

# Toolamba PS

## “Striving for Excellence”



**Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

### BADGE PRESENTATION

On Monday, we had the privilege of presenting our School Leaders for 2018 with their badges.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS



**Ashleigh Bedwell**



**Ollie Williams**



**Vice – Captain Jackson Barthold**

## HOUSE CAPTAINS



Vice – Captain Ava Ralph



HOVELL: Jacob Kinnane & Elleanor Thompson



BAYUNGA: Liam & Ella Sorraghan



Ashleigh Bedwell & Jack Cartmel



GOULBURN: Mason Reeves & Imy Ryan

## JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

### GRADE 2 REPRESENTATIVES



**Toby Flatman & Sophie Briant**

### GRADE 3 / 4 A REPRESENTATIVES



**Ed Turnbull & Sari Rutherford**

### GRADE 3 / 4 T REPRESENTATIVES



**Spencer Williams & Lilly Durward**

### GRADE 3 / 4 C REPRESENTATIVES



**Liam Tolley & Eve Cook**

## GRADE 5/6 REPRESENTATIVES



**Edward Trevaskis Deane, Darcy Sibio**

## GRADE 6 REPRESENTATIVES



**Mac Fifoot, Alyse O'Connell**

## NEW STUDENTS

We have 24 Prep students this year, who have had a very exciting first day at school; they are Kaide Anderson, Teagan Argus, River Barlow, Carter Briant, Archie Brisbane, Chase Brisbane, Matilda Hall, Mia Hodgkinson, Jack Hughes, Rachael Jeffers, Harriet Livesay, Billie Martin, Angus Mc Naughton, Lilly Merritt, Arya Monks, Stella Pogue, Halen Seelander, Maddison Traval, Emile Trazzera, Alexis Robinson, Finn Walta, Violet Ward, Dylan Wright and Blaire Walls.

We would also like to welcome Ellie and Aden Johnson, Summer, Noah Kirby, Lachlan Cadmore and Owen, Eliza and Jordin Barnett.

## OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE

As you are aware, our numbers at Toolamba PS have increased significantly. We have also experienced an increase in the number of families using our Out Of School Hours Care Program. Currently we are able to take 15 students at a time. If our number go over 15 we require an additional person to staff the program. This is an additional expense for the school.

From this year onwards, if you have booked your child/children into care and wish to cancel it, this **has to be done prior to 12 midday** by ringing 0457847970 and speaking to Fiona or leaving a message. If the cancellation is made after this time, **you will be charged regardless of whether you use the service or not.**

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

## 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.

## COLOUR CODED NOTICES

To assist with communication between school and home we have introduced a new colour coded system for notes, which are sent home.

**YELLOW:** Notes, which need to be completed and returned to school e.g. Sport in Schools, Parent Teacher Sessions, Excursions and camps

**GREEN:** Information specific to a particular classroom or year level.

**BLUE:** Whole School Information – upcoming Events/activities e.g. Working Bee.

## INFORMATION EVENING

Thank you to all those parents who attended the sessions last week. I know teachers really appreciated the opportunity to share what is happening in their classrooms with you. I spent an enjoyable evening in the playground with many children. I was so impressed with their behaviour.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first meeting for the year is Monday 19th February at 6.30pm. The Finance Meeting will be 6.00pm

School Council elections are upon us again. This year we have 7 parents and 1 staff member who have completed their term of office and are up for re-election. They are Michael Evans, Nathan Hanns, Andrea Pogue, Bim Rutherford, Ross Read, Megan Hall, Mark Turner and Sarah Maskell.

Included with 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, 2018. Parents are encouraged to consider standing for election.

### TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2018

Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Call for nominations for School Council
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Closing Date for Nominations
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ballot Papers Distributed (If necessary)
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Close of Ballot for School Council
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	New Council is able to meet.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to elect the office bearers. This meeting is chaired by the Principal. Thereafter, the fully constituted new School Council will meet, chaired by the duly elected president.

#### *What is a School Council and what does it do?*

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

#### *Who is on the School Council?*

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

#### *Why is Parent membership so important?*

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

#### *How can you become involved?*

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council

- encouraging another person to stand for election.

#### *Do I need special experience to be on School Council?*

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

#### *What do you need to do to stand for election?*

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to or the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**What is the workload?**

**School council must meet at least twice each term**

**Meetings should be restricted to approximately 2.5 – 3 hours duration at most**

All school councilors are expected to sit on at least one sub-committee. Sub-committees also meet at least twice each term

#### **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 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.

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Carolyn James Wilson for washing all of the spare art smocks. Your help is greatly appreciated.

