Principal’s Report

This is my last newsletter here at Toongabbie East. I will be returning to my role at Granville East Public School next term.

I have enjoyed getting to know the students and parents and I wish you all the best for the future.

Adidas School Fun Run
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Adidas School Fun Run. We raised $460 for the school. Congratulations to Kristy Brockway who raised $145.00. Prizes will be given out next term when we receive them.

Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Briz and Bridget for being the succesful winners of our bikes in the Reading Challenge.

Just a reminder that next term starts on Tuesday 7th October.

Ms Vicky Wallace
Relieving Principal

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Farewell to Ms Wallace
I would like to thank Ms Wallace for her time here at Toongabbie East Public School over the last couple of terms. During her time here Ms Wallace has taken on the huge task of reviewing the schools resources for Maths and English resulting in culling the old and outdated resources and purchasing new resources relevant to current teaching methods. Ms Wallace initiated Professional Learning for the teaching staff as well as a Learning Support Team to develop individual learning plans for the
students. In addition she implemented guided reading sessions in the classroom. Ms Wallace also arranged for the Department to paint the administration area and the ceilings of the classrooms. Along with the new furniture in the foyer, we now have an inviting and welcoming first impression of the school.  

*Ms Kennett*

### 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.

### Reduce, reuse, recycle

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country’s food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

### Mobile Maths Games

Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: [http://bit.ly/oSREYV](http://bit.ly/oSREYV)

### Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: [http://bit.ly/selectiveHS](http://bit.ly/selectiveHS)

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*If you don’t like something, change it.*  
*If you can’t change it, change your attitude.*  

*Maya Angelou*