

# Toolamba PS



## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive

Dear Parents and Families,

### SURPRISE

Staff treated the students to a surprise on Wednesday morning when greeted by an inflatable obstacle course on the oval. It was one, which certainly tested their stamina.











## CLASSES FOR 2021

Mrs Bathman	Foundation
Miss Larcombe	Grade 1
Miss Pirie	Grade 2
Mr Tarrant	Grade 3
Miss McCoy	Grade 4
Miss Maskell	Grade 5 / 6
Mrs Kimmorley/	
Mr Thompson	Grade 5 / 6

## ORIENTATION DAY – KINDER KIDS

Congratulations to the Preschool children! I was so proud of the way they entered school coming through the gate independently or with brothers/sisters or cousins/friends. A true credit to their confidence and familiarity of the school environment through our Transition Program. Many thanks to Tonya and Mel for their partnership, during this process. Enjoy the attached photos.

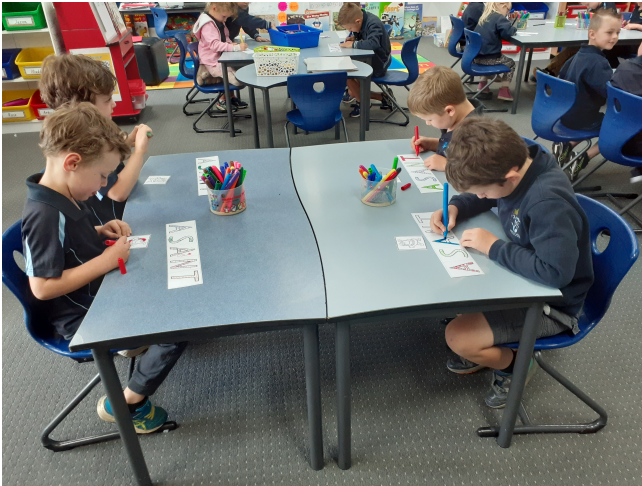
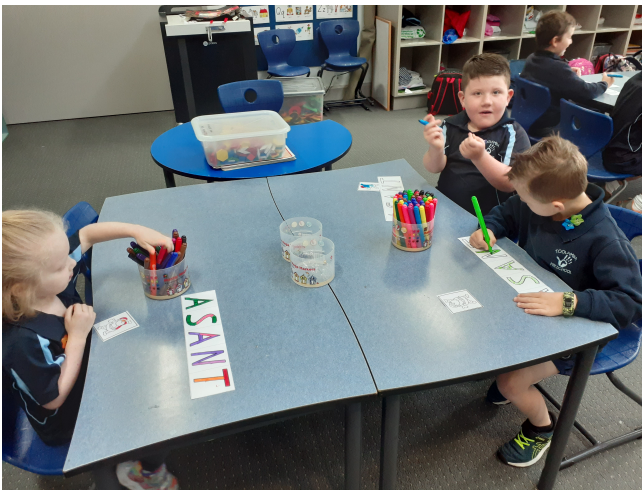
## ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday, the school was a hive of activity. Students were very excited about their new class for 2021. It was fantastic to see how easily the new Foundation students settled in.

It was also a very exciting day for our Grade 6 students who headed off to their respective schools. From all reports they had a great day.







## GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Graduation 6 will go ahead in a modified form. Unlike previous years, we will not be having a Graduation Dinner due to COVID restrictions. It is a lovely time to celebrate all of our Year 6 student's contributions to our school over the years and to acknowledge their achievements.

Students are required at school for photos on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. The Ceremony will commence at 5.30pm in the Central Learning Space. Due to restrictions on gatherings, each student can only have two adults attend. Siblings can attend however; they are required to sit on the floor at the front of the room.

**Adults enter via the Office. All attending are required to wear masks and sign in at the front door.**

## FAREWELL

Unfortunately, we say farewell to the Nguyen family this week. We have loved having Khien and Thu at our school and we wish them well for the future.

## LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Everyone was so impressed with the quality of speeches on Tuesday afternoon. Students displayed a true commitment to our school values and a strong desire to contribute in a positive manner to our school community. Leadership positions will be announced at our Final Assembly next Thursday.

## CLASS KK'S

Students will be receiving their KK gift next Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, which is always an exciting time. JSC are also holding their final activity for the year. Dress up in Christmas colours/theme. Gold coin donation.

As a way of celebrating their efforts for the year, JSC will be having lunch in Colaura Gardens. They will be treated to a Happy Meal.

## CHANGES TO DISMISSAL TIME

Due to easing of restrictions, as of Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December all students will be dismissed at

3.15pm. Students will also be able to play in the playground before school.

## **FINAL ASSEMBLY**

DATE: Thursday 17th December

TIME: 12.30pm

VENUE: Amphitheatre

Parents and family members are welcome to attend. All adults are required to wear masks.

Dismissal will be at 2pm.

Have a lovely weekend ahead,

Regards Heather

## **TRANSITION TO 2021**

The end of the year can be an exciting time as children prepare to move up to a new year level. However we understand that both parents and children may have some anxieties about the changes ahead. Change often brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension and sadness about leaving their current teacher behind. Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

Parents have an enormous role in how their child views the changes for 2021. A positive parent will reassure that any new change will be a blessing - an opportunity for new friendships to be fostered and a chance to learn from a teacher who will support and

care for them. These parents will find that their child develops resilience - an essential commodity necessary for adult life.

