PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

ANTI BULLYING POLICY
Toongabbie Public School (PS) is one where we do not tolerate bullying. Bullying is any behaviour where either a person, or group of people, demeans another person or group. They exhibit power over the other and make them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. This can be in the form of physical, verbal or psychological bullying. It can be done in person or in a digital form. All people at Toongabbie PS have the right to feel safe and supported. As issues arise, the school imposes various sanctions against the perpetrators which can include counselling, detentions and even suspensions, if incidents are serious enough. I am happy that parents feel welcome to discuss issues of bullying when they arise. As a school that implements Positive Behaviour for Learning, students are currently participating in lessons structured to create a positive learning environment. At this week’s staff meeting the staff revisited our Discipline and Anti-Bullying policy. Just this week we had representatives from the Parramatta Eels out to discuss ‘tackling bullying with our Years 3-6 students. Over the next three weeks classes from Kindy to Year 6 will discuss this issue. Our school will celebrate two important events on Friday March 21. On this day, students will be able to wear something orange to school for Harmony Day. This day also recognises the fight against bullying. Mrs Hosking will be running several competitions to involve our students in gaining and sharing their insights into how we can all get along.

VOLUNTEERS
Parents who are working with our students are asked to fill in a simple working with children’s check form. Part of the process involves proof of identity. 100 points is required. (Same as you may have used in a bank) You can collect one from the office or from your class teacher. Please return to Ann in the office where she can complete the points check. There is no cost associated with this process. All forms will be kept by the school in a secure place.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCRIPTURE
The school is proud to cater for the variety of beliefs held by our school community. This week we were fortunate to gain the services of a teacher who can work with our Muslim students. These students will now attend Islamic scripture instead of our non-scripture lessons.

GETTING TO KNOW STAFF
We have an executive team that provides leadership and coordination to each stage team. If you should have any issues you should in most cases contact your class teacher and make an appointment. If the matter requires further attention please contact the Assistant Principal of that stage. Beyond this you may wish to make an appointment with myself or the Principal, Mr Brown on 9631 3079

Kindergarten Mrs Kerr, Years 1 & 2 Mrs Bownds, Years 3 & 4 Mrs Perkins and Years 5 & 6 Mrs Hosking

Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

P & C MEETING
Our next P & C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Monday March 10 starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS
This Sunday is Clean Up Australia Day. Why not take your family to an event or simply go for a walk with a plastic bag and gloves and participate in a great day. Keeping this in mind, let’s make our school clean everyday by reducing the rubbish we bring and putting in the bin.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Wentworthville/Seven Hills PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival for 2014 will be held on Thursday 6 March at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school; Caleb Peterson, Cory Petroff, Joshua Buttigieg, Jarrod Hogan, Oliver Saad, Cameron Drinnan, Nethiran Thiruvannan, Branden Hogan, Jy-Tevita Moala, Lewis Saad, Lily Louden, Taylah Hansen, Ashlee Pottinger, Eva Nadaya-Harb, Gabriella Farrugia, Indiana Thomas, Saskia Phelps, Chelsey Torrens, Mackenzie Cotterill, Audrey Nadaya-Harb and Claire Moutter.

NATIONAL TESTING – NAPLAN
Our Year 3 and 5 students will undergo national testing in Literacy, Writing and Mathematics this year. Test dates are: May, 13, 14 & 15. Please put these dates on the calendar.

LIBRARY NEWS
Our first Scholastic Book Club catalogues for this year will be sent home on Monday. Orders are due back to school on Wednesday 12 March. When ordering from the catalogues, it can be done by credit card direct to Scholastic, cheques made out to Scholastic Book Club or cash which is sent in on the day.

Renata Redman LIBRARIAN
**PARENT AUXILIARY**

It was lovely to meet all the new parents who were able to attend the welcome morning tea on Tuesday. We hope we were able to answer all your questions.

If anyone was unable to attend and would like more information on parent involvement either at events or ways to help at home, we would love to hear from you.

A note will come home over the next week with contact details and outlining all the Parent Auxiliary events for the year that require time or donations.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 March, commencing at 9.15am in the staffroom. All welcome.

Jackie Hogan CONVENOR

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The second hand uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 5 March, from 2.15pm to 3.15pm outside the canteen. Thank you to the families who have donated pre loved uniforms to the shop.

Sue Clifton Smith CONVENOR

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The first Meal Deal for this year will be held on Wednesday 19 March. It will be a hot dog and soft drink for $4.50. If you would like to order this meal deal, please write your name and order on a brown paper bag and hand it to the canteen before Tuesday 18 March. We will also have a vegetarian option available. Please note there will be no other hot food available on this day except for noodles.

Janice Smith CANTEEN MANAGER

**PENDLE HILL HIGH OPEN DAY**

Pendle Hill High is our nearest high school. It is holding an Open Day on Monday March 10th starting at 3.30pm. Please come along and see why PHHS is so proud of its students, programs and school.

**MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

Model Farms High School is holding an information night for Years 5 and 6 students and their families on Tuesday 4 March, 2014. This event starts at 6.30pm and will be held in the high school’s hall.

**NORTHMEAD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School, is holding an Open Day on Tuesday 18 March, 2014 for students in Year 5 (entering Year 7 in 2016) and Year 6 (entering Year 7 in 2015) with a morning session 9.15am – 1.00pm and Evening session 5.00pm to 7.00pm with a school tour. There will be a formal presentation in the Hall from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

**PSSA DRAWS FOR 7 March, 2014**

Draws for next Friday 7 March are to be advised

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