

Toolamba PS

“Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



Dear Parents and Families,

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday 23rd October Public Holiday.

Monday 2nd November Pupil Free Day.

Tuesday 3rd November Public Holiday.

HALLOWEEN DAY TUESDAY 27th

Teachers are preparing a day of fun activities for the JSC Halloween Day. Students are to dress in a costume appropriate to the theme. Teachers will rotate around the grades so that everyone can experience the great activities the teachers have prepared. Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation.



ON SITE LEARNING

On our return to school our key priorities are:

1. **Mental Health & Wellbeing**
2. **Learning**
3. **Transitions**

Mental Health & Wellbeing: Our focus has been on settling the students back into the routines and procedures of school. Across the school we have revisited our school values and expectations. Our Social Skills Program has been focusing on resilience and teamwork. Students have been participating in Wilson McCaskill games, which strengthen the skills of teamwork and cooperation and help children to manage relationships.

Learning: Teachers have been using the first 2 weeks to collect data on the children and track how their learning has progressed. The School Improvement Team has identified groups with similar needs for targeted intervention. Our aim is to get the maximum growth for all students. Our intervention team will be working with students across all grades to support and extend their learning.

Transition: Our Kinder to School transition program has commenced. Jenny has had her first visit to the Kinder. At this stage only groups of 5 children can visit the school and they are not to mix with the other students so we timetabling these visits. There are still no school tours allowed.

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition activities are not able to go ahead at this time. Teachers have uploaded documents for the relevant secondary school and there has been a great deal of communication around individual students and their needs.

FROG BOG CONSTRUCTIONS

Over the holidays, we had some tree lopping done. Students were extremely excited on their return from holidays to have a range of new construction materials.





FIRST AID UPDATE

This Saturday staff are completing their annual first aid course facilitated by Rich River First Aid. An update is required each year to keep staff compliant in their first aid training.

Have a lovely weekend,

Regards Heather

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met via a video meeting on the 19th of October.

Items covered included;

- An update on the return to onsite schooling
- Overview of operational guidelines for Term 4
- Update on LINK schools program
- School camp plans
- Curriculum day for November 2nd
- 2021 Budget

Next and final meeting for 2020 is scheduled for November 26th.

School Council

FOUNDATION

Week 3 is almost at an end. The Foundation students are almost back into the routine of classroom procedures and expectations.

Today we made a class book titled "I love Toolamba Primary School". Popular additions to this were the

iPads, frogbog, climbing frame, ampitheatre and adventure playground. When it is completed, we hope to share this with the Preschool children.

The children are continuing to enjoy story time with Julia Donaldson books and I think our favourite this week is "The Scarecrow's Wedding." What a gorgeous story! I hope your child can retell this to you.

In Maths, we have focussed on money/coins, collecting data and counting by 2s. We made a graph on "Our Favourite Lunch box Food." It would be great consolidation at home to allow your child to handle, count and order a small collections of coins.

Our focus in Reading has been self-monitoring. Our anchor chart, reminds us that reading must make sense and the importance of re-reading to ensure that it does. We have also viewed books on Epic from the series My Favourite Sport. They loved the books on the topics of Tennis and Skateboarding. We even went to the tennis courts for an authentic experience.

Next week is Halloween and Tuesday is our special day to dress up. Teachers have selected Halloween activities to engage the children throughout the day. Be wary on pick up Tuesday night!

Enjoy a long weekend and may the Tigers eat the Cats Saturday night!

GRADE 3 / 4

We have been working on Information Reports in writing. Students have been able to select a topic of choice, research and then create a report in either

Word or PowerPoint. Some examples of topics have included Jojo Siwa, Gymnastics, Space and many others.

An area of focus in maths has been our fluency tasks. In this time we practice a number of skills that require an almost automatic recall. Students have participated in skip counting tasks, doubling 2 digit numbers and doubling decimals. During this fluency time, Grade 3 students have been using chalk to create hopscotch games with the 4's counting pattern.

The Grade 4 students got to spend some time creating sand art with the Foundation Students. This required drafting our designs then drawing the design again with glue on black paper to press down on the sand pit to create magnificent pieces of art.





Camp is fast approaching and we are all so excited to go! We will be departing from school at 9:30am on Wednesday 4th November. Students need to arrive at school at their normal time. Our expected return on Friday 6th Nov is at 4:15pm, students who normally take the bus home will have to be picked up. Camp payments need to be paid before departure unless other arrangements are made with the office. More information will be sent home next Friday (30th October) after our camp meeting.

GRADE 5/6

We are happy to report that the students are settling well back into the school routine.

In Literacy, the students have been enjoying creating their Greater Shepparton City Council Writing Competition entries. There have been some great stories written. Unfortunately we are only able to enter 3 of them. Students have been working on improving their reading stamina when reading independently. Students set themselves a goal and are striving to reach 30 minutes uninterrupted reading. We are also completing lots of revision activities.

In Numeracy, the students have been experimenting with different mental strategies to use in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to make equations easier to solve.

On Monday we focused on the importance of kindness and what it means to be kind. We have some wonderful posters created by our students that show kind words can be sprinkled everywhere.



We are very excited about our camp to Camp Wyuna in Queenscliff in the week beginning Monday, 30th November. The first note to be sent home is a permission form. We would like this returned to school as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers attending the camp. There will be further information sent home as well as a medical form and clothing list, as we get closer to the date.

Don't forget next Tuesday is our Halloween Dress Up Day. We're looking forward to an exciting and fun day!

GOULBURN VALLEY LIBRARY

It is with great excitement that we announce that all our libraries will be open to the public next Tuesday 27th October from 10am. The Premier has eased restrictions and we can now re-open with a maximum of 10 patrons in our library spaces at any time. The Mobile Library will also commence operations from Wednesday 28th October with a modified schedule.

At this stage we will not be offering in-house story times, programs, or use of our meeting areas until we are sure we can manage the physical distancing and hygiene requirements needed to ensure public safety.

Patrons will be expected to maintain physical distancing and personal hand hygiene, and mask-wearing will be mandatory. Patrons will also need to provide contact tracing information and are asked to be patient if we have reached our capacity limit and they need to wait until allowed to enter.

All returned books are cleaned before going back on the shelf and in the first step to increasing services we will be encouraging people to minimize the time spent

in the library. Click and Collect, borrow and go home will be our mantra!

Our initial opening hours and days of operation will vary from our previous normal hours and are reduced to ensure adequate time for staff to sanitise the library."

Patrons are still encouraged to make use of our on-line services that have taken off while we have been closed! We have a huge range of FREE eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines for adults and kids. People can join online and get access straight away. We also offer video streaming of movies and documentaries through our Kanopy streaming service. Why pay for Netflix?

TOOLAMBA TENNIS CLUB NEWS

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)

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

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Sophie and Tom are excited to move back to Shepparton and work in the Goulburn Valley!



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CALENDAR

Fri 23 rd Oct	Public Holiday
Mon 2 nd Nov	Pupil Free Day
Tue 3 rd Nov	Cup Day
Wed 4 th -Fri 6 th Nov	Grade 3 / 4 Camp
Fri 20 th Nov	Grade 1 / 2 Activity
Thur 26 th Nov	School Council 6pm
Mon 30 th	Grade 5 / 6 Camp
Nov - Fri 4 th Dec	
Tue 8 th Dec	Orientation Day
Fri 18 th Dec	Last Day