PRINCIPAL REPORT

WORDS THEIR WAY INFORMATION SESSION

Tonight from 5.30-6.30, we have our information session around Words Their Way. Words Their Way is a developmental word study, phonics, and vocabulary program. Words Their Way is an open-ended individual process. At the start of the year students were given an assessment. This determines where they are along the developmental continuum. Based on assessment results students have been given words to study in order to discover the common attributes. In this manner students are actively constructing their own knowledge of spelling patterns. Students learn features by completing activities such as word sorting, word hunts, games and drawing and labeling. Tonight we will cover aspects such as:

- Assessment
- Lesson Focus
- Weekly activities
- Homework

HEAD LICE
We have had several incidents of reoccurring head Lice. Please take the time over the weekend to check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

BRAVEHEART
On Wednesday we had a visit from the Brave Heart Team. The purpose of 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show' is to teach children personal safety in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion.

The show addressed:

- Yes and No Feelings
- Warning Signs
- Scared and Yucky Feelings
- Private Parts and Privacy
- It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe
- What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure

In addition to the performance and to continue communicating Ditto's personal safety messages, the team also provided an Activity Book for each student to take home and share with parents and carers.
PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Interviews will be held on Wednesday 23rd March commencing at 1.30pm Please complete the form attached to the newsletter with your preferred time slots. Times will be allocated next week and sent home on the newsletter.

ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB
Player from the Essendon Football club will be visiting the school on Friday from 12.15-1.45pm. They will be speaking to the Grade 5/6 students, having lunch with the children in the amphitheatre and then running a clinic at lunch time.

TOOLAMBA ATHLETIC SPORTS
On Friday 18th March we have our annual athletic sports. Students have been busy training for this with Mr Boyer. The event is held on the community oval. Parents are encouraged to come along for the day. P& F are cooking a BBQ lunch. An order form is included in the newsletter. Parents are very welcome to order sausages for themselves and any younger siblings.

LUNCH TIME GAMES
Students from Grade 5/6 have been running lunch time games. These are quiet games inside which are an alternative activity for students. If you have any games at home that you no longer need that you feel would be suitable we would greatly appreciate them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
What is Special Religious Instruction?
SRI is “instruction provided by churches and other religious groups and based on distinctive religious tenets and beliefs.” This may include scriptural studies, and instruction in how to live and behave according to the beliefs of a particular faith.
SRI is an ‘opt-in’ extra-curricular activity that provides instruction in a specific faith, and is provided by a church or other religious group.
Given the specific religious nature of SRI, the Department of Education and Training does not endorse SRI program content. SRI materials are available online and via the SRI provider for parents to review.
Religious Education will commence in Term 2. The new directive from the DE&T is that sessions are to be run at lunch time or before and after school for half an hour. The session will be run by an accredited instructor and supervised by a staff member.
We have decided to run the sessions at lunch time on a Friday. The sessions are open to all children. If you wish your child to participate you will need to return the form attached to the newsletter.

Enjoy your weekend,

Regards Heather

THANK YOU
A very big thank you to Stu Tyquin for always being available for any maintenance emergencies around the school. It is very much appreciated
BOOKCLUB

The latest book club catalogue is attached to the newsletter this week.
Orders are due back by 9am Thursday 10th March.
Please return all order forms with cash or cheque (made out to Toolamba Primary School).
Orders can also be placed online via the LOOP ordering system. You can download the App or go to scholastic.com.au/LOOP. This enables you to order and pay online. There is no delivery charge as your order will come with the main school order.
Orders will be distributed to your child when they arrive. If you would like to collect the order yourself (i.e. gift) please make a note of this on your order.

Any questions, contact Emily 0439265447 or Jenny at the office.

JUNIOR NEWS

Prep Learning
It has been wonderful to have many parents join us for our reading program each morning. When you are able to do this, please could you check that all children have changed their take home books from their RAT box. Thank you for hearing not just your own child, but other children on the table. We appreciate your assistance with this.
It is essential that all Prep children are finger pointing whilst reading. They must do this with their “Pointer” finger and ideally they are pointing at the first letter of each word. This will enhance their ability to develop the reading strategy of looking at the first letter when identifying an unknown word. One to one matching develops their Concept of Word as it gives deliberate attention to words in and out of context.
To date we have covered the following alphabet letters; Ss, Mm, Tt and Bb. We have focused on name, sound and letter formation of capital as well as lower case of each. The children have been identifying each letter’s sound and objects that begin with it. Hearing the beginning sound of a word is very much part of the Emergent learner in Literacy. Our school has a saying, “If you can’t hear it, you can’t write it!”
This week in Numeracy we have been looking and using the dotted dice to complete the activity of Roll and Cover. Dice games are excellent at teaching number with a focus on counting. Snakes and Ladders is right up there as one of the best. We have also involved a 100 chart when practising our whole class counting.
Please remember the importance of bedtime routine now the children come 5 days a week. Arriving at school refreshed each day certainly contributes to maximum learning.

