Principal’s Report

Our first full school week has been very successful. Congratulations to our Kindergarten children! With so many new routines and experiences, it can be very exhausting for everyone. Our classes are becoming very settled and I am already seeing some great examples of learning.

Meet The Teacher

On Thursday 12th February, 2015 I invite you to attend an information session for 1 hour. The session will provide you with general information about the progress and further plans for our school. You will also have an opportunity to go to your child’s class and hear from your child’s teacher. This is not a time to have individual meetings but you may like to set a time to do that in the future.

Please come to the Library at 2.30pm and then at 3pm you will move to your child’s classroom while I supervise the students in the playground until 3.30pm.

School Uniform

The rest of our school uniform is set to arrive next week. Each family will be provided with a voucher to support the purchase of the new uniform. Our correct summer school uniform is listed below:

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Once students have been provided with their uniform and are wearing it proudly I have organised for a professional photography to take some photos. These photos will be published on our school website and may appear on other school information. If you would prefer your child not to be photographed please let your child’s teacher know.

Speech Pathologist
Michelle Buckman is an experienced speech pathologist and has worked in many schools. We are fortunate to have Michelle join our teaching team at Toongabbie East PS. Michelle will be at our school on Fridays. She will be spending time in each class working with the teachers and also have small group and individual sessions with particular students. Her focus will be language stimulation, sentence structure and comprehension skills. If your child is selected to work with Michelle individually you will be advised.

School App
If you go to the iTunes store you will find our school app. It is free to download and will suit any smartphone. You may use the app to read newsletters, notes, tell us if you change your contact details or when your child is away – no paper, no problem!

Scripture
Protestant Scripture is available for the students to attend again this year. It will continue to be held on Tuesday afternoons. We are encouraging more scripture teachers to join our school and will let you know when more options are available. Non-scripture students will sit quietly in the school library and read or watch a short educational film while being supervised. New students will be invited to select an option on a separate note to be sent home.

Assembly
We would like to share our learning with our families. Our school assemblies will be held every second week on Thursday afternoons, before home time. We invite our families to join us and a special invitation will be sent home if your child will be receiving an award.
PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Matrix and Mascot

Our Teaching team have been working on the schools PBL Matrix. I have attached it to this newsletter for your information. The PBL Matrix determines the schools expectations about behaviour in various settings. Students will have lessons about each of the points and our rewards and consequences will come from the PBL Matrix. To support our PBL progress we have revealed our PBL mascot. Congratulations to Jason for designing the mascot! Now we need a name for him.

Name our Mascot Competition

If your child has a suggestion please write it down and deliver it to the office. The winner will be decided and announced in the next newsletter. The winner will also receive a prize, which will be a $20 iTunes voucher.

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I congratulate all students for settling into the new school year with such positive, happy attitudes.

Ms Colleen Potter
Principal

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Xmas Hamper Raffle
Thank you to all who purchased tickets in our Christmas Raffle at the end of last year. Congratulations to our winners:

1st Prize  Alaa M
2nd Prize  Kristy B
3rd Prize  Ammar Habib (Danya’s Uncle)

Thank you for your support
Mrs Oughton

NSW public school terms and holidays
Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016. Find out more:

2015 homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips
Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

Saturday 14 February and 28 February
8pm – 10 pm
These nights will include a multimedia presentation with question time, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family

Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135

Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela
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<td>✓ Keep belongings tidy</td>
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<td>✓ Ask for help</td>
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**We are SAFE**

- Speak nicely to others
- Listen to others
- Wear uniform
- Use manners
- Respect other people’s space
- Wait your turn
- Be patient

**We are RESPECTFUL**

- Be prepared
- Follow instructions
- Actively participate
- Be a risk taker
- Attempt all tasks
- Ask for help
- Be on task
- Return to class promptly
- Listen to teacher instructions
- Be quick and leave promptly
- Correct use of toilet paper, soap and water
- Participate and follow rules of the games
- Encourage others to play

**We are LEARNERS**

- Listen
- Be on time
- Follow teacher instruction