#### **KITCHEN GARDEN 2018**

The Grade 3/4 students will continue Kitchen Garden in 2018. Each class will have their opportunity to work with Mr. Thompson in the Kitchen Garden Program. We aim to rotate through each of the three classes. We are seeking expressions of interest from parents and grandparents who would be able to come in to help out with the program. You may like to help every week, or just in the class that your child participates in.

If you are interested in helping out please return the following slip to school.

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Yes, I would love to help out in the Kitchen Garden, I can help out on the following dates;

*Please cross out the dates that you are unavailable.*

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February @ 1.45pm – Grade 3/4 Thompson

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February @ 1.45pm – Grade 3/4 Tarrant

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 1.45pm– Grade 3/4 Anset

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.45pm – Grade 3/4 Thompson

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.45pm – Grade 3/4 Tarrant

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.45pm– Grade 3/4 Anset

Name: -----

## **ART**

Just a reminder that all students require an Art Smock for art sessions. Thank you to all parents who have already sent one along with their child

## **MUSIC PROGRAM**

Students have had their first music class with lots of enjoyment. Over the next few weeks. I will be sending home Music Folders with a front page to be clear contacted on to the front of their folios. Because students may use these books over several years this will help prolong the life of their folios and assist students in finding their book quickly.

Thanks,

Mrs Sibio.

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

Lunch Orders started this Wednesday. Dawn and Clifton currently provide a lunch service for the school on a Wednesday. Orders are to be written on the front of a brown paper bag and returned to school by the Monday of each week. Please ensure you have the correct money. If for some reason you have placed an order and your child is not attending school on that day please ring Dawn's (58265331) and cancel the order. A menu is attached to the newsletter.

Hot Dog days will start in March.

## **PRE LOVED UNIFORMS**

We have preloved uniforms in various sizes. They sell for \$2.00 each. Come in and browse.

## **WATER ONLY SCHOOL**

Our school is a "Water Only School." We have made a commitment to only allowing tap water to be consumed on school grounds.

## **MEDICATION**

If your child requires medication please complete a form at the office so that it can be administered during the day.

Looking forward to seeing everyone tonight.

Regards Heather

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

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.

### **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be 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.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit

[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### **SCHOOL FEES**

School fees are attached to today's Newsletter. We would appreciate prompt payment

Thank you

## FAMILY ACCOUNTS

Statements for school family accounts are sent out on a monthly basis.

Instalments can be made by using the BPAY details on your statement. EFTPOS is also available at the office.

## TOOLAMBA OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE.

Out of School Hours Care is available at Toolamba Primary School; after school Monday to Friday from 3.15pm to 6pm during school terms. The price is \$16.00 per session. Bookings can be made by ringing the After Hours Care number which is **0457 847 970**. Please ring this number rather than book through the office.

Enrolment Forms are available from Fiona or the office. To make a booking for Mon, Tue, Wed or Thurs you need to ring before **12pm on that day**. Bookings for Friday need to be made before **5.30pm on Thursday**.

## OCCASIONAL CARE

Occasional Care is available at Toolamba Kinder on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am-3pm** If you would like to book a place for your child, please call the Kinder on 5826 5320.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TOOLAMBA RECREATION RESERVE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Are you interested in helping to manage the Toolamba Recreation Reserve and Community Centre?**

Greater Shepparton City Council is calling for applications from interested people wishing to volunteer to fill vacancies on the Toolamba Recreation Reserve and Community Centre Committee of Management.

Applications for appointment to the Committee will be received by the Greater Shepparton City Council until 5.00pm on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**.

Application forms are available from Wren's General Store and Newsagency at 33 Wren Street, Toolamba, on the Council's Website at [www.greatershepparton.com.au](http://www.greatershepparton.com.au), the Council Office at Welford Street or by contacting the Committees and Cemeteries Operation Officer on 5832 9895.

## TOOLAMBA JUNIOR SOCCER

Soccer Season starts Term 2, and we are looking forward to another great season for the Toolamba teams.

Soccer is a great sport for all ages, and lots of fun for players and spectators.

Games are held on Saturdays and training sessions weekly for under 8's, 10's, and 12's.

Under 6's and 7's do not have regular training, but skills sessions will be held through the season.

If your child would like to play this season please let me know their name, date of birth and grade level, as soon as possible. Registration fees and paperwork will be confirmed in the upcoming weeks.

An information night will be held Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 4:30 in the amphitheatre at the school.