Grade One Learning
In our shared reading this week we have been looking at the big book: The Sunflower That Went FLOP. As a focus for this book we are looking at other words that begin with ‘fl’ and end with ‘op’ and making our own sunflower garden within the learning tent. It was fantastic to hear from other students who have grown sunflowers before and we had the privilege of seeing one of Eve’s sunflower heads. Unfortunately, she had to pull them out of the ground on the weekend because they went FLOP but luckily she kept one that she was able to show us.
Thank you to everyone who has come into reading in the mornings, it is greatly appreciated. We are very lucky to also have some Grade 5/6 helpers on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays to listen to our reading and words.
Within Maths we have been looking a Time. We have made our own clock out of a paper plate and also been able to demonstrate our favourite time of the day. Most students in Grade One enjoy 1 o’clock the most because that is LUNCH TIME!

If your child has a watch they could wear to school to assist in learning o’clock and half past that would be fantastic. I know Patrick has already started wearing his watch and constantly reminds me how many minutes we have left until recess and lunchtime.
Grade 1/2

Students in the Grade 1/2 classroom, have been involved in a range of activities in Mathematics to extend their understanding of Place Value. On Tuesday, we were using the tens and ones MAB blocks to explore our height. Students worked cooperatively with a partner throughout this activity. We found that Nikiri Atkinson had the least (11 tens and 3 ones) and Tyren Trevaskis had the most (13 tens and 9 ones). This activity was a lot of fun and Miss Maskell also took part in this activity.

During Reading, we have been looking at Narratives, where we build on our comprehension skills of both literal and inferential. Students are eager to begin writing their own Narrative pieces with a clear problem and solution.

Students have also been participating in yoga activities which has been a lot of fun.

This week, during Integrated Studies, I have taken a multi-age group for Science. We have learnt about the Water Cycle – evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. Students were also engaged in the experiment, ‘Let it Rain’ to further understand the precipitation stage of the Water Cycle.

A discussion was also held about low, middle and high level clouds.

Students being involved in the stratus (low level), alto (middle level) and cirrus (high level) cloud activity.

Just a reminder that Grade 1/2 have homework due back every Friday morning and new homework is sent home on Monday in their display folder. Homework also includes the Words Their Way sort cards. Students can earn up to 3 points for bringing back their homework completed. I have a handful of students that have earnt themselves a perfect 15 points for this term so far. Well done!

Sporting in Schools has been running every Tuesday this term for the last 4 weeks. Students have learnt multiple dance routines such as the Bus Stop and Sweat Dance. This week, students were learning a partnered dance. Sporting in Schools will conclude in 2 weeks on the 15th of March.

Grade 2

In the Grade 2 room we have started our ‘Zero to Hero’ story where we are looking at our main character gaining confidence from a magical item before it is taken away when they think they need it the most.

Our Numeracy lessons are now turning their attention to telling the time and making sure we know about other words that we use for time, like months and leap years.

We had lots of fun in our first multi-age Integrated Studies rotation. Mr Thompson is working with the groups to build on their ability to use computers and how to save our work so that we can find it next time!

PARENTS & FRIENDS HAVE SET A CHALLENGE

THE 5c CHALLENGE

Monies raised will go towards purchasing some new Science Equipment for the children to use in class.

Each classroom will have a jar- all you have to do is deposit as many 5c pieces in your class jar as possible. Starting March 14th.

At the end of Term 1, the class with the highest amount of money will be our winners. Prizes to the teacher and children of that class will be handed out at the last assembly.

Get ready for the challenge.

Sally Moseley.
TOOLAMBA ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY
Friday 18th March
Prep – Grade 6
House Groups
Students require school uniform with a house coloured shirt.
BAYUNGA-Red  GOULBURN-Blue
HOVELL - White

Parents & Friends will be organising a BBQ for lunch.
Please complete the form below with your order.

Athletics Day BBQ Sausage Orders
Friday 18th March

Sausages $2.00 ea

Student Orders
Student Name:.................................
Grade:...........................................
Number of Sausages:.........................

Student Name:.................................
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Grade:...........................................
Number of Sausages:.........................

Adult / Sibling / Visitors Orders
Name:...........................................
Grade:...........................................
Number of Sausages:.........................

Total Number Sausages: ...........................................

Please Return by Wednesday 16th March.

HOT DOG ORDER FORM.
The next Junior School Council Hot Dog Day will be held on Friday 11th March. Orders must be in at 9.00am, on Thursday 10th
Hot dog orders are due in by 9.00am on Thursday. Orders are collated, money is counted and rolls are ordered on Thursday.

PLEASE NO LATE HOTDOG ORDERS OR PHONE ORDERS. 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 $...........

