

Toolamba PS

“Striving for Excellence”

Values: Respectful, Trustworthy and Inclusive



Dear Parents and Families,

What an eventful year it has been, one we will remember for years to come. There is no doubt that this year has presented some ups and downs. Throughout the year we have focussed on creating an environment within our school that is safe for all staff and students. Wellbeing has been a priority, we have endeavoured to be supportive of individual family situations and provides a rich educational program where learning is relevant and ensures every child achieves to their full potential.

I have always known that our staff are adaptive, caring and professional, but I really think the COVID crisis accentuated these qualities in a big way. The swiftness with which our staff adapted to remote learning, the long hours spent preparing material for on line classes, their willingness to rapidly learn new digital delivery techniques, their ingenuity and creativity in keeping students engaged and their ongoing care for individual students and their families have rightly been recognised and applauded during recent months.

I'm confident that all parents would join me in commending and thanking them for the outstanding work they do in education and for the very many ways in which they go "above and beyond" in the service of the school.

Staff and students have certainly earned a well deserved rest.

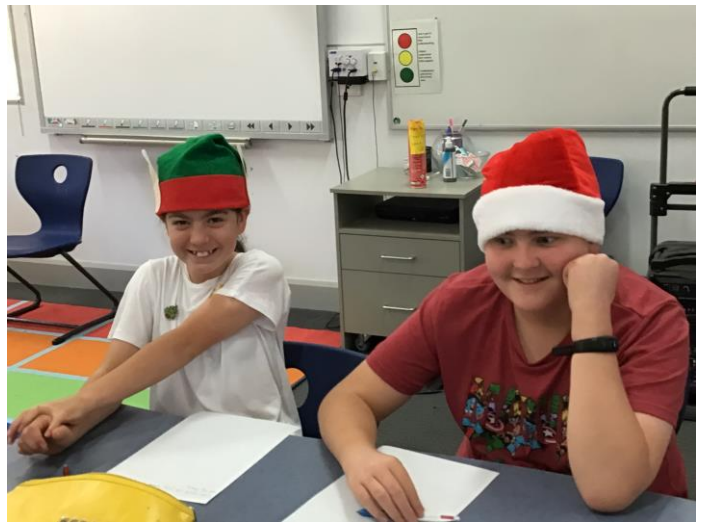
So too I wish to acknowledge and thank our parents for the amazing partnerships formed this year with staff, particularly during COVID - teaching your children remotely often while juggling your own work and young families at home was a huge challenge that you all rose to, and I am incredibly appreciative of your patience, belief in the school and commitment to keeping your child's learning journey on track despite the speed humps we encountered in 2020.

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Classrooms were certainly filled with the Christmas Spirit on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many students dressed for the festive occasion.









JSC BREAKUP.

Members were treated to a special lunch in Colaura Gardens to celebrate the end of the year.





FAREWELL

Tonight we will have the opportunity to formally farewell our Grade 6 students. They have been a fantastic group whom we have grown very extremely fond of. We are certainly going to miss them and their unique sense of humour!

Sadly, we are also farewelling the Ward, Nguyen, Lovitt and Miller families. We wish you all the best as you and your children settle into your new homes and schools.

We are also very sad to be farewelling the following families: Sue & Gavin Ford, Debbie & Andrew Garner, Linda Radley, Mark Healey, Elise Whipps, Troy Hunt, Tammy Malins & Ian Munn, Katie Clavarino & Nathan Hanns, Brooke & Glenn Moloney, Lynda & Travis Morrison, Sharon & Mark O'Connell, Michelle Tamburro-Whitty, Mardi Williams, Mark Williams, Mandy & Ben Sibio, and finally Kara & Tim Trevaskis. Many families have had a long association with our school. We thank you for your tireless efforts and

your commitment to our school. It certainly has been greatly appreciated. These positive home school partnerships play such a vital role in your children's education.

FAREWELL

Sadly we are farewelling three of our valued staff members this year. Robert Kirby has accepted a teaching position at St Augustine's for 2021. We wish Robert all the very best with his move and thank him for the care and commitment he has shown to the students in his time here. I know they are certainly going to miss him.

One good thing that came out of COVID was that Ryan Sarkady returned to help us out across the school. His dedication to us throughout remote learning was amazing. So much of the time he spent here at school, was on a voluntary basis. Currently Ryan is studying to become a Primary School Teacher; we wish him all the best with his promising career.

On Monday, staff held a morning tea to celebrate Fiona's Brown's ten years of dedication to our school. Fiona has been invaluable in her role as After School Care Co-ordinator. We have been so fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated person to care for our students. We wish Fiona all the best in her retirement, however she has promised to do some voluntary work in the school, which is fantastic.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

As you have done in the past I encourage you to keep an eye on our school over the holidays. Please notify the police if you see anything suspicious.

Finally, on behalf of the Staff of Toolamba PS, I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas. For those of you that are travelling I hope that you arrive and return safely.

Happy Christmas and take care over the holiday season!
Regards Heather

END YEAR ASSEMBLY

START TIME 12.30PM

Assembly will be held in the Amphitheatre, adults are requested to wear masks, as social distancing will be a challenge.

Our assembly is an opportunity to:

- Present Awards & Scholarships
- Farewell students, families and staff
- School Captain Speeches
- Announcement of Leadership positions
- Santa

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2021

Due to Fiona Brown's retirement, Toni-Marie Arnold will now take on the roll as, Before & After School Care Coordinator.

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 have been sent home, and are required on commencement in 2021.

Copies are also available next year from Toni-Marie.

We are happy to transfer the copy of the birth certificate and immunisation certificate we currently have on file, to the new enrolment.

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 19th December.

Prizes will be vouchers from the Coles Group.

1st Prize - \$50

2nd Prize - \$30

3rd 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

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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

DATES FOR 2021

Wed 27 th Jan	Teachers Return
Thur 28 th Jan	Students Return
Mon 8 th Feb	Curriculum Day
Thur 1 st April	Last day Term 1
Mon 19 th April	Term 2 starts
Fri 25 th June	Last Day Term 2
Mon 12 th Jul	Term 3 starts
Fri 17 th Sept	Last Day Term 3
Mon 4 th Oct	Term 4 starts
Fri 17 th Dec	Last Day Term 4