

Toolamba PS

“Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



Dear Parents and Families,

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Classes will be holding their Information Sessions next week: It is an opportunity to meet with teachers and ask any questions. Attached to the newsletter is an attendance form where you can add any things you would like addressed in the sessions. Alternatively, you can email your questions or topics to toolamba.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Grade 5/6 Tuesday 16th at 5.30pm in classroom.

Foundation 1 / 2 Wednesday 17th at 5pm in the Central Learning Space.

Grade 3 / 4 Wednesday 17th at 5.30pm in the Central Learning Space.

KINDER/SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

Due to the Department regulations around food sharing, we are changing our annual Welcome BBQ to a picnic. On Thursday 18th February, from 5:30pm onwards, we would love everyone to come along and join us for a picnic. BYO food, drinks and chairs.

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will take place in Week 7 commencing on the 9th March through to the Friday 12th March. Once

again we are using the online booking system. Below are the log in details.

Bookings: [Open](#)

Event code: **uargj**

Teachers: 7

Parents: 0

Bookings: 0

[Booking link](#)

ATTENDANCE FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Foundation students do not attend school on a Wednesday until after the Labour Day Holiday in March. On these days students will be timetabled to come into school and complete some Literacy and Numeracy assessments with Mrs Bathman.

GASTRO

Over the past two weeks we have had some children who have had gastro. Students are to be excluded from school until there has been no vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.

UNIFORMS

Just a reminder that students may wear any coloured shoes however, we expect them to wear plain white, black or blue socks with no logos.

ART

Just a reminder that all students require an art smock for Art sessions. Please write your child's name on the art smock, as they will be stored in their classroom. Thank you to those parents who have already sent one along to school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend with your family,
Regards Heather

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Parents and Friends held their AGM on Monday night. We sadly bid farewell to Nina Lemma as President. We wish her all the best and wish to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the last few years. Thanks to all that attended the meeting and volunteered to take on roles for the coming year.

Congratulations to the following:

President/Social Media: Keira Birchmore

Secretary: Carly Tuhan

Treasurer: Amanda Davies

Fundraising Sub Committee: Jo Jeffers, Kasey Cook and Carly Tuhan

Class – Parent Coordinator: Jo Jeffers

Smile Program: Nina Lemma and Kristy Fasano

General Committee: Erin Brown, Tamara Woodman,

Meaghan South and Elisa Beasley

We discussed fundraising options and events for the next 2 terms and look forward to a fun and productive year!

If you missed the meeting but would love to be involved please contact Keira 0417252874, speak to one of the committee members or come along to our next meeting on Monday 1st March at 7pm in the Central Learning Street.

QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATION STARTERS

Here are some great questions and conversation starters to get your children talking about school. Remember it is also the perfect opportunity for you to share your own answers too and as a family.

- What is something that went well today?
- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- Tell me something that made your teacher laugh today.
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- What did you do that was creative?
- If you could choose, who would you like to sit next to in class?
- Where is the coolest place at the school?
- How did you help somebody today? Did anyone help you?
- Who would you give student of the day to today? Why?
Which playground is your favourite and why?
- If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?
- What are you looking forward to this week/term/year at school?

GRADE 3/4

We have had a great start to the 2021 school year! Students have settled into the classrooms well.

Students have been busy working on our school values: 'Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive', we have created posters showing ways that they can demonstrate each value somewhere within the school.

Next week, we will begin our Integrated unit on Earth and Space.

In Reading, we have been focusing on monitoring our reading. Students have been practising their reading with a 'fluency partner', then taking on feedback from their partner and practising it during independent reading time.

Our Maths focus is Place Value. Students have been delving into expanding numbers through partitioning and writing them in words.

It has been great to see students bringing in their headphones and art smocks. If you are yet to bring either of these, please do so as soon as possible.

OSHC THIS WEEK

Children in OSHC have been learning through play this week. Play provides a supportive environment where they can create social groups, test out ideas and build new understandings.

Activities are designed to develop the Early Years Learning Outcomes:

1. Children have a strong sense of identity.
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
4. Children are confident and involved learners.

5. Children are effective communicators.





February 11th, 18th, 25th and March 4th (Every consecutive Thursday)

TEN PIN BOWLING

The first session commences today, **Thursday (February 11th) at 3.15pm-4.15pm.**

Each session is **60 minutes**. The first 3 sessions will be held at Toolamba Primary School.

Our last session (March 4th) will be held at Star Bowl in Shepparton. We will be leaving school at 3.00pm by bus to start our session. We will arrive back at school around 4.45pm.

This is a free program as it is funded by Sporting in Schools. There are only 30 spots available! Please complete the attached

For more information please see Sarah Maskell or phone the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first meeting for the year is Monday 22nd February at 6.30pm. The Finance Meeting will be 6.00pm

School Council elections are upon us again. This year we have 4 parents and 1 staff member who have completed their term of office and are up for re-election. They are Nathan Hanns, Kristy Thomas, Simon Robertson and Ben Jeffers. Included in this newsletter is information explaining how a School Council works and the roles it undertakes. Below is a timeline for School Council Elections for Toolamba Primary School, 2021. Parents are encouraged to consider standing for election.

TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2021

Thurs 11 th Feb.	Call for nominations for School Council
Thurs 4 th Mar	Closing Date for Nominations
Thurs 11 th Mar	Ballot Papers Distributed (If necessary)
Tue 18 th Mar	Close of Ballot for School Council
Mon 22 nd Mar	New Council is able to meet.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Monday 29th March to elect the office bearers.

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 or nomination forms.

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 websites.

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>

SAVER PLUS – BERRY STREET



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
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- camp & 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

Phone
1300 610 355

Email
GrSheppartonSP@berrystreet.org.au

Online
saverplus.org.au

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*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!

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.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2021

Due to Fiona Brown's retirement, 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 Maree 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.

An updated enrolment form is also required for 2021. Enrolment forms are required back before care can commence.

Copies are available from Toni-Marie or the Office.

We are happy to transfer the copy of the birth certificate and immunisation certificate we currently have on file, to the new enrolment.

GOULBURN MURRAY DIVISION SWIMMING

TRIALS

The division swimming trials will be conducted at Aquamoves Shepparton on Wednesday the 17th February. Events are for both girls and boys in age groups 9/10 years, 11 years and 12/13 years. Please see the office if your child is interested in attending.

- Freestyle

- Backstroke
- Breaststroke
- Butterfly
- 4 x 50m Relay
- 4 x 50m Medley Relay

SHEPPARTON TENNIS TRIALS

Schools are invited to enter students in a round robin event competition in Shepparton, which will culminate in sending students to the regional trials in Wangaratta on Thursday 25th March.

VENUE: McEwen Reserve Tennis Club
 DATE: Wednesday February 10th
 TIME: 9:15AM BOYS & 12:30PM GIRLS

Please see the office for more information.

SINGING LESSONS

I'm seeking expressions of interest for singing lessons in 2021 for students in Grades 2-6. Singing lessons will take place during school hours on a Thursday morning, 20 minute sessions and small groups. Cost depends on how many students are in a group, however it would be somewhere between \$7-10 per session and run during the school term.

Please email Amanda Sibio at amandasibio@gmail.com to register your interest.

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

TOOLAMBA TENNIS CLUB NEWS

COMMUNITY PLAY – HOT SHOTS

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play is a program designed to be delivered by club volunteers. It aims to give an excellent first tennis experience in a fun, friendly and welcoming environment, for young players.

When: Tuesday 5:15-6pm (45 mins)

Dates: Tuesday 16th February – 16th March
(5 weeks)

Register: <https://hotshots.tennis.com.au/register/>

Participants will receive a free ANZ Tennis Hot shots t-shirt from Tennis Australia.

Cost: \$30 per child

Payment: Cash Payment to Mel of EFT

Name of Account: Toolamba Tennis Club Inc.

BSB: 033254

Account number: 135029

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.

MUNZEE IN THE PARK

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When: Saturday 13th of February, 2021, at 2:00pm – to 3:00pm

Where: Toolamba Recreation Reserve, Wren Street, Toolamba.

Cost: Free

Contact: Rob Steer 0409 067 441

Website: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/13305338726...

FOOD SWAP NEWS

The Food Swap committee AGM to be held at the Junction Hotel from **7pm on Wednesday the 17th February.**

New members welcome to attend. Come along and share ideas and help shape this year's Food Swap calendar, grants and community projects.

For more information please contact Mel Hall 0419 992 039 or see our Facebook page for event details.

CWA – FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Looking for a friendly, supportive and fun group to join in Toolamba? Look no further than the Toolamba Wrens CWA Branch.

Our branch has 20 ladies varying in ages from mid 20s to young 60s, from all different backgrounds. We have some really unique and fun activities planned for this year.

Come along to our **February Meeting on Tuesday 16th at 730pm** Junction Hotel Toolamba, all welcome.

'We cook, we craft, we advocate for change, while always remaining relevant'

See our Facebook page for more information or contact Mel Hall 0419 992 039 or email

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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!

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



Thurs 11th Feb	Hockey Clinic
Tues 16th Feb	Grade F/1/2 Information Session 5:00pm
	Grade 3 / 4 Information Session 5:30pm
	Grade 5 / 6 Information Session 5:30pm
Thur 18th Feb	Kinder & School Welcome Picnic 5:30pm
Mon 22nd Feb	School Council Finance 6pm
	School Council 6.30pm
Mon 8th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 9th –	Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 12th March	
Mon 15th –	Life Education Visit
Wed 17th March	
Tues 23rd March	Bravehearts
Mon 29th March	School Council AGM.
Thur 1st April	Last day Term 1
Fri 2nd April	Good Friday
Mon 19th April	Term 2 starts
Fri 25th June	Last Day Term 2
Mon 12th Jul	Term 3 starts
Fri 17th Sept	Last Day Term 3
Mon 4th Oct	Term 4 starts
Fri 17th Dec	Last Day Term 4