

Toolamba Primary School

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"Striving for Excellence"

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Families,

How quickly the term is slipping away! Assessment week, has meant that students have been focused on completing several on line assessments in both Literacy and Numeracy. These standardised tests enable us to track student growth and identify areas for future learning.

TOOLAMBA ATHLETICS

Weather permitting, we are looking forward to our Athletic Sports tomorrow commencing at 9.05am in the amphitheatre. Having the opportunity to have a lunch order has been extremely popular. We appreciate the P & F organising this for families. Students are to come dressed in a t-shirt matching their house colours. Family members are very welcome to come along, don't forget your wallet if you would like to purchase a coffee or something to eat.

INEWSLETTER

We have had some very positive feedback to our iNewsletter. Hopefully the format will make information easier for families to access.



Harmony Day is an Australian Government program that centers on the message that "Everyone belongs", reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all. We will celebrate this special day on **Wednesday 31st** and staff have been working on providing some great events and activities to celebrate this special day. The official colour for Harmony day is **orange** and all children are encouraged to wear something orange on the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL & AGM

Our AGM is on Monday 29th March at 6.30 pm where the Annual Report will be presented. Our first meeting of the newly formed Council will follow. A light snack and refreshments will be provided. The Finance Meeting will be combined with the School Council for this meeting.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION & STUDENT SAFETY

Supervision in the playground before school is from 8.45am until 9am and after school, from 3.15pm until 3.30pm.

As a way of separating buses, cars and pedestrians, all students walking, being picked up by their parents or riding their bikes are to exit and enter the school grounds via the pedestrian crossings. A teacher is on duty each night at the small gate to ensure that children are safe when crossing the road. Children are not permitted to cross the crossing without the permission of a teacher or their parent.

END TERM ASSEMBLEY

Our end of term assembly will be held on Thursday 1st April at 1.30pm in the amphitheatre. Family members are welcome to attend. Students' efforts for the term will be acknowledged with the presentation of awards. P & F will be also drawing the winners of their Easter Raffle. Tickets are to be returned to school by Monday 29th March.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone over the next week.

Regards Heather



Assembly Awards



Striving for Excellence Awards: Mitch, Cohen, Scarlett, Lia, Isabella, Matthew, Indie, Casey, Billie, Ruby, Emile and Jimmy.



JSC Awards: Emerson, Sophie, Luke, Kaide, Chase, Havi, Billie, Olivia, Andrew and Eden.



From the Classroom

Foundation

Learning

Recently we have been learning rhymes to consolidate our learning to hear sounds in words. We have focused on Hey Diddle Diddle, Hickory Dickory Dock and this week, One Potato, Two Potato. It is exciting to watch the children's faces light up when they are engaged in these activities. It has created a real interest in the alphabet and a keen ear when learning sounds.

In Maths, the children have been involved in an activity called Build a City. Enjoy some of the photos of their constructions.

To complement their rhyme One Potato, Two Potato, we also did some learning about potato farms, the life cycle of a potato and a simple science experiment using a potato. Included is a photo of this. Ask your child what was involved and what we expect to happen. It is now sitting in a dark cupboard doing its thing!

Learning to read sight words has also been a focus. Sight words are those that are in the Oxford 100 high frequency word list. To date we have looked at ... I, a, it, in, is, a, the, to, on, off, at, we, me, be, and up. The children are reading, spelling aloud and writing them on whiteboards. After the Easter Holidays, a sight word display book will be placed in their plastic pocket for practice to consolidate their reading homework. Awesome effort by Havi Coad writing her sight words on a whiteboard. I am so proud of learning in this area.







The students enjoyed viewing the Braveheart Program on Tuesday and the Ditto Keep Safe Adventure Activity Book was placed in their plastic pocket.





Our class is excited for Athletics Day and we have practised the hurdles, sprint and relay. The children know what colour they are in. However, if they have forgotten just give me an email or call.

Grade 1/2

Learning

We have been very creative after reading Feathers for Phoebe. Students had to turn a plain bird into a marvellous one, as Phoebe went from a grey bird to an extremely colourful one. We discussed that our friends enjoy our company when we're ourselves. We also focused on revision of the sound f and the digraph ph. We went on to read non fiction texts about elephants and dolphins learning many new facts.

This week the Grade One students wanted to learn more about sharks and digraph sh. Mrs Kennedy even helped us learn about Whale Sharks, who are the largest fish in the sea. We did a How to Draw a Great White Shark and wrote down some of our new learning alongside our drawing. Did some revision of punctuation and had to come up with 3 sentences. One with a full stop, an exclamation mark and a question. We used Bruce the Great White from Finding Nemo as our stimulus.

In writing, we have been learning about adjectives. We have been using adjectives to describe different animals. Students have enjoyed up-levelling their words to make their writing more interesting.

