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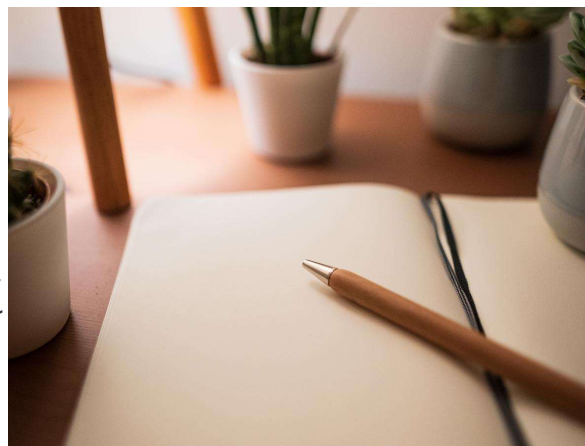
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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a restful and enjoyable break. Amazing weather, was certainly a bonus. As a school community we are looking forward to another term of working and learning together.

Once again our term is action packed, commencing with our Toolamba Cross Country on Monday 3rd May. Children will assemble at school and walk across to the bush. Senior students will be running first. Please encourage your students to participate on this day; we have noticed in the past that some children do not attend school on this day. Students are more than welcome to walk the course if they find the run too challenging. At Toolamba, we always place an emphasis on doing our personal best, not having to be the best. Parents and family members are more than welcome to attend.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Next Wednesday 5th May P & F are running their annual Mother's Day Stall. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 6th May. Students are required to wear full school uniform on this day. Shoulder length hair is to be tied back.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



JSC invites you to a Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 7th May at 8am. To assist with catering please complete the return slip with your choice of food and the number attending by 9am Wednesday 5th May. If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know, or indicate on menu. A coffee van will be onsite if you wish to purchase a hot drink. Gold coin donation.

 Mother's Day Breakfast - catering slip.pdf

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing begins on 11th May. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) involves students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all states and territories in Australia.

If your child is in one of these years, the program will assess their skills in four areas - Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and Numeracy.

These national test results provide information on how your child is progressing and performing in the key areas of Literacy and Numeracy and helps to support improvements in teaching to benefit your child.

The assessments happen nationwide every year in the second full week of May.

Tuesday 11th Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 12th Reading

Thursday 13th Numeracy

NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for a poor or good performance. At the classroom level, it is one of a number of tools used by teachers to measure student progress. To provide an overview of the format of the tests, a full set of [example](#) tests is available.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests/the-tests.html>

ANZAC Day

This weekend we pause to pay respect and to honour those who have served our nation.

Students are learning about the meaning of ANZAC Day in a variety of ways this week through art and literature! Our School Captains will be participating in the ANZAC Day service held at the Toolamba Community Centre on Sunday at 10am. Unfortunately, I will miss the service this year as our granddaughter Frankie, is proudly riding in the dawn service at Woorinen.

Have a lovely weekend,

Regards Heather



Assembly Awards

Term 1

Kiwanis Terrific Kid



Emerson, Jimmy, Luke and Elyse.

Foundation



Terrific Team Mate - Lenox and Charlotte
Academic Award - Will
Citizenship Award - Havi

Grade 1



Terrific Team Mate - Jude and Maddi
Academic Award - Archer and Mitchell
Citizenship Award - Raph

Grade 2



Terrific Team Mate - Jimmy and Indie
Academic Award - Jimmy and Leo
Citizenship Award - Indie

Grade 3



Terrific Team Mate - Lilly and Zac
Academic Award - Dylan and Matilda
Citizenship Award - Billie

Grade 4



Terrific Team Mate - Lachy and Lara
Academic Award - Ruby and Teagan
Citizenship Award - Sophie

Grade 5/6 M



Terrific Team Mate - Tyson and
Marlie
Academic Award - Lachy and
Sebastian
Citizenship Award - Nyla

Grade 5/6 KT



Terrific Team Mate - Siarn and
Hamish
Academic Award - Lia
Citizenship Award - Siarn

Art



Emily, Sophie, Hugo, Hamish and Lia

Health & PE



Olivia, Tyson and Lachy

Music

Oscar, Jimmy and Billie



Easter Raffle



Billie and Leo with their farewell cards from their class.



From the Classroom

Foundation

Welcome to Term 2! It was lovely to return to school after the Easter break and have the children settle back into routine quickly. Our 3 days have been full with much learning.

