Principal’s Report

Toongabbie East PS Principal
The merit selection process for the Toongabbie East Principal has been finalised. The successful applicant Ms Colleen Potter will take up the Principal position from Tuesday, 7th October being the first day of Term 4

Parent Survey
Congratulations to the Gheewala family who are the winners of the gift voucher for completing the Parent Survey. Thank you to all parents who completed the surveys. The ideas and opinions of the school community are truly valued and we will use the information gathered for future school planning.

Science Gala Day
Students from the Champions and the Heroes enjoyed a whole day of hands on science activities on Thursday 28th August when they participated in Science Gala Day. Our students from Year 5 and Year 6 were peer tutors, helping children from Toongabbie PS, Toongabbie West PS and Pendle Hill PS to complete soil based activities. Feedback from the schools who attended was positive, with all students having a fantastic time. Thank you, Mr Easton, for all of his hard work and organisation on the day.

Hockey
All classes have benefited from the expertise of a NSW Hockey Coach who has been visiting our school each Wednesday to teach the students hand-eye coordination, dribbling, striking and passing.

Ms Vicky Wallace
Relieving Principal
**GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Adidas School Fun Run**
Just a reminder that the school Fun Run will be held next Friday, 12th September, 2014. Please ensure that sponsorship money is returned next Friday. The run will take place from 11:00 am with family and friends invited to watch or even participate if they wish.

**Reading Challenge – WILL BE DRAWN AT THE FUN RUN**
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 next week 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!!!!!**

**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.

**September homework planner**
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The September 2014 homework and study calendar includes key dates, school holidays and the number of each week in the term. You can print it out this month’s calendar here: [http://bit.ly/1pkC3fk](http://bit.ly/1pkC3fk)

**Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents**
The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Find out more: [http://bit.ly/xHLLDH](http://bit.ly/xHLLDH)

**How much screen time?**
‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more: [http://bit.ly/QFlqyz](http://bit.ly/QFlqyz)

**When lunch comes home ... again**
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: [http://bit.ly/K7loJD](http://bit.ly/K7loJD)
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.

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?
Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: [http://tinyurl.com/childsvq5](http://tinyurl.com/childsvq5)
Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught.

Winston Churchill
UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY, University of Western Sydney
School Holiday Program

School Holidays Astronomy Night: Saturday 27th September 7pm–9pm
This night will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

KIDS FUN DAY – Rockets: Wednesday 1st October 10 am-12 noon
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE viewing of the sun.

School Holidays Astronomy Night: Saturday 4th October 8pm–10 pm
OUR PLACE IN SPACE
Become more familiar with our neighbourhood and have a closer look at our solar system, sun and moon. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing (weather permitting).

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

In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact.

Les Brown

My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.

Henry Ford