

Toolamba PS

“Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to our new school term. We hope everyone had a great holiday and enjoyed the freedom to visit family and places we had available in regional Victoria over the break. Our family headed to Picnic Point in Mathoura for a fun weekend of camping. All the staff at Toolamba have really missed our students so it is wonderful to have our whole school community back at last!

It was lovely to see the excitement as children arrived at school on Monday and saw the welcome sign, and met up with friends and caught up on each other's holiday news. I am sure there are a few parents out there too doing some silent fist pumps to think they can put home learning behind them and look forward to a more normal school term!





COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

During remote learning, several teachers shared their personal phone numbers with parents to enable timely communication. Now we have returned to onsite learning, teachers have requested that parents contact them via the school phone-58265212 and not on their personal phones.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tomorrow 9th October is a Curriculum Day, it is a pupil free day.

KINDER TO SCHOOL TRANSITION

Changes to the Transition Program have been made following advice from the Department. Jenny Bathman is now able to visit the Kinder and commence transition activities with the children. Also small groups of children, 5 or less are able to visit the school. We will work with Kinder Staff to provide a range of transition activities for the children. As soon as we have confirmed the dates, we will let you know.

SUNSMART SCHOOL

It is very important to protect our children against the harmful effects of the sun's UV rays. Toolamba is proud to be a 'Sun smart' school. This means that hats are worn during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that your child has a school hat for Term 4 as all students are required to wear their school hat during playtime breaks and outdoor school activities such as sport.

HEALTH REMINDER

A reminder that, in order to do our best to protect our community from contracting any virus, it is important to ensure that any unwell staff and 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.

CHANGE OFFICE HOURS

Currently Jenny Davey is working on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Bree Giles will be working Thursday and Friday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first meeting for Term 4 is on Monday 19th October. At this stage, all of our meetings are still conducted remotely.

Have a great weekend,

Regards Heather

The following provides a summary of key practical information, which will assist in a smooth transition back to school.

- **Adults Onsite** - Restrictions will continue on parent and visitor access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff, social distancing rules apply for all adults onsite.
- **Communication:** We would respectfully ask that wherever possible communication with the

school should be conducted through the school phone or email and if it is necessary to come onsite e.g. to pick up your child for an appointment, please phone the school office ahead of time and we will assist you.

- **Uniform** - All students are expected to wear full school uniform, this includes plain navy, white or black socks.
- **Temperature Checks:** Temperature checks are no longer required for students.
- **Face Masks:** Student in primary school are not required to wear facemasks.
- **Water bottle** - Our water bubblers have been disabled for safety reasons so all children should bring a clearly named refillable water bottle. Children can refill these bottles throughout the day.
- **Illness** - students should stay home if they are unwell. Families must be contactable to pick up children if they present as unwell on arrival or become unwell through the day.
- **Morning Drop Off:** The crossings will be supervised from 8-45am-9am. On arrival students are to go straight to their classrooms.
- **Afternoon Car Pick-up** - With the return to full schooling and the government requirements for school site access, all families travelling home will have a staggered dismissal. Single child families will be dismissed at 3pm.

- **Before & After School Care:** Commenced this week, please provide your child with healthy snacks as the sharing of food is not permitted at this stage.
- **Hats:** Students are required to wear hats in Term 4.
- **Camps Term 4.** The Term 4 Operational Guidelines state that camps are permitted to go ahead. Respective teachers will contact you with further information. Grade 3 / 4 Camp 11th November-13th November. (P G L Adventure Camp Kyneton) Grade 5 / 6 Camp 30th November-4th December. (YMCA Camp Wyuna, Queenscliff)
- **Kinder-School Transition:** kinder visits are allowed in small groups (Groups of 5). We will provide further information on this as it comes to hand.
- **Assemblies:** Are not permitted at this stage. Currently we are investigating providing online access for parents.

FOUNDATION

It has been 4 days of excitement and resetting in the Foundation classroom. Congratulations to these students as it was truly wonderful to see each child arrive with a smile on their face. Returning to a group situation means reaffirming our strong classroom routines and procedures. Learning quietly, waiting and being aware of other people space has been high on the agenda.

Thank you for returning all required items as requested. During the holidays it was wonderful to have a clean out, arrange and re-organize the room ready for the students return. Currently they each have a plastic bag

of Term 3 Learning and Remote Learning Packs in their bag lockers. The bags are quite large and heavy so I'm wondering how I might get these returned to you? However, I will come up with a solution when I have totally reset my mind to an uninterrupted Term 4.

This week we have focused on the author Julia Donaldson and her wonderful story titled Room on a Broom. It has led to our learning on the vowel digraph, double OO. We have also focused on our money system, particularly coins. The children particularly enjoyed coin rubbings with grey-lead pencils and learning the value of these. I greatly encourage you to allow your child to view, sort and count coins to practice learnt concepts at school.

On Wednesday, I have sent home in their plastic pocket **Heart Words...** "I can learn to read and write these words off by heart." They are words we will practice at school in regard to reading, spelling aloud and writing them. Encourage your child to do the same at home and I would love to place stickers to reward efforts with this homework. These will be reviewed fortnightly.

