PRINCIPAL REPORT

ASSEMBLY & BADGE PRESENTATION
On Monday we had the privilege of presenting our School Leaders for 2016 were their badges.

School Captains.

School Captains.  Maya Rutherford, Declan Kinnane
Vice Captains:  Elsie Boyer, Cam O’Connell

House Captains

Hovell:  Mitchell Bell, Billie Merritt

Bayunga:  Kurtis Clark, Elliza Sibio

Goulburn:  Caroline Smith, Brodie Wooster
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

Grade 6: Abby Trevaskis, Kasey Moseley, Keeley Smith, Jamie Bedwell, Layla Ryan.

Grade 5: Isobel Pogue, Darcy Tyquin

Grade 3 / 4: Crystal Noles, Jackson Barthold.

Grade 3 / 4: Ada Rutherford, Oliver Williams

Grade 2: Oliver Hunt-Whipps

Grade 2: Imogen Morrison


BUS CAPTAINS

Jamie Bedwell, Kurtis Clark

WATER ONLY SCHOOL

Yesterday was the launch of our Water Only School Program. Students across the school participated in a range of interactive activities to educate students in the benefits of drinking water. Our thanks must go to Jayne Sproule who has organised the introduction of the program into the school.
reconsidering whether it is worth their while to continue provide the service. They will give the service for one more week and reevaluate. If you wish this service to continue I encourage you to support them next week. The menu is attached to the newsletter.

THEATENING CALLS
Below is a message received from Bruce Armstrong, Acting Deputy Secretary containing advice for schools across Victoria. "A number of our schools have again received threatening phone calls today, and the calls may continue this afternoon.
If you receive a call, it is vital that you take these calls seriously and initiate your emergency management plan and contact the police.
As always, the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.
Despite the fact that the previous incidents on Friday turned out to be a hoax, I reinforce that all threats need to be taken seriously and emergency management plans enacted accordingly
The Department is contacting schools affected to provide support in communicating with your school communities.
If you have any further questions, please contact your regional office."
Our response would be to evacuate the school to the Community Centre and enact our Emergency Management Plan. Parents would be notified. If such an event occurred we would notify parents of the event.

KINDER /SCHOOL WELCOME BBQ
Our Welcome BBQ will be on Thursday 11th of February from 5.30pm -7.30pm so please pop this date on your calendar. Meat and bread will be provided. Please bring a sweet or salad to share. BYO drinks and chairs for comfort. Our Water Only School allows us to have 4 free days throughout the year. You are not expected to drink water on the night!

INFORMATION EVENING
Thank you to all those parents who attended the sessions last night. I know teachers really appreciated the opportunity to share what is happening in their classrooms
with you. I spent an enjoyable evening with Fiona and many children. We were so impressed with their behaviour. As you can see by the photos they were engaged in a variety of activities.
SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first meeting for the year is Monday 22nd February at 6.30pm. The Finance Meeting will be 6.00pm.

School Council elections are upon us again. This year we have 6 parents and 1 staff member who have completed their term of office and are up for reelection. They are Michael Evans, Nathan Hanns, David Paton, Bim Rutherford, Ross Read, Megan Hall and Jayne Sproule. Included with this newsletter is information explaining how a School Council works and the roles it undertakes. I have provided a timeline for School Council Elections for Toolamba Primary School, 2016 and strongly encourage parents to consider standing for election.

CURRICULUM DAY

Monday 15th February is a Curriculum Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Staff will be participating in a professional learning session on Words Their Way. We
are aiming to have an information session for parents on this word study program later in the term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards Heather

TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016

Thurs 19th Feb. Call for nominations for School Council
Thurs 26th Feb Closing Date for Nominations
Thurs 4th Mar Ballot Papers Distributed (If necessary)
Tue 9th Mar Close of Ballot for School Council
Mon 21st Mar New Council is able to meet.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Monday 21st 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 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 or 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

**ART**

All students require Art Smocks for their Art Lessons.

