PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
WHAT A START TO THE YEAR!
It is hard to believe it is Week 3 already. So far we have had a swimming carnival and school photo day. It is true that it has been a busy start to the year but the students and the staff are settling well into routines and look forward to the days and weeks ahead. I would like to thank our parents for supporting our students and staff in all that we do. Next week will hold Parent Information Sessions for our different stages and grades. Stage 2 will be first to hold their meeting on Monday, Stage 1 will be held on Tuesday, Kindergarten on Wednesday and Stage 3 on Thursday. Sessions will be held between 2-3pm. A note accompanies today’s newsletter. I hope you are able to attend these sessions.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
I would like to congratulate all those involved in last week’s swimming carnival. It was a terrific day with great swimming by some talented athletes. A special thanks to Mrs Harlum for her organisation of the day. We will be sending the following students away to represent our school at the Zone carnival on Wednesday March 6; Matthew Pottinger, Matthew Drinnan, Aaron Naulty, Caleb Peterson, Corey Petroff, Omar Nadaya-Harb, Jarrod Hogan, Joshua Buttigieg, Cooper Cotterill, Cameron Drinnan, Oliver Saad, Brandon Hogan, Lily Louden, Gabriella Farrugia, Thiruvanan Nidarshini, Sara Hodge, Daneal Gardiner, Taylah Hansen, Lauren Turner, Indiana Thomas, Lily Hodge, Eva Nadaya-Harb, Ashlee Pottinger, Kali Madden, Chelsey Torresen, Mackenzie Cotterill, Sarah O’Dare, Claire Moutter, and Chloe Hugler

PARENTS AND CITIZENS (P & C) MEETING
Last night we held our first P & C meeting for the year in the staffroom. These are held each month of the school term, on the second Monday evening of the month. All are invited to come along and participate in the decision making of the parent organisation. I offer a special invitation to our parents of kindergarten and new students. At last night’s meeting I suggested we have a working bee this term. Please mark Saturday February 23 in your diary. We will work on our gardens from 9-11am.

SRC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent their class this Year. We have representatives from all classes from grades 2 to 6. An assembly to present badges to SRC representatives and our 2013 student leaders will be held on Monday February 25 at 9am.

TOONGABBIE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS WEEK
This year we will be holding performances during Education Week July 29-August 2. Kindergarten will perform on Monday, Stage 2 on Tuesday, Stage 1 Wednesday and Stage 3 on Thursday.

Craig Brown – PRINCIPAL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PSSA TEAMS
Congratulations to all the children who trialled for summer PSSA teams. The competition is scheduled to start on Friday of Week four of term 1.

SCHOOL CAR PARKS
After 8am the school car parks are for staff only. Please do not drive in or park your car in these areas. The car park driveways should not be used as a walkway into the school as this presents a danger to students, staff and community.

2013 HOMEWORK PLANNER
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

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.

Bruce Francis – Deputy Principal

LIBRARY UPDATE
WORLD BOOK ON LINE
Just a reminder to encourage students to access World Book Online at home. This educational resource will assist students with their studies and also provide educational entertainment. World Book Online can be accessed at: http://worldbookonline.com Log-in ID is: toony, Password is: learn. Enjoy using this excellent educational resource.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2013
The PRC for 2013 has commenced. K-2 students complete the Challenge with their class teacher. The Challenge is optional for Years 3-6 students. Any primary students wishing to participate in the challenge can advise me to enable registration. More information on the PRC is available at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Wentworthville/Seven Hills PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival for 2013 will be held on Wednesday 6 March at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Students who have made it to this level will be notified soon with a note containing further details.

CANTEEN NEWS
To celebrate Valentines Day, the canteen will be selling Red Jelly at recess on Thursday 14 February for only 50c.

Our first Meal Deal to be on Wednesday 20 February, will be a Hot Dog and a Paddle Pop for $4.50. We also have a vegetarian option available. Last orders for this meal deal will be on Tuesday 19 February. No other hot food will be available on this day except Noodles.

To order your meal deal, write your name, class and the Meal deal on a brown paper bag and hand it to the canteen with the correct money enclosed, before Tuesday.
Janice Smith Canteen Manager

SCHOOL BAND
The next Parent Band meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 February, at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

The Training Band will commence next week. An email will be sent with timetables shortly.
Mrs Clarke Band Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Raincoats are now available at the shop. The price of the raincoat is $18, tights $8.00 and knitted tights are $14.50 per pair.
Leanne Gammidge

PRAYER GROUP
The next prayer group meeting will be held on Friday 22 February in the Before and After School Care room, commencing at 9.10am. Pre schoolers are welcome. Come along and pray for the school, staff and students. For further details please contact Nicole on 0402 059406.

TOWLE THEATRICAL ACADEMY
If you would like to learn Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Drama, or Singing, please come along to our studio in Northmead. For further enquiries, please contact 9630 2749 or 0407 951039 or email towledance@gmail.com.

WENTWORTHVILLE HOCKEY CLUB
If you would like to play hockey for the Wentworthville Hockey Club, come along to our registration night to be held on Thursday 21 February from 6pm – 7pm at the Old Salesyard Hockey Complex, Gladstone Street, North Parramatta. Boys under 15, Girls and Ladies any age. All games are played in the one location. For further information please contact Julie Brechin on 0402 852358 or jbpoppin@bigpond.net.au.

CHILDREN’S ART CLASSES
Fun and Creative classes for children. Weekly and holiday workshops are held for children of all ages. Please call Linda on 9688 1890 for further details.

SYDNEY TALENT CO – DRAMA CLASSES
Drama classes are held at Baulkham Hills, Pennant Hills and Penrith for students wishing to learn drama. Script writing for film, TV and Stage improvisation and Theatre Sports Presentation Skills and Voice Training are available. For further information please call 9211 6366.

HEAD LICE
A few classes of Head Lice have been reported in the school. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

Lion Park’s Tae Kwon Do And Self-Defence
Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons in the school hall
For further information please call

Contact Sa-Bum-Nim Michael 4th Dan Black Belt on 0409 928 534