## **CAMP WYUNA QUEENSLIFF**

### **Eve Cook**

#### **Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November**

"Are we nearly there yet?" I heard someone ask.

"Not even close, we are still in Toolamba, we just left the school" one of the teachers sighed. Finally, after a grueling 3 and half hour bus trip and about a thousand "Are we there yet?" later, we had finally arrived a Camp Wyuna in Queenscliff. We unpacked our bags off the bus and we got our cabin assignments. I was in room 5 with Emily and Serana. We were in Lady Nelson lodge with Miss Maskell as our teacher.

Then we got to explore Queenscliff on foot, we walked along the Queenscliff Harbour. We saw four massive stingrays, one little baby stingray, 2 jellyfish, pufferfish and lots of regular fish swimming along the edge of the harbour. On the way back from our walk, we trekked along the beach and got a little wet! After we were hosed off as well as got changed and had a shower, we had dinner. We had spaghetti and garlic bread and for dessert, we had apple crumble and ice cream. YUM! When everybody had finished eating, we sat down and watched Matilda before hopping into our warm beds and drifting off to sleep.



## **Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December**

"Ooh it's cold!!" I yelled as I entered the cold water with my boogie board. Just before we had hopped in the water, our instructor Ellie talked to us about rips and what they do and how to spot one. It was 10am in the morning and we were in the freezing cold water, boogie boarding which was our first activity for the day and it went for three hours. We did the activities in four different groups, I was in Dolphins. We all caught some really good waves and nosedived at least once which was fun.

After we finished Boogie Boarding we had lunch which was tacos and they were delicious. Our next activity was an 8km bike ride to Point Lonsdale and back which was hard but very fun. When we were halfway we stopped and had a rest looking out on to the ocean. We played a game where we ran down the stairs leading to the beach and back before a wave came and your shoes got soaked. Squish! Squelch! Went my shoes on the bike ride back to camp, they were drenched! For dinner, we had chicken schnitzel and vegetables. At night, we rehearsed our readers theater plays that we were going to perform the next night and then we took ourselves to bed ready for another day of fun.

## **Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December**

"Gnarly Dude!" I yelled as I was riding a wave into shore, our activity was surfing and it was so much fun. We had to wear full-length wetsuits which were hard to get on and off and Mrs. Kimmorley had to

help. We were taught by an actual surf school who helped us a lot. There were some good stacks and good waves for us to ride. When we had finished surfing, we ate lunch outside. Our second activity for the day was Techer Led. In Teacher Led, we went for a swim in the ocean and played some fun games. After dinner, which was fried rice and some sort of this curry/stew thing we performed our plays. Mine was called the 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACTING AWARDS and I was Many Moon the up and coming actress. All the other plays were very funny and so were the wacky costumes. And that night we slept dreaming of what Thursday would bring.

## **Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December**

Aaahhh!!! I screamed as I flew down the Tornado, a waterslide at the Geelong Adventure Park, at which we were spending the day at. When we first arrived, we went on the Wave Swinger which was a ride where we were sitting on swings and were spun around. We had morning tea which was some amazing chocolate chip biscuits. Then we lazed around in the Lazy River and then we went to the big waterslides, the Tornado and the Tsunami which were scary. We went on the Aqua Racer, where we raced each other coming down the slide and I won lots.

We were stopped for lunch, which was sausages in bread. After, we even checked out the kiddie rides which were not scary at all for some and some were petrified of the Crazy Coaster, a small roller coaster in the little kids' section! We were all sad when it was

time to go, we had the best day ever. When we got back, we had dinner and dessert and got free time to roam around the camp. Then we packed our suitcases all ready to go home and drifted off the sleep.

### Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December

Beep! Beep! Went the bus as we left Camp Wyuna. That morning we had packed our bags, had breakfast and then left the camp. We were sad to leave but we were ready to go home after a fun filled week. We stopped at the park to have our yummy salad rolls and then we left for Toolamba. There was also the giant sling, which was awesome because we got launch water balloons at everyone, including the teachers. It was a long drive home, but we eventually made it back to Toolamba.

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

#### Junior School Council Awards



Chelsea Kinnane, Billie Martin, Luke, Kaide Anderson, Lia Giles.

### Teacher Awards



Harriet Livesay, Tyson Jeffers, Indie Giles, Jaxon Frazer, Belinda Valentine, Billie Martin, Brodie Trevaskis, Arkadia Sammut, Gabe Garner, Xavier Lovatt, Evie Pogue, Yasmin Lovatt, Delilah Thomas.

### TOOLAMBA LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club would like to invite you to decorate your letterbox for Christmas. The Lions Club are running a competition for the best decorated letterbox with prizes to be won.

The judging will be carried out Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Prizes will be vouchers from the Coles Group.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$50

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$30

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$20

## 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:

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

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Physiotherapist, Sophie Woodhouse enjoys treating a mix of sports and spinal injuries.

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## CALENDAR

Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	K K Party – “Christmas” Out of Uniform Day
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 Graduation <b>(Note change of date)</b>
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day Students Assembly 12.30pm Dismissal 2pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Curriculum Day (No Students)