PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
ROAD SAFETY
I have had several conversations with different members of our community that have voiced concern about students and parents not crossing at the lights. One motorist stopped to talk to me at the corner this week about witnessing a near miss where a parent and student were almost hit by a car. I have spoken to all students about road safety and asked them to encourage their parents to cross with them at the lights. Please allow yourself time to drop off and pick up your children safely. Parents and students are also reminded not to walk on driveways. Some of the practices that have been witnessed are extremely concerning. I have spoken to students about staying close to the adults that supervise them and holding their hand. This is extremely important if you are in one of our car parks before 8am or after 4pm. Please support my work to keep all students safe at Toongabbie Public School.

ZONE SWIMMING SUCCESS
Congratulations to all our squad who participated at the carnival yesterday. The students were a credit to the school in both their performance and their behaviour. Thank you also to the parents and family who turned up to cheer our students on. We had two age champions on the day. Well done Lily Louden and Caleb Peterson. Lily also managed to break the 11 Years Girls Backstroke record. The school finished 2nd behind Kings Langley PS. A full list of the students who will represent the school and zone at the regional carnival will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT.

BULLYING POSTER COMPETITION
Mrs Hosking is organising a poster competition for all students. The aim is to create a poster focusing on what a school looks like without bullying. I am looking forward to seeing the entries. Please take the time to talk to your child about their ideas and what their poster will look like.

Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

WHAT IS STEWART HOUSE?

Stewart House is situated on the beach at Curl Curl and has been giving children a break since 1931. Stewart House caters for children from Kindergarten to Year 10 who are enrolled in public schools in NSW and the ACT. Stewart House provides dormitory style accommodation for students across a 12–day stay and gives children opportunities for developing healthy lifestyle, for building self-esteem, coping and social skills and a sense of wellbeing.

We will be sending home envelopes on Monday asking for a $2 donation. All envelopes received by the school will be forwarded to Stewart House and will go into the draw for a $4000 holiday.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS - Premier’s Reading Challenge
This year’s PRC opened this week. K-2 students complete the Challenge with their teacher. The Challenge is optional for students in years 3–6. Students wishing to participate can advise me for registration. Reading records can then be logged online. The Challenge ends in August. For more information please visit: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders are due to your child’s class teacher on Wednesday 12 March. If paying by cash, please enclose the correct amount. Alternatively, please use the cheque or credit card options.

Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

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

PSSA DRAWS FOR 14 March, 2014
Softball vs Westmead at Parramatta Park
Newcombe Ball vs Westmead at Westmead PS
Cricket vs Westmead at Binalong Oval
Tee Ball vs Westmead at Parramatta Park
AFL Whites vs Beresford Road Blues at Binalong Oval
AFL Reds vs Darcy Road at Binalong Oval

PARENT MATHLETICS WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 11 MARCH, 2014
COMMENCING AT 2.15PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
ALL PARENTS WELCOME
TO BEE FAIR

Week 8
Tuesday 18 March, 2014

11.30am in the hall

Classroom activities
11.45am – 1.00pm

Afternoon
PBL Lesson / Reflection
In own class