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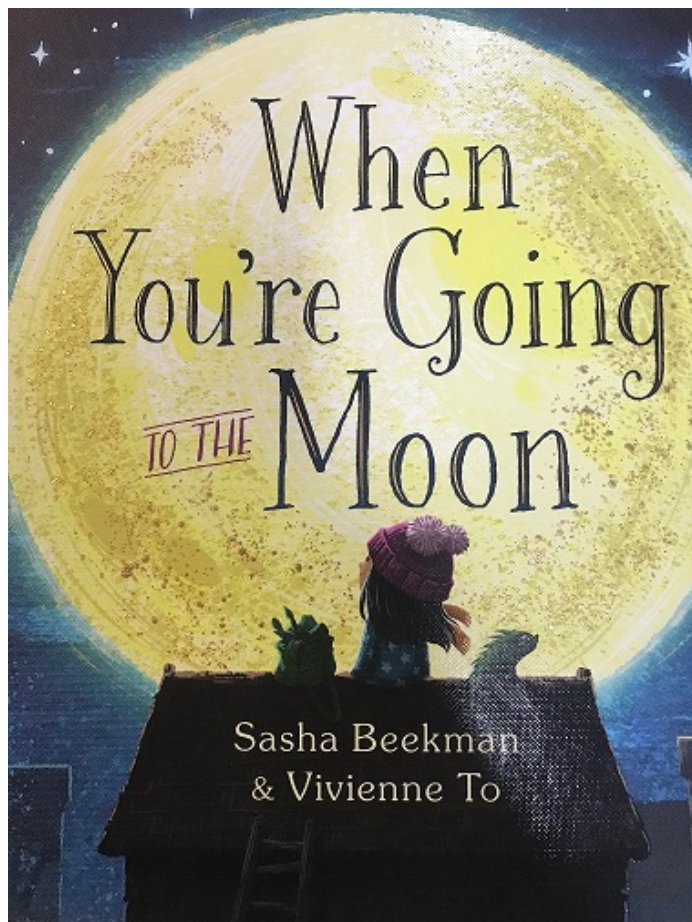
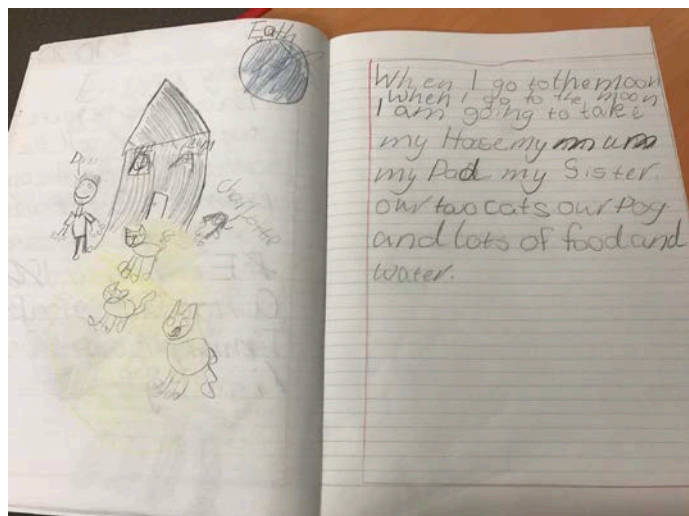
How great is it to be back at school! We've had a delightful start to Term 4 in 1/2L. Students were very excited to see the classroom and their peers.

This term our reward system has been integrated with one of our Numeracy topics, Money. Students have the opportunity to earn money during the day to place in their Money Box. We will then practice counting the coins as students are able to spend their earnings at our class shop. There has been much excitement and many discussions about saving and spending money for particular items.



On Wednesday, we read a lovely book called 'When you're going to the Moon'. Using this text we able to practice Summarising what the book was mostly about, Writing an imaginative piece about our personal trip to

the moon as well as designing a bag to pack our belongings we wanted to take. Everyone produced creative ideas of what and who they would take to the moon with them and the bags look fabulous.



GRADE 3 / 4

It has been great to be back in the classroom with students this week!

We have spent the week exploring the Australian Reptile Park learning about a number of native animals. Students have been completing tasks about these animals for both reading and writing.

In maths, we have been revising a number of topics we explored back in Term 1 to help us settle back into the routines of school.

All the children were excited to learn that we are still able to go on Camp in the coming weeks!

Grade 4 students were eager to help the Foundation students create PowerPoints on Money.

If you still have any resources at home from home remote learning (such as chargers, computer cases, scissors, reading material etc.) we ask that you please return these to school.



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Physiotherapist, Sophie Woodhouse enjoys treating a mix of sports and spinal injuries.

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CALENDAR

Fri 9th Oct	Pupil Free Day
Mon 19th Oct	School Council
Fri 23rd Oct	Public Holiday
Mon 2nd Nov	Curriculum Day
Tue 3rd Nov	Cup Day
Wed 4th-Fri 6th Oct	Grade 3 / 4 Camp
Thur 26th Nov	School Council
Mon 30th	Grade 5 / 6 Camp
Nov - Fri 4th Dec	