

Toolamba PS

“Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



Dear Parents and Families,

I hope everyone had a great long weekend and a chance to relax and enjoy yourselves. The extra day was timely and a great chance to recharge the batteries for the next few weeks of term. Peter and I took the opportunity to do some sauce making; consequently, we stocked up for the year ahead.

WELCOME BACK

This week we welcomed Mr Thompson back after his three-week placement at Tatura Primary School.

We are looking forward to him sharing what he has learnt and giving us feedback.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS & SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Thank you to those people who have nominated for School Council. The following people have been re-elected to School Council, Simon Robinson, Kristy Thomas and Craig Thompson. Nathan Hanns and Ben Jeffers will be retiring. Nathan and Ben have both been very valued members of our School Council. Their strong sense of commitment to our

school and their willingness to assist with anything that needed doing around the school was certainly appreciated.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new parent members Jo Jeffers and Mel Hall. As our nominations did not exceed our vacancies there is no need to conduct a ballot.

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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Are being held this week, I know teachers value the opportunity to catch up with families and share the learning partnership. We know that a positive home school partnership has a strong impact on student learning

UNWELL CHILDREN

It is important to ensure that any unwell students remain at home. If a child expresses that they are unwell, or if a teacher feels that a child is displaying unwell symptoms, parents/carers will be called to

collect them from school. It is important that in this current climate we are vigilant with the health of the community and take measures to make good decisions.

BEFORE SCHOOL READING

As of next Monday family members are welcome to come in to the classrooms at 8.45am to hear children read.

Have a great weekend,
Regards Heather

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Easter Raffle - This term is flying by already! Easter baskets are in the foyer ready to take donations of Easter goodies. If you are able to donate please do so.

Tickets were sent home yesterday in your child's school bag. If you would like more tickets please see Jenny in the office. Tickets to be returned no later than Friday the 26th March.

Book Club - We are happy to say that P&F have taken on Book Club as a project and will be organising the orders and delivery this year. The kids LOVE Book Club and the school benefits at the same time, so it's a Win, Win for everyone. Catalogues were sent home last week in student bags, orders must be completed on online or via the LOOP app. Details are on the last page of the catalogue.

All orders need to be completed by next Wednesday the 17th March.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Emily Sawyer for 8 years, yes you read correctly... 8 years of

coordinating Book Club for the school. We hope we can run it as smoothly as you!

Sports Day - Watch this space... we hope to announce next newsletter that a coffee van and/or a food van will be attending our Sports day.

Check back in next week for an update.

OUT SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Once again, the children look like they are having a great time playing together.





CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. The standards provide a framework for schools to review existing policies and practices and all other aspects of child safety, to ensure a 'zero tolerance' approach to any form of child abuse. You can access our policy on the school's website.

Toolamba Primary School is committed to child safety.

We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Toolamba Primary School is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

Toolamba Primary School has robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers.

Toolamba Primary School is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

If you believe, a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000

CAMP QUALITY VISIT



Hi parents and carers!

We're writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education Program has been invited to perform at your child's school.

At Camp Quality our services and programs are made specifically to help children 0-13 who are impacted by a cancer diagnosis, that their own, or the diagnosis of someone they love like a brother, sister, mum or dad. At no cost to schools, parents or students - our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it's important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn't contagious, so it's ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner" - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and aid classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/how-we-help/at-school. You're also welcome to contact us by emailing Kylie@campquality.org.au or calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. We rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?

The Kids' Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 8-13 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer



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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- 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*



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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

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.

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 – SKATE & GAMES



The poster features a pink banner at the top with the word 'TOOLAMBA' in white. Below it, 'SKATE & GAMES' is written in large, bold, black letters. A green and pink rounded rectangle contains the address '69A Wren Street, TOOLAMBA VIC 3614 (Toolamba Recreation Reserve)' and the date 'Sun 14th Mar 4pm – 6pm'. A section titled '1 HOUR SKATE WORKSHOPS' includes a table with two columns: 'Beginners/Intermediates (Recommended for youth aged 10-13)' with a '4pm session', and 'Advanced (Recommended for youth aged 14-18)' with a '5pm session'. Below this, it says 'VELCRO SOCCER DARTS & LIVE MUSIC' and 'What to bring: Sunscreen, running shoes and a drink bottle.' There are illustrations of a person skateboarding and a person standing. At the bottom, it provides a registration link, contact information for Josh Lee, and a COVIDSafe disclaimer. The Greater Shepparton logo is in the bottom right corner.

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VELCRO SOCCER DARTS & LIVE MUSIC

What to bring: Sunscreen, running shoes and a drink bottle.

Registration for Skate Sessions via
<https://skateclub.simplybook.me/v2/#book/location/43/count/1/>

For further information
Please contact Josh Lee on (03) 5832 9506.

This is a CovidSafe event and participants and spectators are expected keep 1.5m distance, wash hands, follow CovidSafe instructions by the organisers and do not attend if presenting with symptoms or require quarantining.

