PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT SAFETY
It has come to our attention that students are entering the school grounds prior to the 8.30 bell. As teachers are not rostered on duty until 8.30, it is in the interest of safety that students do not arrive before this time. If your child walks to school, please organise for them to arrive no earlier than 8.30. If your child needs to be dropped off earlier than 8.30 please be advised there are no teachers on duty therefore students are to wait in these designated areas until the teacher arrives on duty. Students arriving from Binalong Rd should sit quietly on the silver seats outside the first kindergarten classroom. Students entering from Fitzwilliam Rd should sit quietly on the silver seats outside 4GM classroom.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Please ensure you have booked your Parent / Teacher Interview by Friday 3pm. Teachers will print off their timetable after this point in preparation for interviews next week.

Craig Brown – PRINCIPAL

DISCO
This Friday will see the first of our P & C discos for the year. The children will be well supervised by a band of enthusiastic parents. Thank you to the P & C for running this event.

NAPLAN – Literacy and Numeracy 2013
In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14–16 May 2013.

SCHOOL PARKING
Parents are requested not to use the school car parks between 8am and 4pm. These areas are for teacher parking only. It is also a safety issue for students at the school. We thank you for your cooperation.

PARENTING IDEAS – Michael Grose
Have a look at the website - www.parentingideas.com.au. It covers such topics as resilience, sibling rivalry and developing confident children. It makes for interesting reading

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings.
Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

Bruce Francis – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN NEWS
On Wednesday 10 April, we will be having our last meal deal for the term. It will be a sausage sizzle (Roll & Sausage) plus a paddle pop for $4.50. Last orders will be taken on Tuesday 9 April. SORRY NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN
NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THAT DAY, except noodles.
To place your order please return the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the canteen with your money.
Janice Smith CANTEEN MANAGER

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Woolworths Earn & Learn will be commencing on 8 April. Please save your docket or tokens they give and send them to the school office. Last year we received great prizes for the students to enjoy. We look forward to your ongoing support
Christis Adams COORDINATOR

STUDENT BANKING
Student Banking will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 3 April. Students are asked to hand their banking to their class teacher at 9am. This will then be taken to the staffroom where the ladies process it and take it to the bank. To keep your continuity, banking is to be processed each month.
Student Banking for May will be held on Wednesday 1 May, which is the first day for students in Term 2.

PSSA SOFTBALL
Congratulations to Sara & Lily Hodge for being chosen to play in the Zone Softball Team. Good luck girls!
PARENTS AUXILIARY – MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
The Parents’ Auxiliary will be holding a Mothers’ Day stall on Thursday 9 May. This provides students with a fun chance to shop for mums/ grandmas by themselves. The day includes a stall with gifts ranging from $1 to $7 as well as a raffle for 50c. which will be drawn on Friday 10 May.

To enable us to get the gifts wrapped and sorted, we will be holding a “wrapping morning” on Monday 6 May commencing at 9.10am in the hall. If you would like to assist with wrapping, your help would be greatly appreciated as many hands make light work. Alternatively if you are unable to help with wrapping, you may like to donate a prize for the raffle. We rely on donations from local businesses and the school community for raffle prizes. If you would like to donate something suitable, please leave them at the school office. Thank you for your ingoing support.
Jackie Hogan CONVENOR

The April meeting will be held on Monday 6 May in conjunction with the Mothers’ Day wrapping of gifts. This is because of the staff development day being held on 30 April. Sorry for any inconvenience.
Jackie Hogan CONVENOR

P & C NEWS
The next meeting of the P & C will be held on Monday 8 April, in the staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. All welcome

STEWART HOUSE
Envelopes were sent home recently for the Stewart House Donation Drive. If you wish to participate in the Stewart House Raffle or make a donation, please return the envelope completed with your name and address to the school office before Friday 10 May.
Thank you in anticipation for your support.

SOCCER CLINICS – APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Soccer clinics for boys and girls ages 5 – 14 will be held on Monday 22 April – Wednesday 24 April at William Lawson Park, Myrtle Street Prospect. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 9981 3472 or 0412 602999. You may also visit the website on www.starsportscamps.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Matthew Drinnan who has been selected to represent Sydney West in cricket. He will be heading to Bathurst later in the year.

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL
Please attach the order form on a brown paper bag and hand it to the canteen before Tuesday 9 April

1 Sausage Sizzle and Paddle Pop

NAME:…………………………………………………………..     Class:………..

TELSTRA STORE - SEVEN HILLS
Centro Shopping Centre, Seven Hills
will donate
An Apple iPad or $500 cash or 50 child Hoyts movie tickets
to the school for every 15 new plans that sign up for $60 per month or more
Please mention Toongabbie Public School

PSSA GAMES FRIDAY 5 April, 2013
Softball vs Girraween at Parramatta Park
Newcombe Ball vs Girraween at Girraween
Cricket .. Bye
Tee Ball vs Girraween at Parramatta Park
AFL vs Girraween at Binalong Oval
Reds vs Beresford Road at Binalong Oval

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC 15 – 19 APRIL - markcowper@optusnet.com.au