Our teams will also need coaches, so if you would like to give it a go let me know.

Look out in the school newsletter for updates throughout the season, or follow the Toolamba junior soccer page on Facebook.

Any question please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Katie 0417504520

Toolamba Junior Soccer Delegate

## LADIES TWILIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS

**When:** Tuesday nights

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Starts:** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Where:** Toolamba Tennis Club, Wren Street

**Cost** \$60 (2017/2018)

**Contact:** Mel Calleja. 0488004004

## TENNIS COACHING

Tennis Coaching with Bruce Ferguson. At this stage in Term 1 there will be several vacancies in the beginner tennis class. For expressions of interest please contact Kristy Thomas on 0439 353 316. Cost TBA but approximately \$90 per term, held at Toolamba Tennis Courts Tuesday mornings before school.

## ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

### Tai Chi for Health

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

9.00am-10.00am

Toolamba Rec reserve

Improve flexibility, balance, strength and relaxation.



### TOOLAMBA LION'S CLUB Inc.

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.

For more information, contact:

Jeremy Patt 5826 5355

Bill McDonald 5826 5182

Keira Birchmore 0417 252 874

### FREE TO BE ME FAMILY DAY CARE

#### Greater Shepparton Family Day care

Phone: 0409 383 151 Email: [Becc.guest@outlook.com](mailto:Becc.guest@outlook.com)

Welcome to Free to be Me Family Day Care. My name is Rebecca Ash and I am excited to be providing Day Care Services here in Toolamba with the support of Greater Shepparton Family Day Care. I am Diploma qualified and have been working in Children's Services for three and a half years in long day care and pre-school, in both an assistant and Room Leader role.

### BOX2FITNESS

Monday Mornings 9:30am

Monday & Wednesday evenings 6:15pm

Toolamba Oval

Boxing provides an all over cardio and strength training workout, it helps improve endurance, co-ordination and stamina, allowing you to develop superior upper body strength, core strength, quickness and agility, cardiovascular fitness and improved posture all at the same time. Boxing classes are great for all ages and fitness levels suited for male, female and children 15yrs and over.

I look forward to you joining the crew and boxing your way to fitness

Book in now up-front for 8 weeks or casual classes

Beck Brisbane. 0428384827

Personal Trainer and Qualified Thump Trainer

## ADVERTISING

### *Watches & Diamonds*

Watchmaker and Manufacturing Jeweller.

All work done on the premises.

150 Hogan Street, Tatura

(03) 5824 1100

### GUITAR AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

Cliff Doornkamp conducts 20-minute lessons for both guitar and keyboard every Thursday. The cost is \$17.00 per lesson (payable at time of lesson).

For more information, please contact Cliff Doornkamp on 0474 769 963.



**Bovine Inseminations**

### HERD IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

1740 Finlay Road, Tongala, 3621

Phone (03) 5859 0763

FAX: (03) 5859 0219

### **NOW OPEN**



380 Toolamba Rushworth Road ph: 58265030

## Simply Quilts

### Machine Quilting Service

Edge to edge and custom quilting designs at reasonable rates.

Call to discuss your quilt and get a no obligation quote.

### Patchwork classes for beginners

All equipment supplied (including sewing machines!)

Evening and day classes –limited to 4 participants to ensure individual attention..

Call to book today!

Call or text Rhonda on 0417315171.

### 2018 THE MOBILE LIBRARY

Will visit Toolamba on Alternate Mondays

Monday -3.00pm-4.15

January	8	22
February	5	19
March	5	19
April	Public Holiday	16 30
May	14	28
June	Public Holiday	25
July	9	23
August	6	20
September	3	17
October	1	15 29
November	12	26
December	10	24

### BOOK CLUB

Catalogues have been sent home today with your child.

Please ensure your order is submitted by 9.00am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Orders can be placed online at [bookclubs.scholastic.com.au](http://bookclubs.scholastic.com.au) or via the LOOP app on your tablet or mobile. We can no longer accept cash or cheque payments.

Thank you

Emily

### CALENDAR

2018

**Thurs Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Words Their Way**  
**Information Session. 5.00pm**

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Welcome BBQ. 5.30pm**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Hot Dog**

**Mon Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Finance Committee. 6.00**  
**School Council. 6.30pm**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar**

**Hot Dog**

**Mon Mar 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Finance Committee. 6.00**  
**School Council. 6.30pm**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar**

**Toolamba Athletic Sports Day**

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Tatura Sports Day**

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug**

**Concert.**

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