



TOOLANGI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Every Child by Name and Need”

Acting Principal: Mrs Sally Herbert
Junior School: Mrs Tess Kesting

Principal news: Welcome back!

It was with great delight that we welcome our students back to school after the 5 day circuit breaker lockdown. School has been a lonely place this past week with only the sound of the birds to keep us company. We welcome back the delightful sound of children learning and playing within our beautiful school grounds.



Thank you to the community:

A huge 'shout out' to our amazing parents and carers for once again providing the best of care and learning for all of our students during this lockdown. The reports I have received from various families demonstrate great enthusiasm, creativity, patience and time devoted to remote learning. All this, with the addition of work and family commitments proves you are all superstars. Well done everyone!

COVID safety precautions:

The recent lockdown is a timely reminder that we need to remain COVID safe at all times. If you are entering the school buildings, please ensure that you are wearing masks (unless you have an exemption), apply hand sanitiser and sign the visitor register to ensure that we are able to contract trace in the unlikely event of a positive COVID case.

School Council

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for March 9th @ 7.30pm. We have a number of current school councillors who have reached the end of their term opening up positions for new appointees. Self nomination forms for school council are attached to this newsletter. If you would like to know more about school council please see a member of staff or a current school council member.

Outside School Hours Care program (OSHC)

I am in the process of applying for a grant from the Department of Education for a grant relating to a Before and After school care program. I am aware that we had a program operating last year, however due to different circumstances we are no longer able to offer the program in the same format. I require feedback from families regarding the need for an OSHC program within our school. In order to be eligible for the grant we need to demonstrate a need. If before and after school care is a service that would assist your family could you please call or email me by 4pm on Monday 22nd with a brief description of the support you may require.

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Junior Class

The junior class returned to school from Lockdown energized and ready to share stories, play and write more than 100 words! They played guess what's in the box and then wrote about it, the Prep children talked about the sound <X> makes at the end of box, fox and interestingly why socks isn't sox.

It is lovely that they all know each other now and the playground and the classroom is a familiar place to find friends and something to play. The sandpit is fast becoming a popular place as they work together to create and make cakes and pies and ball games are thriving.



Physical Education News and Updates: *Senior Schools Kayaking program*

The kayaking program has been rescheduled for Wednesday March 24th. This program is for students in Years 4 - 6 only. The venue is Lilydale Lake. Parents will receive an email on Monday with the changes in date and transport arrangements. Please contact the school with any questions regarding this event.

Small Schools Swimming program

This event is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd March at Healesville Outdoor pool.

A notice has been sent home with students today. The cost of this event is \$10.00 per child and covers the transport, pool entry and bus trip. Parents are encouraged to attend and if

possible to assist with the event. Please return the notice and payment to school by Friday 26th February.

Kitchen Garden Program with Julia

We have had a great start to the kitchen-garden program for 2021, with lots of harvest to gather already. Our new students have been getting to know our outdoor classroom and our kitchen learning space. The senior class has been focusing on how flowers change into fruits, using the changes they have observed to inform their ideas. The juniors have been recognising different ingredients and where they come from, and using informal measurements to help make jam and pancakes. Yum!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 2nd March
Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Monday 8th March
Labour Day

Tuesday 9th March
School Council AGM

Wednesday 24TH March
Grades 4 – 6 Kayaking

