PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

2013 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 15 March is about encouraging all Australian school communities to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence. Toongabbie Public School is supporting this action through teaching activities and holding forums with students to discuss school initiatives and strategies students can use both at school and outside in the real world. A fantastic site for students and parents is http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/

The school intends to run two evenings in the near future to discuss the issue of bullying and that of Cyber-Safety. In the meantime please take the opportunity to read out Anti-Bullying Policy located on our website.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Mrs Harlum and myself will be attending the zone carnival tomorrow as timekeepers. I would like to thank Mrs Drinnan and Mrs Peterson who are supporting our school as team managers. I wish all our students well in the races and hope they swim their personal best. I look forward to publishing the results of our students next week.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION AND TECHNOLOGY FEES
We are hoping to finalise these payments over the next week. Could any families who have not paid these to the office please do so. The school has just used a significant part of these fees to pay our subscriptions to Mathletics, WorldBook Online and ClickView. These programs are chosen to engage students and make learning more fun.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kiarah Garrard Williams 6M and Leah Garrard Williams 6D who will be representing NSW for the first time at the Australian Junior Squash Championships, between 30 March and 2 April. Currently they are ranked 5th and 6th in the State and have the highest ranking in Western Sydney.

Craig Brown – PRINCIPAL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Student Leader, School Captain & Vice Captain, Year 6 and SRC photos are in the window of 5/4A classroom for viewing. Please call at the office for an order envelope if you wish to order them. The cost of the photos are $14 for 1, $26 for 2, $36 for 3.

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 it 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.

Bruce Francis – Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS - PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2013
Students in years 3-6 who expressed an interest in participating in this years Challenge are now registered and can record their books online. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 complete the challenge with their class teacher. For more information regarding the PRC, please visit https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book Club brochures are being distributed this week. Orders are due to your child’s class teacher on Wednesday 20 March. If paying by cash, please include the exact amount. Alternatively, please use the cheque or credit card options.

Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

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.

EASTER RAFFLE
Accompanying this newsletter, please find Easter raffle tickets. Tickets are 50c each or 10 for $5.00. Please return your tickets and money in a sealed envelope to your child’s class teacher from 13 March to 20 March. If you would like more tickets please call at the office to collect them.

Donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle may also be left at the office. Thank you in anticipation.
Jackie Hogan CONVENOR

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP will be open tomorrow afternoon from 2pm to 3.15pm outside the canteen.

Sue Clifton Smith CONVENOR

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Library bags are now available.

Leanne Gammidge CONVENOR

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.

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING
There will be NO STUDENT BANKING tomorrow Wednesday 6 March as we don’t have a coordinator as yet. To keep the continuity of your banking please make your own deposit at the Commonwealth Bank.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC
Mark Cowper’s Tennis School will be holding a school holiday tennis clinic at Binalong Park from 15 – 19 April (during the holidays) if you would like to attend the tennis school please contact Mark on 0416 012323 or markcowper@optusnet.com.au

NETBALL VACANCIES from 7 to 14 years of age at Model Farms Netball Club. For further information please call Chris Hockley on 9674 6629 or 0415 907132 or log on to www.modelfarms-netball.com.

NSW POLICE FORCE will be holding a Barefoot Bowls Day/Family Fun Day at Pitt Town & District Sport Club on Sunday 14 April from 10am to 4.00pm. All proceeds to the Bryson Anderson Memorial Fund.

CAREY SCHOOL OF DANCE has vacancies for children wishing to learn to dance in the Winston Hills area. For further information visit the website at www.careyschoolofdance.com.au or call Sharon on 0401 070203.

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PSSA GAMES FRIDAY 8.3.13
Softball vs Beresford Road at Darling Street
T Ball vs Beresford Road at Darling Street
Cricket vs Westmead at Daniel Street
Newcombe Ball vs Warriors at Toongabbie PS
AFL vs Westmead at Binalong Oval
Reds vs Toony West at Binalong Oval

CRUNCH & SIP IDEAS
Don’t forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch & Sip each day.
Why not chop up your child’s favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container.
Don’t forget a fork!