Name...........................................
Teacher.........................................
Hot dog (in rolls or bread) @ $2.50
Total enclosed $..........
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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 ...........................................
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.

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

LUNCH ORDERS
Lunch orders are available every Wednesday. Orders need to be returned to the school by Monday at 3.30pm. The menu alternates each term and includes food such as - chicken salad rolls, chicken and salad wraps, pies, sausage rolls, pizzas and sandwiches. Orders are to be written on a brown paper bag. Please ensure you have the correct money. A menu is attached to the newsletter. Please keep this menu to refer to throughout the term. If your child is absent on the day and has placed a lunch order please ring “Verong Vittles” and cancel it.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOOLAMBA JUNIOR SOCCER
There is less than two weeks left to register. (14/3/16) cut off. Please do so by e-mail to rossfifoot@bigpond.com or via 0409685060. Payment will be required via direct bank transfer or cheque this season. An email will follow to all interested players with the bank details. Season commences 16/4. Training for the under 8s and up will commence in the next few weeks.

Regards
Ross Fifoot
Junior delegate.

TATURA NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Registration forms are available at the school office for The TNA Friday night netball competition and Net Set Go. The season commences on Friday April 15 at the courts in Tatura.

Toolamba will enter teams in Division 2 (grade 3/4) and Division 1 (grade 5/6).

Net Set Go will be conducted at the courts in Tatura on Friday night at about 5pm.

Could all children who want to play in the competition or participate in Net Set Go please collect a form and return it to the school by Thursday 10 March. Payment can be enclosed with the registration form or paid online. Teams will be arranged once we have the numbers of children who are interested.

Net set go registrations can be completed using the same registration form.

Any questions please call Fiona Boyer on 0439 385 072.
LIVE STAND UP COMEDY – NELSON TWINS, TOM SIEGERT & EVAN HOCKING
Friday 4th March 2016 – Toolamba Community Hall
Welcome to the slightly odd world of the Nelson Twins.
The Nelson Twins are one of the most unique stand-up comedy acts in the world. Raised in rural New South Wales, the twins have fast become one of the most sought after double acts in Australia, dazzling corporate and club crowds alike with their cheeky humour.
Tickets are now available. Tables of 10 can be booked for $500 and single tickets for $60.
Price includes dinner
Drinks at bar prices
For more information or to book your tickets please call Craig Thompson on 0407465560 or any other Murchison FNC committee member.

TOOLAMBA FOOD SWAP
The next Toolamba Food Swap will be held at Colaura Gardens from 9am until 11am this Sunday 6th March. 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 want"
For more information please visit the Lions Club of Toolamba Inc. Facebook page or contact Keira Birchmore on 0417252874.

Could you also please add it to the School Calendar on the newsletter as the first Sunday of each month. So the next few are:
Sunday 3rd April 2016
Sunday 8th May 2016

Also the Lions Club of Toolamba Twilight Festival on Saturday 26th November

TOOLAMBA BLUELIGHT DISCO
Date: March 18th
Time: 6:30 – 9:30pm
Cost: $8 per child or $20 per family
A free sausage sizzle is provided on the night.
Glo sticks, drinks, and snacks are available to purchase on the night from the canteen.
All canteen proceeds are donated to the Toolamba Primary School Junior School Council.
Children under 7 are welcome to attend with a supervising adult.
For further information contact Katie on 0417504520

TATURA BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Friday 4th March
@6:30 to 9:30
$7 primary aged children (6 to 13)
Tatura Victory hall, Hogan street
Tatura blue light caters to primary aged children and is a great night filled with dancing, activities and prizes.
Canteen open with hot food, drinks and lollies, we also have glow wear and lucky dips on sale all in a friendly fully supervised environment.
Contact Sgt. Darryl Phillips 58243099 for more information contact Hollie Purton via or Facebook page

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
LIONS INSTRUMENT DRIVE
To enable The Song Room to continue their great work in the Goulburn Valley by bringing music to students, we need instruments that you no longer need. You can drop them off at the school and Lions will pass them on. Think shakers, guitars, harmonicas, recorders, drums, or anything that makes music – Song Room will find a way to play it.
Thank you
Amanda Sibio

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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Call Council’s Active Living Department-(03) 5832 9431
On weekends call Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre (03) 5832 9330.
Thanks Rachel -0419 236 888.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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

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Thurs 3rd Mar  Words Their Way Session
               5.30 – 6.30

Fri 4th Mar  Essendon Football Club

Fri 11th Mar  Hot Dog Day

Mon 14th Mar  Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 15th Mar  School Council AGM 6.30pm

Wed 16th Mar  Out of Uniform Day and Pancake Day

Fri 18th Mar  Toolamba Athletics Day

Tue 22nd Mar  Tatura & District Athletics
               Years 3-6

Wed 23rd Mar  Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Thur 24th Mar  Last Day Term 1

Mon 11th Apr  Term 2 Commences