Developmental Play is a favourite activity focused on getting along, working together, using kind words, tidying our area and fun. Here are some photos from Wednesdays session.





VHAP - Author's Masterclass

As you may know a group of Grade Sixes in the Victorian High Ability Program including myself, went to Wallan Primary School on Monday the 22nd for a writing masterclass. The masterclass was run by George Ivanoff, author of the 'You Choose' books and many other series. In the masterclass he taught us how to turn ordinary ideas into interesting stories and how to up level our character study, all of which has been very helpful so far in our classroom writing. I would also like to thank Mel Calleja for driving us down there and Mrs Kimmorley for coming.

- Emily









School Sport

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

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 as soon as possible.



Tatura & District Athletic Sports.pdf



Health & Wellbeing

Welfare

Article 2: why EVERY DAY COUNTS

When students stay away from school, their learning and friendships are affected. There are many practical issues associated with absenteeism.

Students who are absent from school:

- miss the introduction of new work
- fail to complete work
- miss revision time
- miss homework explanation
- fall behind with their learning
- develop disjointed home-reading routines
- develop inconsistent homework returns/routines
- may lack confidence and feel embarrassed because they cannot do work the class has been studying
- feel left out from class discussion when they have missed a special class activity and cannot do the associated work
- miss specialist lessons because these lessons only occur once a week and so, for example, art work is not completed or is rushed in order to finish in the limited time available
- miss notices and newsletters to take home

- miss celebrations, for example student of the week, class awards, excursions,
 visitors, assemblies and special activities
- can find it difficult to break into established friendship groups and develop good friendships with their peers
- can develop a poor attitude towards school believing 'I won't miss much if I'm not at school'
- fail to realise that the teachers and students miss them.

Sometimes students stay at home for reasons that are not acceptable. For example:

- the child's birthday
- · too tired to come to school because of a late night
- staying home with a sibling or parent who is sick
- staying away for the whole day when an appointment is booked for a short time in the morning or afternoon
- weather conditions, for example too hot, too wet.

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



CSEF_application_form.pdf



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.



laptops & tablets



lessons & activities



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



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 Coordinator





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

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

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

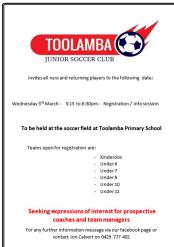
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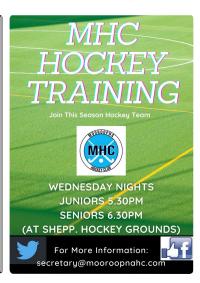
We will be entering two teams in the Tatura Netball Association Friday Night competition, commencing 23rd April 2021. If your child is interested in playing for Toolamba, please contact one of coaches. Training will be at school on Tuesday from 4:30pm - 5:30pm.

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

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









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.

Sports Day

We have organised Verong Vittles and The Brew's Bus to visit our Sports Day tomorrow. Verong Vittles 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. Please support these local businesses.

Out of Hours School Care



FUN IN OSHC

The children are enjoying the variety of 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.







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



Advertisments

Activities in the Park



North Shepparton Community & Learning Centre

	& DRINK BOTTLES		Dh : 042	9 254 450		
CHILDREN MUST BRING HATS & DRINK BOTTLES Assistance available Through Centrelink Ph 136150				Ph: 0428 354 459 Time: 8:00am to 6:00pm		
Extra's: Bowling, All abilities playground, Kidstown			Venue: 10-14 Parkside Drive Shepparton, 3630			
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	Get to know each other	Drawing and Colouring		Charades	Board Games/ Puzzles	
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA		MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA	
	Cat and Mouse	SPLAT!!!		Bingo & Prizes	Outdoor Soccer (Weather Permitting)	
	LUNCH	LUNCH		Excursion: All Abilities Playground Extra: \$2.00 Please bring a hat, snacks, Lunch & drink	LUNCH	
	CRAFT: Salt Dough and painting	COOKING: Biscuit Making			CRAFT: Make your own placemat	
	AFTERNOON TEA	AFTERNOON TEA			AFTERNOON TEA	
	Construction	Find A Word		Card Games	Loom Bands	
MONDAY 12th APR	TUESDAY 13th APR	WEDNESDAY 14	th APR	THURSDAY 15th APR	FRIDAY 16th APR	
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Windows	Excursion: Kidstown	Outdoor Cricket (Weather Permitting)		Pass the Parcel	Bobs and Statues	
LUNCH	Extra: \$3.00 Please bring a hat,	LUNCH		Excursion: Bowling	LUNCH	
		CRAFT: Making paper pinwheels		Extra: \$10.50	Movie & Popcorn	
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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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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.



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GVSPORTS CARE

Physio & Podiatry

E: admin@gvsportscare.com.au PH: 0417600532

W: 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

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		
Thursday August 19th	School Concert		
November 8th - 12th	Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra		
November 24th - 26th	Grade 3/4 Camp to Toolangi		