THANK YOU P & C
The final P & C meeting for 2014 was held on Monday 1 December, at 7.30pm the this was a very special meeting as the P&C awarded life membership to Mrs Jenny Tucker. Jenny joins an elite group of people recognised for their outstanding contribution to our school. I would like to thank the executive for all their support this year. Our P&C plays an important role in the school. I would encourage parents to come along to meetings. It’s a great way to find out what is happening and have a say in the direction the school is taking. The first meeting for 2015 will be on Monday 9 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. This is the AGM. It will be followed by the regular meeting.

SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS
Congratulations to our award winners who were recognised at today’s assembly. In particular I would like to congratulate Cory Petroff and Lily Louden who took out the Graham Hay Memorial Award. This event highlighted the talented students we have at our school and the wide variety of opportunities that are on offer. Special thanks must go to Miss Nova for all her organisation.

PRESENTATION DAY
Our Presentation Day assemblies will be held next Tuesday 9 December, 2014. The 3-6 assembly will commence at 9.15am and the K-2 assembly will commence at 11.30am in the school hall.

SCHOOL DATES 2015
The first day for students in Years 1-6 will be Wednesday 28th January, 2015. Kindergarten will commence school on Monday 2nd February. Other important dates are:

- **End of Term 1:** Friday 2nd April
- **Term 2:** 20th April – 26th June
- **Term 3:** 13th July – 18th September
- **Term 4:** 5th October – 18 December

School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year.

SUN SAFETY
The school encourages students to wear a hat, drink water and use sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen to your children before they come to school and encourage them to ask our staff to apply more during the day if needed. Our aim is to always provide a safe environment for our students.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL – DID YOU KNOW
You need to contact the school in advance and complete an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School form where students will be absent from school during the school term e.g. on a family holiday or an overseas trip. Where the reason for exemption includes long term travel of more than 20 school days, the Department of Education and Communities requires you to provide copies of travel documentation, e.g. airline tickets, with your application. Please be mindful that any time away from school means your child misses out on a valuable learning experience. Parents are encouraged to make holiday arrangements for planned term breaks.

LATE RETURNERS
Please let the office know in writing if your child will be on leave in the first weeks of Term 1 2015. The school requires a date of return for these students to hold their place. If you have any concerns, please contact me on 96313079.

WHEELCHAIR ROADSHOW
Thank you Mrs Matsen for organising a demonstration of wheelchair basketball as part of our recognition of International Day for People with Disabilities. As you can see the children really enjoyed this experience!

PARENT HELPS MORNING TEA
It was great to see so many parents at our thank you morning tea. I know there were even more people who assisted us throughout the year but were unable to make it. Looking at the calendar for next year, it will be another busy one. I hope all our helpers will come back for another year. This help makes a huge difference to our students.

HELP NEEDED
We are doing a clean-up of our readers in K-2. Please let Miss Stefanel know if you might be able to spare a few hours over the next few weeks. You can leave a message with our office ladies on 9631 3079.

SECOND REPORT
If you require a second copy of your child’s report, please send an addressed A4 envelope to Mr Francis with a note. Reports will be given out to students in Week 10.

Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING
A big thank you to Mrs Quan for all her work in organising and running the student banking over the past years. The students who bank this way are very grateful. We are looking for someone who can spare an hour on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays to assist with the student banking. If you would like to assist please contact the office. The last banking for students will be next Wednesday, 10 December.

SCHOOLYARD MAG
We are in liaison with the publishers of our Schoolyard Mag. It is envisaged that these magazines will be distributed mid next week to those students who have paid.
Christie Adams COORDINATOR

STAGE THREE SPELLING BEE
Great things are happening at TPS!
Congratulations Neeti Joshi for winning this year’s Spelling Bee. We would also like to acknowledge the following finalists: Daniel, May, Kira, Cooper, Jarrod, Jack, Varshini, Theebiga and Vanessa.

PAST STUDENTS DOING WELL!
Congratulations to Matthew Farnhill. He achieved 1st Place in Business Studies and 1st Place in Industrial Technology at Pendle Hill High in his final year. Congratulations also to Julia Egan who was elected vice captain. Toongabbie PS is proud of you.

CAROLS NIGHT
Carols Night will be held on our school field on Wednesday 10 December, commencing at 6.30pm to 9.00pm. The BBQ will operate from 6.00pm.
Start the festive season with a night of carols played by our very own school band. Enjoy performances from students across the grades and sing along with our special guest singers and band from the Toongabbie Anglican Church.
Entry is free. Bring a rug or chair to sit on.
All proceeds from the BBQ go to support our school band.

The Parent Auxiliary will be selling:
Flare Safe Candles for $2.00 Flashing Santa Hats for $3.00 Toffees for 50c each Lucky Dips for $1.00
These will be on sale from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Come early as we have limited stock.

SOME OF OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS BUZZ AWARD BADGE

ARE YOU LEAVING OUR SCHOOL?
IF SO PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.
TWO WEEKS TO GO!

DECEMBER

9 K-6 Presentation Day
10 Carols Night
11 Coffee with the Principal

Wk 10 Reports home
15 Year Six Farewell
16 Year Six Luna Park - K-5 Party Day
17 Red Faces – students only
          Last Day for students
          Year six special assembly and clap out – parents welcome
18 - 19 Staff Development Day

P & C CAROLS EVENING

Wednesday 10 December, 2014
on the lawns outside the school hall
commencing at 6.30pm

Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle, cakes and drinks
organised by the Band committee,
selling from 6pm

Flameless candles for sale

Bring a rug or chair to sit on, and your good singing voices
All welcome!