PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS
Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend sessions last week. For any parents who missed out, a reminder that parents can make appointments with their child’s teacher through the office. Formal parent / teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday April 9th.

WORKING BEE
Thanks to the parents who were intending to come up to the school on Saturday. Unfortunately the rain stopped us in our tracks. Please keep an eye out for future dates in March.

LOST PROPERTY
In the past five weeks we have managed to collect a lot of lost items. Sadly some were not labelled and this makes it difficult to return to students. Please ensure all items carry your child’s name. The teachers encourage students to check their bags after breaks. I ask parents to check their child’s bag in the afternoon. Any lost property is placed in the two baskets outside the canteen.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
This is coming up shortly. Many of our classes will be focussing on cleaning up our environment at TPS. Next week will focus on our playground. One tip for keeping our school tidy is to reduce the rubbish that we bring to school. I encourage students next week to look at ways they can minimise packaging which in turn becomes rubbish.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
The new school website is now online. Same address … New Look! www.toongabbie-p.school.nsw.edu.au. Enjoy!

Craig Brown – PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Newsletter via Email
Late last week I sent home letters to families for which we do not hold a current email address. If you received one of these letters, please return it to your class teacher this week. They will forward t to the office so as we can update our records. I will be moving away from the idea of the traditional ‘paper’ copy of the newsletter in the next couple of weeks, rather opting for distribution via email. The newsletter will, as always be available on our school website which has had a fantastic facelift, thanks to the skill and expertise of Miss Nova. A number of paper copies will also be available from the office foyer.

Medical and Allergy Alerts
Early this week, I also sent home letters to families who have children with a medical or allergy alert recorded in our system but have no detail. It is imperative for the well-being of all our students that if they have a medical condition or allergy, that we have up to date information to be able to quickly administer the agreed course of action. If you received a letter from me regarding either of these conditions, please complete the tear off section and return this to your class teacher this week. So we can maintain current records.

Multiplication times tables

Parent Auxiliary Welcome Morning Tea
Thanks you so much to our fabulous parent auxiliary for putting on a great welcome morning tea for our new families. It is always great to see how well attended these events are and the terrific community spirit that they engender.

Bruce Francis – Deputy Principal

DANCE CLUB
This year’s initiative is to form a Dance Club rather than a selective Dance Group. This provides all 3-6 students with an opportunity to immerse themselves in dance. Students have been informed that there will be no auditions. There will be a Year 5 and 6 group with Miss Hiron and a Year 3 and 4 group with Mr Tuck. These clubs will be held during lunch sessions beginning Term 2. The focus is on dancing for enjoyment as opposed to working towards a set performance.

Miss Hiron and Mr Tuck - DANCE COORDINATORS

SCHOOL MAGAZINE
There are some copies of the Schoolyard Mag available. If you would like to purchase one for $10.00, please ask at the office. This is a great keepsake that you can look at in years to come.

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 11 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting the topic of the school uniform will be discussed. All welcome to attend.
PARENT AUXILIARY – PEDLARS’ PARADE
Pedlars’ parade will be held for K-2 students on Thursday 21 March. We will also be selling lucky dips, cakes and an Easter Raffle for everyone from K-6.
You can help make this day a success by assisting with any or all of the following:

- Donations of Easter eggs for the raffle
- Making cakes/biscuits/slices etc for the stall
- Volunteer to help sell the cakes or lucky dips. (A roster will be drawn up).

Many hands make light work. All help is greatly appreciated. For further details please contact Jackie Hogan on 0419 615243.

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING
We are in urgent need of two people who would be interested in coordinating the Student Banking. This is done on the first Wednesday of each month and requires money to be counted, entered on the computer and deposited at the Commonwealth Bank. If you are interested in this venture, please call the office and speak to Ann Miles. Training will be given by the ladies who were coordinating it last year. Thank you in anticipation.

CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL
Cumberland High School ( Dunmore Ave, off Pennant Hills Rd Carlingford) is holding an Open Evening on Monday 4 March, 2013 commencing at 5.00pm to 8.00pm. All welcome

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL
Model Farms High is holding their Open Night for years 5 & 6 students and families on Tuesday 5 March at 6.30pm in the school hall. All welcome.

NORTHMEAD HIGH SCHOOL
Auditions for talented students in dance, drama, visual arts and music will be held on Monday 18 and Wednesday 20 March. All talented students are encouraged to apply for a position in the Creative and Performing Arts program. Audition forms can be obtained via the school website www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au, or can be posted or emailed directly to you by contacting NCAPAHS and speaking to Mrs Stepic on 9630 4116.
The open day will be held on Tuesday 19 March, with a morning session at 9.15 – 1.00pm and an evening session from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

PENDLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL
Pendle Hill High School Open Day will be held on Monday 11 March from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Come along and see all the displays, join in the computer sessions and work out at the fitness centre. All welcome

BLACKTOWN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
Year 5 & 6 students are invited to the information night at Blacktown Boys’ High School on Wednesday 6 March from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. All welcome

HEART SMART
Here are some healthy heart food tips:

- Use margarine spreads instead of butter
- Choose reduced-fat milk (2% fat or less) for children two years and over
- Have fish at least twice a week
- Snack on fresh fruit
- Don’t add salt to cooking or at the table
- Enjoy a variety of foods especially fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals

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GUITAR LESSONS
If you would like to learn the guitar and are a beginner, please contact 0479 133013 or email liam.farrugia@hotmail.com for further details. Lessons are $20 per half hour or $30 for an hour lesson.