We are also very fortunate to have Sharon O'Connell working with Toni-Marie as well.

Any bookings for either, Before School Care or After School Care can be made by calling Toni-Marie on **0448 585 568**. There will now be only one phone number to call to make a booking.

 OHSC Information Booklet.pdf

 OHSC Enrolment Form.pdf

 Appendix 1 from Transfer of Children Policy.pdf

 Bookings and Cancellations.pdf

 How to claim Child Care Subsidy.pdf



## Community News

### Mobile Learning

The Mobile Library has resumed a full schedule, including visits to schools. We have made some adjustments to the schedule, which includes changing our visit to Toolamba to a Monday afternoon 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

### 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 : 4th February

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

Please contact Mel Calleja on 0488 004 004 if you have any queries.

### Toolamba Lions Club

If you are new to town or just interested in becoming more involved in the community, Toolamba Lions Club is again running our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Toolamba Junction Hotel at 7pm (COVID permitting). It is a great way to meet new people and serve our great town. If you would like to come and find out what Lions Club in Toolamba is all about, we would love to have you attend one of our meetings and shout you a meal! Call Amanda Sibio (Membership Coordinator) on 0447 405 335 or email [amandasibio@gmail.com](mailto:amandasibio@gmail.com)





# Advertisements

## North Shepparton Community & Learning Centre

NORTH SHEPPARTON COMMUNITY & LEARNING CENTRE INC. A0001745V VACATION CARE PROGRAM TUESDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021					
<b>CHILDREN MUST BRING HATS &amp; DRINK BOTTLES</b>			Ph: 0428 354 459		
Assistance available Through Centrelink Ph 136150			Time: 8:00am to 6:00pm		
Extra's: Bowling, All abilities playground, Kidstown			Venue: 10-14 Parkside Drive Shepparton, 3630		
			Cost: from \$8.96-\$45.00 per day		
	<b>MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APR</b>	<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APR</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APR</b>	<b>THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APR</b>	<b>FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APR</b>
8:00-10:30		Get to know each other	Drawing and Colouring	Charades	Board Games/ Puzzles
10:30-11:00		<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11:00-12:30	<b>CLOSED</b>	Cat and Mouse	SPLAT!!!	Bingo & Prizes	Outdoor Soccer (Weather Permitting)
12:30-1:30	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>Excursion:</b> All Abilities Playground <b>Extra: \$2.00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30-3:30	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	<b>CRAFT:</b> Salt Dough and painting	<b>COOKING:</b> Biscuit Making	Please bring a hat, snacks, Lunch & drink bottle	<b>CRAFT:</b> Make your own placemat
3:30-4:00		<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	Card Games	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
4:00-6:00		Construction	Find A Word		Loom Bands
	<b>MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APR</b>	<b>TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APR</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APR</b>	<b>THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APR</b>	<b>FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APR</b>
8:00-10:30	Get to know each other	Find A Word/Colouring	Board games/ Puzzles	Drawing and Colouring	Quiet Indoor Activities
10:30-11:00	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11:00-12:30	Windows	<b>Excursion:</b> Kidstown <b>Extra: \$3.00</b>	Outdoor Cricket (Weather Permitting)	Pass the Parcel	Bobs and Statues
12:30-1:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	Please bring a hat, snacks, Lunch & drink bottle	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>Excursion:</b> Bowling <b>Extra: \$10.50</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30-3:30	<b>CRAFT:</b> Make your own bookmark		<b>CRAFT:</b> Making paper pinwheels		Movie & Popcorn
3:30-4:00	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>		<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
4:00-6:00	Card Games	Scratch Art	Construction	Pictionary	Quiet Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remember to Bring <b>Drinks, a Healthy Lunch, Morning &amp; Afternoon Tea</b> unless advised</li> <li>Make sure children have an old shirt for clothes protection on craft days.</li> <li>All lost property will be donated to an opportunity shop one week after the program</li> <li>Please remember that if Children are bringing things from home they bring them at their own risk</li> </ul>					
<b>NO HAT NO OUTDOOR PLAY</b>					
Extra's Fees and Times are Subject to change					

## For Sale - Rottweiler Puppies

\$2,200

Born 30/01/2021. Ready to go 27/03/2021. Wormed 2, 4, 6 and 8 weeks. Micro chipped and vaccinated on 16/03/2021.

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953010005018680

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Source number MB135618

Contact Joel on 0418 857 356. Located in Toolamba.

## Guitar Lessons

Beginner to advanced. All ages. Available Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact Jarrod Stuart on 0417 758 992 if interested.



## *Watches & Diamonds*

Manufacturing Jeweller and Watchmaker.

All work done on the premises.

150 Hogan street Tatura, Victoria 3616

(03)5824 1100

## **GVSPORTSCARE**

Physio & Podiatry

E: [admin@gvsportscare.com.au](mailto:admin@gvsportscare.com.au)

PH: 0417600532

W: [111.gvsportscare.com.au](http://111.gvsportscare.com.au)

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!



# Calendar

## Term Dates

### Term 1

Thursday January 28th to Thursday April 1st

### Term 2

Monday April 19th to Friday June 25th

### Term 3

Monday July 12th to Friday September 17th

### Term 4

Monday October 4th to Friday December 17th

## Important Dates

Tuesday March 23rd	Bravehearts
Friday March 26th	Toolamba Sports Day
Monday March 29th	School Council AGM - 6:30pm
Tuesday March 30th	Tatura Sports Day

Thursday April 1st	Last day of Term 1 Assembly - 1:30pm
Monday April 19th	First day of Term 2
Monday April 26th	Camp Quality visit Parents & Friends Meeting - 7:00pm
Thursday May 6th	School Photos
November 8th - 12th	Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra
November 24th - 26th	Grade 3/4 Camp to Toolangi