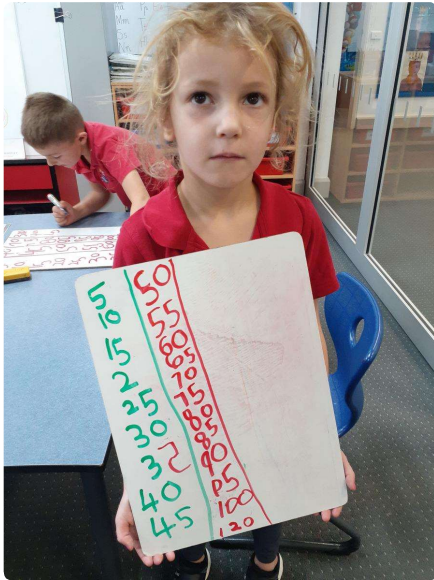
We have had a strong focus on the name and sound of letter Ww. We have associated the sound with the amazing whale and we have enjoyed reading and viewing books on Epic about them.

Our big book this week has been Mrs Wishy Washy and this has involved lots of whole class shared reading practice.

We have also been learning the pattern of skip counting by 5s and recording our count on whiteboards and paper. The 'Sing Walrus Counting by 5s' video was very popular to practice with.

Thank you Parents for completing the Reading Log in the blue plastic pocket. I do enjoy your comments and this strengthens communication about how you are tracking with this very important homework. You will have noticed we have now commenced Sight Work Homework as well. These will be checked once a week and additional words will be added when these words can be read in a snap. Learning to read these sight words will assist your child's development in this area. Please don't allow these words to take over the importance of reading the take home books. It will be important to link these words to these books. We were quite surprised that the word "was" was not in Mrs Wishy Washy at all. But it was a great book to learn "and" and "the".

Every Wednesday our class is very lucky to have Fiona Brown volunteer to come and assist with our Literacy block. Thank you so much Fiona for all your help. We were very fortunate to have Fiona's daughter Miranda make our classroom batches of playdough. She made it in her Thermomix ... WOW!!! Thank you Miranda.



School Photos

Thursday May 6th, 2021

School Photos 2021 – Toolamba Primary School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Toolamba Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday May 6th, 2021.

We will be taking ALL Sibling photos this year so families will not need to register for a photo. Family photos will be available online to view and order at the same time as the portrait and group photos.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2021 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2021 images are online to view before making your purchase.

 [2021 BEFORE photo day - INFORMATION.docx.pdf](#)



Health & Wellbeing

Article 4: Attendance Awards

In the last 3 newsletters we have been highlighting the reasons why "It's not OK to be away or late". It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations.

It is for these reasons that our school has the:



Attendance Awards

At the end of each semester we present an Attendance Award to students achieving 100% attendance and no late days for that school term. These are generally presented or announced at the final assembly for the term. The Attendance Awards highlight the efforts of students who achieve high rates of attendance

Road Safety

Members of our school community have expressed a concern regarding the crossing in Wren Street where cars are not obeying the 40km speed restriction and not stopping for pedestrians who are at or on the crossing. We urge community members to comply with the road rules so that our students remain safe.



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>









CSEF_application_form.pdf



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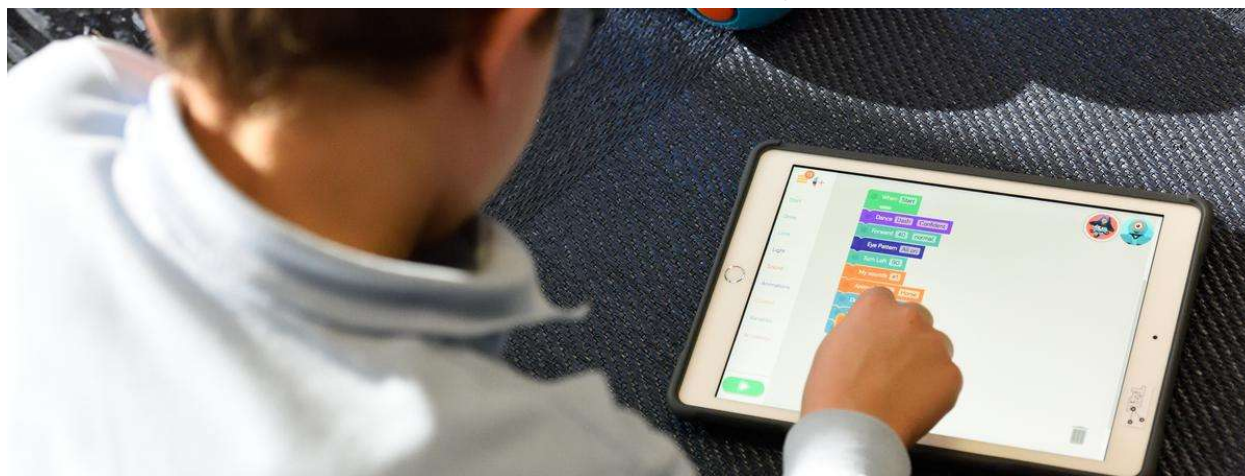
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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)*, have a current Health Care or Pensioner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



