

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



### RETIREMENT

Dear Parents and Families,

#### ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, we will have our Orientation Day for 2021. Our Foundation students for 2021 will be able to visit from 9am-1pm. Staff will welcome students to the school and take them to their classroom. Orientation Day is the day when all the children move up into their new classroom, meet their new teacher and begin to form relationships with their 2021 classmates. This day runs until 1pm and provides a great opportunity for your child to familiarise themselves with their new classmates and teacher.

As usual, those Grade 5 students who wish to apply for leadership positions in 2021 will have the opportunity to address students, staff and parents. Parents of students running for leadership positions are welcome to come along and hear the speeches. They will be held in the amphitheatre at 1.45pm. Classes will also be voting for their Junior School Council representative.

#### YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Grade 6 students will head off to their respective schools for 2021.

Sadly, for us, Fiona Brown is retiring at the end of the term, after 10 years of dedicated service. Fiona has been a wonderful member of our staff caring for all those students in After School Care. Students at Toolamba have grown to love Fiona and will miss her greatly. Fiona has indicated she would love to do some volunteer work in the future so we will certainly hold her to that.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robert Kirby who was successful in obtaining a teaching position next year at St Augustine's in Kyabram. Robert has been a valuable member of our team at Toolamba and I know students will miss having him around the school.

## 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.

## 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. Instead, the Grade 6 students will have a special excursion on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. 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 students 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.

## GRADE 5/6 CAMP

We have had regular updates from the Campers. Plenty of food and many great activities. I suspect the weather is a little bit cooler there.





## FINAL ASSEMBLY

DATE: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

TIME: 12.30pm

VENUE: Amphitheatre

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

Have a lovely weekend ahead,

Regards Heather

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

### JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL AWARDS



Indie Giles, Hugo Turnbull, Olivia Body, Lachlan Sorraghan, Scott Moran, Tiarna Thompson.

## FOUND ON CLEMENT BUS

A pair of burgundy coloured glasses have been found on the Clements (Blue) bus. Please contact the office if you recognise them.





Samuel Davie, James Trevaskis, Alex, Cassin Cook, Violet Livesay, Chelsea Kinnane, Maddi Wright and Nyla Anderson.

### GRADE 3 / 4

In Reading, we are focusing on the comprehension strategy of Summarising. Children are reading their books and then working on following the sequence Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then using their own words.

We are continuing to focus on handwriting on the dotted thirds lines. Students are getting confident in using the correct entry and exit points for each letter. In Grade 4, each child has set a goal for which they are aiming to achieve by the end of the year.

In Maths, we are bringing our unit on division to an end. Children have been working on solving worded problems and using concrete materials or whiteboards to help them show their working out.

## HEALTH REMINDER

### COVID-19 Update

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.

Our school is continuing to promote and implement on a daily basis both Covid-safe behaviours and practices across our school community. Thank you for your support with the guidelines and, as always, I am proud to belong to such a caring and supportive school community.

### 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:

Mel Calleja on 0488 004 004

### ADVERTISEMENTS

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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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### CALENDAR

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>

Nov - Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Grade 5 / 6 Camp

Orientation Day

Grade 6 Graduation

(Note change of date)

Last Day Students

(Note change of date)

Curriculum Day (No Students)