Principal’s Report

Change in Bell Times
As a result of the Term 2 Community Meeting the school bell times and eating time procedures will be changing starting on Monday, 11th August. Changes will ensure in class learning time is increased, issues with eating time will be reduced and playground duty will be streamlined to allow weekly opportunities for students to participate in Clubs.

The new bell times are as follows:
8:55am-11:00am – Class time
11:00am-11:30am – Break 1
11:30am-11:40am – Eating time in classrooms
11:40am-1:00pm - Class time
1:00pm-1:30pm – Break 2
1:30pm-1:40pm – Eating time in classrooms
1:40pm-2:55pm – Class time

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Staff recently participated in half a day of Professional Learning about a program Positive Behaviour for Learning, which will be introducing into our school. It is important that all teachers, students and parents are aware of and follow our school wide expectations. Below is a draft sample of the expectations for all settings in the school. Any parental input will be greatly valued so if you have a comment, idea or suggestion please let a staff member know.

Draft statement of purpose:  At Toongabbie East PS we are safe, respectful learners...
Draft matrix of expectations:

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<td>I have a go at all activities</td>
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<td>I look after our environment</td>
<td>I stay on task</td>
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Supervision and 1st Aid in the playground
You may have noticed recently that all teachers have reflective vests so they can be easily seen in the playground. Teachers are also equipped with bags containing tissues and band aids for minor injuries and office/sickbay and emergency cards for more serious incidences.

Hands on resources
We are currently in the process of cleaning out the school’s resource rooms. We have reallocated the budget so that we can spend money on hands on resources which are essential for learning. We have purchased over $3000 worth of maths equipment which will be used for hands on learning. You will be able to see how our new maths resources are being used on our up and coming “Open Day.”

Student Learning
A Learning and Support Team (LST) has been established where teachers discuss individual student learning needs at the start of every Staff Meeting. As a result of the LST, student data has been updated for every child and Individual Learning Plans (ILP) are currently being created to support students with their learning. ILPs will be discussed with both the students and parents in the near future.

Reading Challenge
We have two fantastic brand new bikes with helmets that our students can win. All they need to do is read!!!! Teachers are keeping a record of the books children are reading. If your child reads a complete book at home they are able to bring it to school where their teacher will ask them questions about the book and it can be added to their list if the teacher is satisfied that the book has been read. Students who have read more than 20 books by the end of the term will go in the draw to win one of the fabulous bikes. There will be 2 draws, a boy draw and a girl draw. For a chance to win READ, READ, READ!!!!

TEPS Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 29th July. We were lucky enough to have some fabulous weather and both children and visitors enjoyed the day. The students did a great job running, cheering and participating in field and novelty events. Thank you to all families who donated cakes for the cake stall. $126.00 was raised. Thank you to Mrs Oughton and her helpers for running the cake stall and the parent helpers who helped on the day with time keeping. Selected students will be attending Zone Athletics on Tuesday, 26th August. We wish them the best of luck!!!

Ms Vicky Wallace
Relieving Principal
e-Reader Program
As you can see Tyreece is happy that he has now received his e-reader. Happy reading Tyreece.

Award recipients from our last Assembly
Here are some of our happy students after receiving their awards at last Friday’s Assembly. Assemblies are held every second Friday at 2.30pm and family are invited to attend.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Jeans for Genes Day
Last Friday the students and staff wore their jeans to school to raise funds for Jeans for Genes. Thank you to those that participated – we raised $59.00. If you would like to know more about Jeans for Genes visit their website jeansforgenes.org.au.
2015 Kindergarten Enrolment
Enrolments are 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.

Office Hours
Next week Mrs Kennett is undertaking some professional development. As a result the school office will be unattended on Tuesday, 12th August and Thursday, 14th August.

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

COMMUNITY NEWS

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY, ASTRONOMY NIGHT
Saturday, 23 August (7pm – 9pm)

GALACTIC ARCHAEOLOGY - The ongoing adventures in our Milky Way corner of the Universe
In this talk we ask a few of the big questions surrounding our own galaxy, the Milky Way: We've got Gravity; We've got Dark Matter; What's Missing? What is behind the mysterious formation of our Galaxy the Milky Way? What is The Sagittarius Dwarf, and how can it help us understand these questions? This night will also include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
Fitness can be fun and it can also have a good impact on a child’s well-being. While we know Go4Fun has contributed to over 7000 of the State’s children shedding 1.7 centimetres off their waistlines, it’s also having an impact on areas such as confidence and self esteem.

Parents tell us, “my child is happier and feels better about him/self after going to Go4Fun”. Ten year old Callum who participated in a local program told us, “Go4Fun is fun. I have more energy and I kind of feel more confident about myself”.

Go4Fun is a free, family lifestyle 10 week program for 7 – 13 year olds. Programs are offered across Western Sydney on weekdays and weekends. No referral needed.

Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?
Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent or know a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre
Become A Volunteer Host Family

Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?
Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home

Hosting – An Experience for Life
Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)
Holroyd Giants Junior Baseball would like to invite boys and girls and adults to attend our trybaseball day. You will have a chance to learn a few basics of baseball and sample what a game scenario would feel like. This will be held on our registration days.

Registration will be over 2 days.

When:
3rd August 2014 Rego Starts from 10am to 3pm
Trybaseball games start at 12pm.

Where: Guildford Sports Ground Foray Street, Guildford West.

Playing baseball (T-Ball) promotes the development of hand and eye coordination and gross motor skills.

Provides interaction and develops communication skills in a team environment. Boys and girls are in mixed teams.

TeeBall – Under 7, Under 8
Machine Ball – Under 9, Under 10
Liveball – Under 12, Under 14, Under 16
17+: Senior baseball for all skill levels.

Please Contact Kevin 0407 248 152 for more information.
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This year we are combining Book Week and Numeracy and Literacy Week into one and celebrating with a school “Open Day” on Wednesday 20th August 2014. There is a jammed packed day of Numeracy and Literacy activities where all parents and guardians are welcome to join in the celebrations from 9am until 1pm.

We have an author, Tina Matthews coming to talk to the children from 9am. Straight after that, around 10am we will have the book character parade. All children are encouraged to dress as their favourite character. There will be 2 prizes per class for the best book characters and children who make an effort to be ‘in character’, see below for some examples. After the parade parents are welcome to have a picnic with the children for break time.

After break, around 11:15am we will continue with new hands on numeracy activities in the library until 1pm, parents are encouraged to come and join in with the activities.

I hope to see a lot of familiar faces on the day,

Miss Sands