*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible. please contact your local Coordinator for more information.
Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



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

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



Community Sport

Hockey

Stick2Hockey is a program that is a natural progression from Hookin2Hockey and will help participants develop their skills further as they move towards traditional club hockey or other social formats of the game and its focus is on trying to step up to match play situations.

There are no fees for this but it is important that anyone who is wanting to play signs up on the link on the flyer.

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/gvha/registration/118113>

<http://bit.ly/3dGbB39>



Loved Hookin2Hockey and looking for more?



Stick2Hockey is an opportunity to develop game skills.

In 2021 GVHA will be running Stick2Hockey on Saturdays at 9am at McEwen Reserve Hockey Pitches on:

- 24th April
- 1st May
- 8th May
- 22nd May
- 29th May
- 5th June
- 19th June

If you already registered for Hin2H in 2021 and would like to do Stick2Hockey, there are no fees and you can register here <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/gvha/registration/118113/>

If you did not register for Hin2H but would like to jump into Stick2Hockey please register here <https://bit.ly/3dGbB39>

Contact gvhajunior@gmail.com with any questions.

Basketball

The Basketball WINTER COMPETITION will be starting on 26th April.

Registrations are open NOW: **Here is the registration link:**

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/6f2186>

Nights of play

Monday - U18 Boys and Seniors

Tuesday - U10's Boys and Girls

Wednesday - U12's Boys and Girls

Thursday - U14's Boys and Girls & U16 Boys

Training Tuesday's (started 20th April).

> U10 & U12 - 4:30pm

> U14 - 5:30pm

> U16 - 6:30pm

Coulson Centre Mooroopna (next to Westside / Greater Shepparton Secondary College – Mooroopna Campus.

I encourage anyone who wants to have a go to come along as the Winter competition is a great starting point!

We are keen to keep the kids playing though winter, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me Kylie D'Aloia or the president of the Mooroopna Cats Basketball Club – Owen McCarron – 0419 006 100.

**BASKETBALL
TRAINING**

Date: 20th April 2021

**VENUE: THE COULSON
CENTRE, MOOROOPNA**

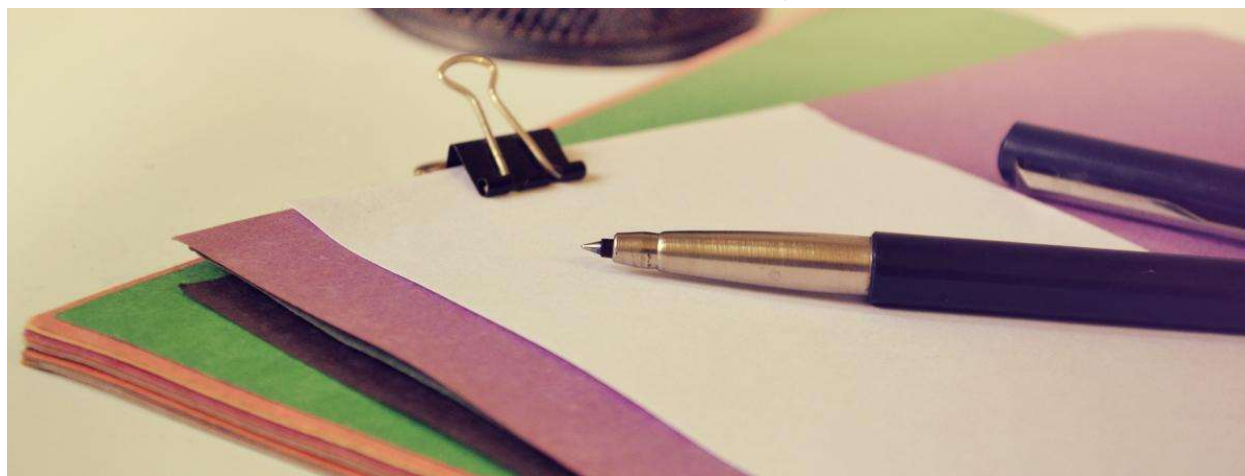
U12 4.30PM-5.25PM
U14 5.30PM-6.25PM
U16 6.30PM -7.25PM