GREATER SHEPPARTON

Register for skate sessions using the link below.

<https://skateclub.simplybook.me/v2/#book/location/43/count/1/>

TOOLAMBA GROWTH PLAN 2020 AND TOOLAMBA PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN – COMMUNITY SUBMISSIONS

The Council is proposing two amendments to the Toolamba Growth Plan 2020 and the Toolamba Precinct Structure Plan 2018 to finalise the planning scheme for Toolamba.

One amendment is to incorporate housing and streetscape typologies into the Toolamba Growth

Plan (C224) and the other relates to adopting a Precinct Structure Plan (C168) to rezone 54 hectares of land southwest of Toolamba township to the Urban Growth Zone.

Over the last few years, you may have provided feedback multiple times as part of community consultation to develop the plans. This is the final opportunity that will determine if these two amendments are adopted into the final planning scheme for Toolamba. Amendments to a planning scheme can affect the whole community because they may change the way land can be used or developed. They can also change the basis for making planning decisions in the future.

We strongly encourage as many people from our township to make a submission to the Council when the exhibition period opens, no matter what that opinion is of the amendments. Some of you will be supportive of them and some of you will have concerns that you wish to express

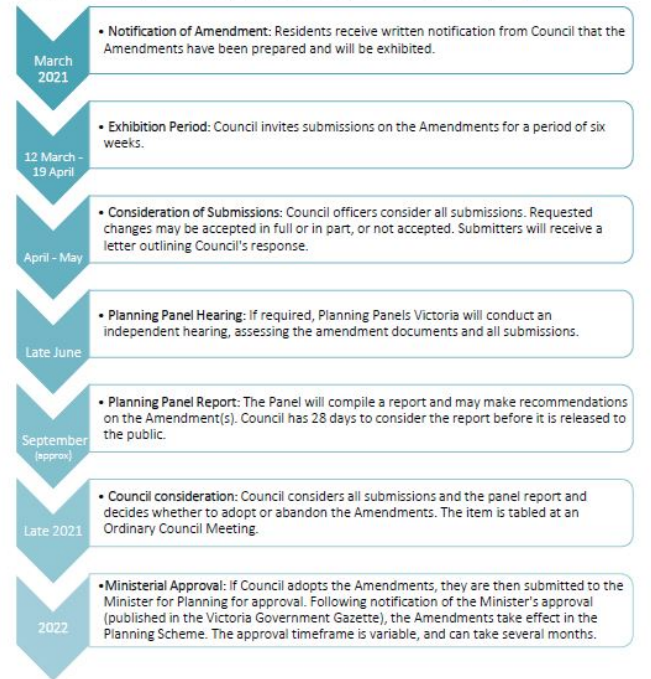
The timeframe for the amendment process is attached to this newsletter, but most importantly the timeframe that you can make a submission is from **12th March to 19th April, 2021**.

Submissions forms are available from the Greater Shepparton Council website and must be submitted back to them during these dates.

Andrea Pogue
Chair, Toolamba & District Steering Committee
0414 644 670

Estimated timeline: Amendment C224 – Toolamba Growth Plan 2020 and Amendment C168 – Toolamba Precinct Structure Plan 2018

The figure below outlines an **estimated** timeline for the progression of Amendment C224 and Amendment C168, as at 22 February 2021. Both Amendments are expected to proceed concurrently. **Please note that the Amendment process is complex, and the timeline may change.**



For more information on *Amendment C224 – Toolamba Growth Plan 2020* and *Amendment C168 – Toolamba Precinct Structure Plan 2018*, go to Council's website at <https://greater-shepparton.com.au/bpi/planning>, or contact Kate Clarke, Graduate Strategic Planner Projects, at kate.clarke@shepparton.vic.gov.au or (03) 5832 9730.

For more information about the Amendments Process, visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/schemes-and-amendments/amending-a-planning-scheme>

TOOLAMBA JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Returning and new players that are interested in playing soccer, please contact Jon Calvert on 0429 777 402. We are also seeking expressions of interest for prospective coaches and team managers. Teams open for registration are:

- Kinderoos
- Under 6
- Under 7
- Under 8
- Under 10
- Under 12

TOOLAMBA NETBALL CLUB

The Toolamba Netball Club is hoping to enter the Tatura Netball Association Friday night netball competition that commences 23rd April 2021. We are looking to enter a team in each division.

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

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

If your child is interested in playing netball, please contact the coaches above.

We will hold a light training at school on Tuesday 16th March from 4:30 – 5:15pm. An information session will follow in the amphitheatre for parents.

TATURA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

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 the Tatura Netball Courts. Please email the TNA committee for further information.

taturanetballassoc@hotmail.com

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.

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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**



CALENDAR 2021

Tues 9th –	Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 12th March	
Mon 15th –	Life Education Visit
Wed 17th March	
Tues 23rd March	Bravehearts
Fri 26th March	Toolamba Sports Day
Mon 29th March	School Council AGM
Tues 30th March	Tatura Sports
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