PRINCIPAL REPORT

KINDER /SCHOOL WELCOME BBQ
Our Welcome BBQ will be on tonight Thursday 11th of February from 5.30pm. 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!

CURRICULUM DAY
Next 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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
JSC held their first meeting for the year this week. Elections were held for leadership positions. Students nominated people for the positions and then conducted a ballot. We would like to congratulate the following students on their roles, as you can see, for some roles there were ties.

Presidents: Abby Trevaskis & Kasey Moseley
Vice President: Elsie Boyer
Secretary: Ada Rutherford.

Treasurers: Cam O’Connell & Isobel Pogue

LUNCH ORDERS
There were several more lunch orders this week and Verong Vittles are happy to continue if the numbers remain viable. Please remember to have the orders at school by 3.30pm on a Monday afternoon.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUND
Unfortunately, this week students have been stepping in dog droppings around the school ground.
If dogs are brought into the school ground we request that they are on a lead and that owners clean up after them.
Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

CFA FIRE AWARENESS SESSION
The Shepparton CFA is conducting a fire awareness session for parents on Wednesday 25th February at 5.30pm. This is a combined Kinder and School event. The session will be held in the Central Learning Street.
Further details will follow closer to the event.
Hopefully we will see you tonight.

Regards Heather

TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016
Thurs 18th Feb. Call for nominations for School Council
Thurs 25th Feb. Closing Date for Nominations
Thurs 3rd Mar. Ballot Papers Distributed (If necessary)
Tue 8th 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 meetings 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

Contact the school for further information.
ART SMOCKS
Thank you to parents who have already sent Art Smocks along with their child. These will be stored in the Art Room. They will then be used in the Art sessions on Fridays.

PARENTS AND FRIEND’S A.G.M.
Parents and Friend’s AGM/first meeting of 2016 will be held on Monday 29th February at 7:30pm in the multi-purpose room.
The Parents and Friend’s meet 1-2 times a term, and help organise fundraising events and activities for our students, including Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, Milo and Muffin Days, Raffles and many more.
We would love to see new and old faces at the meeting. Some great reasons to come along include
- making new friends
- being involved with the school community
- being able to raise money to buy new resources for our children!
If you are unable to attend but want to join our mailing/text list for helping out throughout the year please let me know.
Many thanks,
Katie Clavarino
0417504520

JUNIOR NEWS – Term 1, Week 3 2016
Welcome to the new school year. Our Junior section of the school has 72 enrolments which are allocated into 4 grades/4 teachers.

Hats
We encourage hats to stay at school in children’s lockers to ensure that they are here every day. Our policy is “No hat, No play.” Children who do not have their hats are to remain in the amphitheatre under the sail for the duration of playtime.

Plastic Pockets
Please ensure that your child brings their plastic pocket to school each day.

Integrated Studies
We started our rotation on Tuesday. Miss Maskell is teaching the students about Science with the focus on water and how it can be a solid, liquid and a gas. We enjoyed the experiment ‘Escaping Water’. Mr Thompson has been working with the iPads and how to navigate the camera to take photos and videos and also how to take screenshots! Miss Larcombe was away, but next week the students will participate in Dance and Drama. Mrs Bathman worked with the students to develop their self-esteem and getting along skills.

Homework
Grade 1 and 2 students have homework that is sent home on Monday and is to be returned on Friday. These short tasks also give you an idea of what we are working on in class. If you need any help please let us know.

Prep Learning
This Monday we welcome you in to assist with our reading program which starts at 9am and finishes at approximately 9.30. We would like you to listen to take home books and sight words. It would be great if you have time to read a story book as well which are in tubs on the table. Our read aloud time is an important part of our Literacy program and the children benefit with having 1:1 time with an adult.
How is your home reading going? It is important that your child is pointing to each word as they read to ensure 1:1 correspondence. Looking at the pictures for clues and predicting text is also another strategy that effective reader’s use. Allow your child to be boss of their book, turning the pages when required. If you have any concerns about this process, please come and have a chat with me. For optimal Literacy development it is essential that they read aloud and story time occurs on a daily basis.
This week the children have a new display book in their plastic pocket which is titled the Rhyme of the Week. This week we are learning 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I caught a fish alive, and we have made fishing rods as props. Please share read this with your child. Rhymes help children learn to hear sounds in words, which in turn, guide their writing development. We say… “If you can’t hear it, you can’t write it.”

Letter of the Week is Ss. Explicit teaching has been on the correct formation to write this letter, as well as name, sound and objects beginning with this sound. We have 6 Foundation students beginning with this letter.
Introduction to school can be difficult for some children especially if they are over tired. I stress the importance of ensuring that your child gets plenty of rest and a good 10 hours sleep through the week. Our Wednesday day off is certainly assisting with this.

The Grade 1/2 and Grade 2 class made pancakes on Tuesday as a way of stimulating their recount writing skills. We have focussed on using time words; Firstly, Secondly, Finally, etc.

We hope to see you all tonight at the Welcome Barbecue Jen, Bec, Sarah & Craig

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Teacher Care Awards**

Tyson Jeffers, Delilah Thomas, Patrick Wilson, Tom Bull, Spencer Williams, Jack Cartmel, Tony Valentin, Ava Ralph

J.S.C

Tyson Jeffers, Luke Webb, Jacob Kinnane, Isabella Lemma, Steph Moran, Hanna Turner, Izzy Birchmore, Keeley Smith, jack Cartmel, Belinda Valentin, Ryan McGrath, Ashton Young, Darcy Tyquin, Taz Hall, Ava Ralph, Sophie Bryant, Delilah Thomas, Sienna Miller

**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**

**TOOLAMBA SOCCER NEWS**

2016 season commences April 16.

Age groups from under 6 (must turn 5 before July 1) to under 12.

Games are played at the one venue in Shepparton each Saturday.

Registrations will again be managed on line on the myfootballclub website.

Cost $85 for the season.

Pre loved boots can be provided if required.

Please e-mail me your son/daughters details to: rossfifoot@bigpond.com and further information will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

Regards

Ross Fifoot

Toolamba Junior delegate

0409685060

**PLAY NETBALL AT TATURA IN 2016**

Training & team selections to play for Tatura in the Shepparton Netball Association Saturday competition in 2016 are fast approaching!

Join a friendly, competitive, community-based club that encourages leadership & excellence in netball.
Training & team selections will be held on 25 February, 1 March, 3 March, 8 March & 10 March at the Tatura netball courts, Hastie Street, Tatura at 6.00 pm.
11 & Under and 13 & Under Primary age groups.
Registration on 25th February.
All abilities welcome.
Parents & prospective coaches & team managers are most welcome.
Everyone plays at Tatura!
Contact Simon Pogue for more details.
0417 305 637 or taturanetballassoc@hotmail.com.

LADIES TWILIGHT TENNIS
When:  Tuesday nights at 6.30pm
Where:  Toolamba Tennis Courts
Contact:  Melissa Calleja 0488 004 004

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

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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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
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CALENDAR 2016

Fri 12th Feb    Hot Dog Orders
Mon 15th Feb    Curriculum Day no students
Thurs 18th Feb. Call for nominations for School Council
Mon 22nd Feb    School Council
Fri 26th Feb    Hot Dog Orders
Thurs 25th Feb  Closing Date for Nominations
Thurs 3rd Mar   Ballot Papers Distributed (If necessary)
Tue 8th Mar     Close of Ballot for School Council
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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