*All abilities welcome, new and
existing players*

**MOOROOPNA CATS
BASKETBALL
REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**

Register at
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/6f2186>

SEASON COMMENCES WEEK OF 26TH APRIL



Parents & Friends Committee

P & F News

Welcome back to Term 2! Congratulations to our Easter Raffle winners! Thank you to everyone that supported the raffle by donating prizes and selling raffle tickets.

We have a busy term with P & F events.

Definitely one of the favourite events with mums and students alike – The Mother's Stall. This year the stall will be held on Wednesday 5th May in the learning street starting from 9am, each student will be given an opportunity to purchase items from the stall and have them gift wrapped by our volunteers.

Prices start from 50c up to approximately \$5 and \$10 per item. The students love being able to shop for items.

We are gratefully accepting donations in the white baskets in the school foyer and will be up until the day of the stall.

If you would like to volunteer on the day either selling or wrapping presents please send me a text or message me on Facebook, details below.

It would be fabulous if there were some dads that are available to help – then we (volunteer mums) aren't sneaking a peak at our presents 😊

If you can help out please let me know.



Our next P & F meeting is on Monday 26th April at 7pm in the Multipurpose room. Please send through apologies and agenda items to Carly Tuhan at carls.nish@gmail.com by noon Monday 26th April.

Keira Birchmore

President P&F

0417 252 874

Facebook: Keiz Birchmore

Out of Hours School Care



Toolamba OHSC

Last term we had our Assessment and Rating Visit. I am very pleased to say that we were found to be compliant in all areas. A special thank you to Toni-Marie and Sharon for all of their hard work. Their efforts were certainly appreciated. Our service was assessed against the Quality Standards. Each week I will share an area of the report commencing with:

Quality Area 1 – Educational program and practice

Evidence for Standard 1.1

Curriculum decision making was informed by the approved learning frameworks, Early Years Learning Framework and My Time Our Place – Framework for School Age Care. Educators planned opportunities for children to relax and learn through play and leisure and incorporated children's experiences, perspectives and knowledge into the program. Educators demonstrated that they knew each child's strengths and interests. Children were provided with opportunities to contribute their ideas to current and future programs and initiated spontaneous play and leisure experiences emerging from their own ideas. Children were surveyed regularly to provide their input into the program, and their suggestions were incorporated into the program.

All aspects of the program were organised in ways to maximise the opportunities for each child's learning and participation. Consistent routines were evident, and children were confident and settled moving into the service environment. Educators collaborated with children about routines and encouraged them to be self-reliant and independent. Children collected their own afternoon tea and managed their toileting and hygiene requirements independently.

Evidence for Standard 1.2

Educators were deliberate, purposeful and thoughtful in their decisions and actions. During afternoon tea, educators engaged with children by listening, showing interest, asking open-

ended questions and encouraging conversation. The educators were intentional in the activities that were provided to children and provided instructional teaching during activities and routines, including extending the difficulty of Playsticks construction by using the instruction booklet.

Educators engaged in spontaneous teachable moments to enhance children's play and scaffold their learning. Open-ended questions and suggestive problem-solving were evident in the interactions between the educators and children. An educator discussed the rules of a colour jumping game with a child and another educator discussed the questions to ask about cards they had selected in a game of Heads Up. Educators acknowledged children as capable and competent, enabling them to act autonomously. Children made choices and decisions about matters that affected them. Children selected the activities that they engaged with and initiated their play and interactions with others.

