TOONGABBIE PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Tuesday 5th February 2013 Volume 1

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME
It has been great to welcome all our Toongabbie families back for the start of the 2013 school year. I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and students who are starting at Toongabbie this year. Yesterday was an exciting day as 93 kindergarten students commenced school. We will start the year with 628 students and form 25 classes.

SAD NEWS
During the holidays, Mrs Marie Wainwright passed away after a short illness. Mrs Wainwright was employed casually by the school to assist students experiencing difficulties with reading. She will be greatly missed by her colleagues and those students that she has helped throughout the years.

LOST PROPERTY
Could all belongings be labelled with your child’s name. All lost property will be placed in the baskets located outside the canteen. Please check your child has their belongings regularly. Getting them to take out their lunchbox and drink bottle each afternoon is a good method.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
I would like to thank the parents for supporting our school uniform policy. The students looked great starting school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Class Photos will take place this Monday. Students should wear their summer uniform. (No sports uniforms on this day please). Children should bring their envelope and payment on this day. These will be handed to the photographer.

SCHOOL CAR PARK
Parents are not to enter the car park between 8am and 4pm. Please take note of the signage when entering our school.

INFORMATION SESSIONS
We are planning our information sessions for parents. These will take place in Week 4. A note will be sent home next week.

CLASSES FOR 2013
KA Miss Cootes; KO Mrs Osland; KM Miss McDougall; KW Miss Ware; KS Ms Stefanel
1C Mrs Clarke; 1SD Mrs Devine/ Mr Nunes; 1P Mrs Paton; 1W Mrs Williams; 2/1B Mrs Bownds (Assistant Principal)
2J Mrs Borg; 2R Miss Ramsey; 2H Mrs Woelfle; 2K Miss Hudson;
3K Mrs Kumaran; 3T Mr Tuck; 3H Miss Humphrey; 4/3N Miss Nova
4P Mrs Perkins (Assistant Principal) 4GM Mrs Gersbach & Mrs Matthews
5/4A Miss Adams; 5CR Mrs Ranieri & Mrs Church; 6/5H Mrs Hosking (Assistant Principal)
6M Miss Hiron; 6D Mr Mahoney
Craig Brown – PRINCIPAL

3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 6 February at the Wentworthville Pool.
All students in these grades are expected to attend the carnival.
Students are required to be at school at 9.00am sharp.
Don’t forget the sunblock and hats.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME BACK
I extend a very happy welcome back to all our students, staff and community members and a heartfelt welcome to our new staff and students. I trust that you all had a relaxing break doing lots of fabulous things. The staff are excited about another great year of learning with your child at Toongabbie PS. I wish everyone a happy and productive 2013.

ABSENCE NOTES
Please remember that each time your child is absent from school, whether it be for a whole or part of a day, that he or she requires a note explaining the absence signed by you. The teachers will be issuing reminder notices this year so as we can keep our records current. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL
Last year I introduced the idea of delivering the newsletter via email to our parent body. In preparation for this I have collected a number of current email addresses. You will shortly be receiving a note asking you to confirm a current email address in preparation of introducing this new method of delivery. You may of course submit more than one address if you would like multiple copies emailed to your family.
Bruce Francis – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MULTILIT 2013 - READING PROGRAM
Welcome to another year at TPS. This year we will continue to run the MULTILIT Program for Year 2 students. The MULTILIT Program has now been operating with the support of parents for in excess of ten years and aims at helping students who are experiencing difficulty in reading and word attack skills. The program will run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between 2pm and 3pm. If you are interested in becoming a parent tutor on any of these days please complete the tear off at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office. Mrs Neasey and I will be having a training session on Friday morning at 9.15am in the BASC room if you are interested in helping with this valuable program. We will begin with last years’ year 2 MULTILIT students on Monday of week 3. If you have any questions regarding this program please feel free to contact me through the office. We look forward to hearing from you.
Leanne Rolls – READING RECOVERY/LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER

PARENT AUXILIARY
We extend a warm welcome to all our new parents to a special morning tea on 26 February in the staff room at 9.10am.
Our Annual Pedlars’ Parade will be held on Thursday 21 March. Further details will be sent home shortly.

CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome back. The Canteen meeting will be held on Thursday 7 February, commencing at 2pm in the staff room.
Everyone is welcome to come along and share your thoughts on anything you would like the canteen to provide for your children. We look forward to seeing some new faces. Thank you
Janice Smith CANTEEN MANAGER

SCHOOL BAND
The Training band tutorials will commence in week 4 and the Concert band tutorials commence in week 3 with the exception of the Bass Guitar and Percussion. These will have make up lessons.
Mrs Clarke BAND COORDINATOR

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Thank you to everyone for your patience and consideration while you had a long waiting time and a BIG thank you to the wonderful mums who stepped in and helped out.
LEANNE GAMMIDGE and SUE CLIFTON SMITH
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP, will be open tomorrow Wednesday 6 February from 2.30pm to 3.30pm outside the canteen.

ST MATTHEWS BAULKHAM HILLS NETBALL CLUB
If you would like to play netball, you are invited to attend the registration day on Saturday 9 February at St Matthews Uniting Church, cnr Edgar ST & Charles St Baulkham Hills. Fees – Fun Net -$40, 8-16 years - $75, 16’s and over $85. For further enquiries please call Rebecca on 0431 868447 or Hannah 0421 022748.

TOONGABBIE SOCCER CLUB
If you would like to play soccer for the Toongabbie Soccer Club, please register on Saturday 9 February from 10am to 3pm at Girraween Park, Octavia Street Toongabbie. The grading day will be held on Sunday 10 February at Girraween Park from 10am – 11am..Please bring your boots. For further details please call 0400 391150 or email toongabbiesoccer@live.com.au.

DRAMA CLASSES
Sydney Talent Co wishes to invite children who are interested in Drama classes. Classes are held at Pennant Hills, Baulkham Hills and Penrith. Students from the drama school have appeared on Home and Away, Neighbours, Blue Water High, Underbelly, Wolverine, The Great Gatsby and many other TV series and ads. If you are interested, please contact 9211 6366 or visit the website ... www.sydneytalentco.com.au or email on sydneytalentco@tpg.com.au.

MULTILIT - READING PROGRAM
I am interested in assisting with the Multilit Program.

☐ Monday  ☐ Tuesday  ☐ Wednesday  ☐ Thursday

I will / will not be attending the orientation morning tea on Friday 3 February at 9.15am in the new BASC Room.

Name: .............................................................. Child’s Name: ........................................... Class: .......................

Contact Number: ...........................................................

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