

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



Dear Parents and Families,

How fantastic it is to have everyone back at school. It was lovely to catch up with the students today and hear about their holidays. I hope that everyone had a restful holiday and are ready for the exciting year ahead.

### FIRST DAY OF FOUNDATION 2020

Today our 15 Foundation students commenced their year of schooling; they all had a very exciting day. Our Foundation class for 2021 includes Abbie Birchmore, Jordan Cadmore, Havana Coad, Victoria Davie, Jasper Davies, Lenox Durward, Flynn Eyles, Spencer Gaffy, Patrick Johnson, Matthew Leslie, William McNaughton, Amelia Rice, George Smith, Charlotte Tuhon and Mycah Young.





### **ASSEMBLY**

Assemblies will be held on a Monday afternoon at 2.45pm. At this stage, they will be held in the Amphitheatre. Teachers will continue to present their 'Striving For Excellence' Awards and Student Leaders will also make their presentations of their respective awards. Our assemblies are student lead and commence with an Acknowledgment to Country and our National Anthem. At our first assembly for the year, we will be presenting badges to our school leaders for 2021.

### **TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE**

The Department have introduced the Tutor Learning Initiative this year. The Tutor Learning Initiative is designed to support students whose learning has been disrupted as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Schools must only use their funding to engage tutors to provide targeted teaching to students identified as needing support. Tutors are to be qualified teachers. This commences in Term 1.

Schools are able to determine the most appropriate model of tutoring for their school and students, with support from regional staff and guided by the evidence, resources and professional learning developed by the Department. We will be proving this support to students in the form of small group work. Current research suggests that small-group learning offered through focused, regular sessions with a trained teacher is a clear evidence-based approach for improving student-learning outcomes in a timely manner (Grattan Institute, 2020).

Our school has used our data sets to identify students who we feel will benefit from participation in this initiative. The sessions will take the place 3 times per week. These will take the form on small group work both in and outside the classroom. Tutors will work closely with classroom teachers with the aim of supporting students with their learning. Currently we are working on timetabling. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Sibio, Mrs Serra, Mrs Sproule and Mrs Lipshut as our Tutors. Over the next three weeks, parents of the students who are participating in this initiative will be contacted and a meeting arranged to discuss your child's Education Plan. As this is a new initiative, we will be monitoring the progress closely and making adaptations as required.

### **DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES**

The Department have developed new guidelines around parent entry to schools.

We are certainly all glad to know that we can welcome parents to school again!

**There are still some extra regulations that we must all adhere to, to keep us all safe.**

- Students can arrive at school from 8:40am each day (Note that the music commences at 8:55am all students are expected to be at school by this time)
- Students can be dropped off at any entrance
- At the end of the day, parents/carers can arrange to meet their child in the grounds, at the gates or at their car. Please confirm with your child, where you will be picking them up at 3:15 pm.
- At this stage we will not commence having parents in for reading.

**Parents/carers can come into the school grounds- with restrictions**

- Face masks must be carried at all times.
- Face masks are recommended when 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- There are limits on the number of visitors that can be in the corridors and rooms at any time, so visits to classrooms and the buildings must be pre-arranged.
- Parents who choose to drop their children off within the school grounds are asked to do so outside the buildings.
- Foundation/Grade 1 teachers will meet their classes outside, along the

verandah area, each morning at 8:55am.

- Foundation/Grade 1 students are to be picked up from the verandah area/ or school crossing at 3:15pm.
- If there is a chance that a parent or visitor will remain within the school grounds for longer than 15 minutes, they must check-in via the Service Victoria app. The scannable QR code will be found at the entrances to the office. If you can't scan you must register manually at the office via the main entrance.
- We are maintaining an enhanced cleaning schedule at school, with all high touch areas and the toilets being cleaned twice a day – thanks Grant!
- Drink bottles are still strongly encouraged, but there are two bubble taps available on the side of each building, as well as taps to fill drink bottles.
- Where possible, continue to communicate via email or by phone.
- Remember that we need to stay home if unwell- students and staff- and get tested if we have any COVID symptoms.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> March.

VENUE: McEwen Reserve Tennis Club

DATE: Wednesday February 10th

TIME: 9:15AM BOYS & 12:30PM GIRLS

Please see the office for more information.

## **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 : 4<sup>th</sup> February

Cost : \$60 per person (2020/21)

Please contact Mel Calleja on 0488 004 004 if you have any queries.

# GVS SPORTSCARE

Physio & Podiatry

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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!



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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

### DATES FOR 2021

Mon 8th Feb	Curriculum Day
Thurs Feb 11th &	Hockey Clinic
Fri Feb 12th	
Mon 8th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 15th –	Life Education Visit
Wed 17th March	
Tues 23rd March	Bravehearts
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