Evidence for Standard 1.3

Each child's participation in the program was documented and the planning cycle was evident as part of an ongoing cycle of planning. Information was gathered in the form of observations, jottings and note taking and were linked to outcomes from the frameworks. Children were also participants in the planning process, providing incidental and documented ideas and requests to the educators. The educators engaged in informal and incidental reflections of the children's program and daily documented reflections. The educators reflected on children's interests and adjusted and expanded activities throughout the planning cycle to suit the needs of the children. This was evident in the provision of construction Playsticks that could be used by a wide range of children. The program was adapted as required to suit the needs of the children. Families were informed about the program. The program was displayed in window of the service. Educators had informal conversations with families about their children's participation in the program.

Fun in OHSC

The children have been enjoying the 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

Tutoring


Students from Grade 5 to 10 who want to improve their number, writing or reading skills can now join our weekly sessions of "Letters & Numbers". The activity is run by the Tatura Community House and takes place in the Tatura Library, every Tuesday during the school term from 3:45 to 4:30pm for primary school students and from 4:45 to 5:30pm for high school students. The tutoring is free of cost. Come and get the support of our lovely volunteers who all have a background in education and who will make it fun for you to learn and improve your skills.

Letters & Numbers for School Students

These sessions are aimed at helping and encouraging students from Grade 5 -Year 10 who would like to have a go at improving their number, writing or reading skills.

When: Tuesday 20th April - 22nd June @ the Library
Primary Students: 3:45 - 4:30pm
Secondary Students: 4:45 - 5:30pm
Cost: FREE

FREE
TUTORING



**TATURA
COMMUNITY
HOUSE**

12-16 Casey St, Tatura
9am - 5pm, Mon to Fri
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Mobile Library

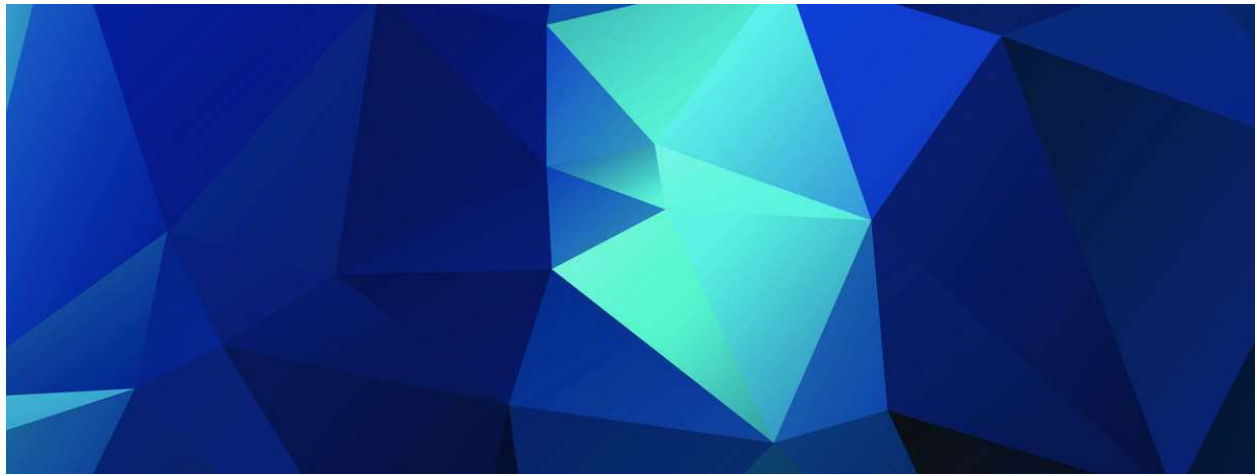
The Mobile Library has resumed a full schedule, including visits to schools. We have made some adjustments to the schedule, which includes changing our visit to Toolamba to a Monday afternoon 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

Toolamba Lions Club

ANZAC DAY

The Toolamba Lions Club would like to invite Toolamba and surrounding residents to meet informally at the end of their driveways with candles at 6am for a dawn vigil and to the official ANZAC Day ceremony at the Toolamba Hall at 10am on Sunday April 25th. The service will be held outside due to COVID restrictions. Chairs will be provided.

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



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Guitar Lessons

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



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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!



Calendar

Term Dates

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

Monday April 26th	Camp Quality visit Parents & Friends Meeting - 7:00pm
Monday May 3rd	Cross Country
Wednesday May 5th	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday May 6th	School Photos
Friday May 7th	Mother's Day Breakfast - 8:00am
Monday June 14th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday August 19th	School Concert
November 8th - 12th	Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra
November 24th - 26th	Grade 3/4 Camp to Toolangi