**PRE LOVED UNIFORMS**

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

**FAMILY ACCOUNTS**

Statements for school family accounts will be 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.

**RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

If you would like to receive a copy by email as well as a paper copy, please complete the details below and return the form to school.

Name………………………………………………………
Email …………………………………………………

**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 to 2pm. If you would like to book a place for your child, please call the Kinder on 5826 5320.
COMMUNITY NEWS

LADIES TWILIGHT TENNIS

When: Tuesday nights at 6.30pm
Starts: 9th February 2016
Where: Toolamba Tennis Courts
Contact: Melissa Calleja 0488 004 004

TOOLAMBA RECREATION RESERVE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Call for Applications for Membership.

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

Applications will be received by the Shepparton City Council until 5.00pm on Friday 19th February 2016.

Application forms are available:
- On Council’s Website at www.greatershepparton.com.au
- The Council office at 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton
- Contacting the Committees and Cemeteries Operations Officer on 5832 9895

TATURA BASKETBALL AUTUMN COMPETITION

Commences February 29th.

This competition is open to ages 8-16 (must still be 16 on 30th June 2016).

Registration night: 6-7pm Monday 8th, upstairs at Tatura Stadium.

Registration and Payment must be made on this night.

For further information please contact Lisa Cullum, President, at taba@viberts.com.au or on 0428 242 889.

Can past players please return any playing singlets they may have on registration night?

TOOLAMBA LION’S CLUB Inc.
Meets 1st Tuesday of each month.
For more information contact:
Helen Morritt 5826 5005
Bill McDonald 5826 5182
Sally Moseley 5826 5125

TOOLAMBA FOOD SWAP

The next Toolamba Food Swap will be held at Wren's General Store from 9am until 11am on Sunday 7th February. Bring along your excess produce or something of interest to swap. The Lions Club of Toolamba invite all community members to "Take what you need and Leave what you don’t". For more information please visit the Lions Club of Toolamba Inc. Facebook page or contact Keira Birchmore on 0417252874.

Thanks, Keira

ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

Toolamba Recreation Reserve

Park Yoga 9.00-10.00am
26th February 2016
25th March 2016.

Juggling Balls 3.00pm-5.00pm
Sunday 13th March 2016

S.P.C. Kidstown 5.30pm-8.00pm
Friday 19th February

Register at 5.50pm at the Chainman’s Garden in Mooroopna or the bridge behind Aquamoves and take the stroll to S.P.C. Kids Town.

Upon arrival at Kids Town enjoy the free activities on offer for the whole family with a return walk or shuttle bus available if the kids are too exhausted to walk.

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Visit our website- getmovingshepparton.com.au
Like us on facebook- getmovinggreatershepparton
Follow us on instagram @getmooving
Download our app- getmooving
Call Council’s Active Living Department-(03) 5832 9431
On weekends call Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre (03) 5832 9330.

Thanks Rachel -0419 236 888.

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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

HOT DOG ORDER FORM.
The next Junior School Council Hot Dog Day will be held on **Friday 12th February**. Orders must be in at 9.00am, on **Thursday 11th February**.
**WE WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING LATE HOTDOG ORDERS OR PHONE ORDERS.** Hot dog orders are due in by 9.00am on Thursday. Orders are collated, money is counted and rolls are ordered on Thursday. It causes a great deal of inconvenience to change everything to accommodate late orders. We would appreciate your support with this.

Name……………………………………………
Teacher…………………………………………
Hot dog (in rolls or bread) @ $2.50
Total enclosed $…………
Change require $…………

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CALENDAR 2016

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- **Fri 11th Mar** Hot Dog Day
- **Mon 14th Mar** Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Fri 18th Mar** Toolamba Athletics Day
- **Mon 21st Mar** School Council
- **Tue 22nd Mar** Tatura & District Athletics
- **Thur 24th Mar** Last Day Term 1
- **Mon 11th Apr** Term 2 Commences

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