Principal’s Report
I wish to thank the school community for such a warm welcome to Toongabbie East Public School. I have enjoyed getting to know the students and meeting many of their families. I look forward to developing a very positive partnership with the local community. Please feel welcome to speak with me about your child at any time.

School Photos
Our school photos will be taken on Friday 17th October, 2014. Please ensure that full summer school uniform is worn. Bring your bright smile on the day.

Community Meeting
I would like to invite parents and carers from our local school community to a meeting to be held next Thursday 16th October, 2014. The meeting will take place in our school library. The meeting will be from 9.15–10.15am. Light refreshments will be provided. The focus for the meeting will be gathering community input into the future directions for the school. I look forward to meeting more family members personally.

Ms Colleen Potter
Principal

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

School Photos
School Photos will be taken next Friday, 17th October and students must wear their summer uniform for the photos. Order Form/Payment Envelopes have been sent home today.
Please note that the envelopes are pre-printed with each child’s name and all envelopes need to be returned even if you are not purchasing photos. If you wish to have a family photo taken, please see Mrs Kennett in the office for a separate Order Form/Payment Envelope which must also be returned next Friday. On the day there will also be a whole of school photo, Student Council photo and sport representative photos. These photos will be available for viewing and purchasing at a later date.

2015 Kindergarten Enrolment
Enrolments are still being taken for Kindergarten 2015 of children, who will be turning 5 years old on or before 31st July, 2015. Please pass this information on to friends or neighbours who do not receive this newsletter. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Getting organised for Term 4
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z's monthly planners. They're easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Public speaking made easier.
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB

Motivating “laid-back” children
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?
Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch box ideas
Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. http://bit.ly/qsfDOE

Being cool is being your own self, not doing something that someone else is telling you to do.

Vaneesa Hudgens