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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to students, staff, and community. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. Looking at the calendar for Term 2, it is going to be another very busy time for all. This term is only nine weeks with one week already down! A full calendar of events will be included in next week’s newsletter.

SCHOOL X-COUNTRY
Congratulations to all those who will now compete at the Zone X-Country to be held on Friday May 23rd. Thank you to Miss Nova for organising this carnival. The following students will represent TPS; Cameron Drinnan, Tallara Bamblett, Mikayla Fuller, Caleb Peterson, Cory Petroff, Jarrod Wright, Claire Moutter, Eva Nadaya Harb, Elizabeth Navarro, Lily Louden, Gabby Farrugia, Mariah Single, Max Spackman, Dylan McMahon, John Lee, Audrey Nadaya Harb, Sarvyn Kanapathpillai, Jett Smith, Jack McCluckie, Joshua Buttigieg, Nathan Anderson, Ashleigh Tai, Summer Leahy, Imogen Falzon, Mila Purkovic. Congratulations to all these students and good luck at the Zone Carnival.

WINTER UNIFORM
Terms 2 and 3 are when our students wear winter uniform. We realise the first and last 2 weeks of these periods the weather can vary. Winter uniform is expected to be worn after Mothers’ Day until Fathers’ Day.

NAPLAN
It is important that all students in Years 3 and 5 are at school on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May to do their important Australia wide literacy and numeracy tests. There is no pass/fail rank and students do not need to “study” for the tests.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

OPPORTUNITY CLASSES FOR YEAR FIVE 2015
On line applications are now open. Application packages are available from the school office, however we strongly recommend using the online facilities. All applications, whether submitted on line or lodged with the Principal, should be received by the school by May 16. No applications can be accepted after this date.

ZONE SOFTBALL SUCCESS
Daniel Bailey, Harry Wilkinson & Tristan Blaga represented TPS in the Wentworthville/Seven Hills Zone Softball Team at Surveyors Creek at Glenmore Park. The boys came out of their pool undefeated against Merrylands/Parramatta, Mount Druitt & Hawkesbury/Penrith to make it to the Grand Final. They played a very nerve wracking & tight game against St Mary’s to draw 3 all. It was a fantastic result. The boys came up against a lot of strong, competitive base ballers but managed to keep their minds & nerves strong to remain undefeated. The school is very proud to have these boys represent TPS in what is a fantastic, competitive sport. Congratulations boys.

Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Did you miss your child’s Parent / Teacher interview? If so and you want to follow up on your students progress, please contact the teacher for an appointment.

PSSA
Notes have gone out today to students who have been selected to play PSSA for winter sport. Please return the permission note by Thursday to the classroom teacher so that your child can take part in the competition. Payment notes will follow next week. Please check the PSSA website www.wentysseven.com for draws PLEASE NOTE SPORT WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON FOR TERMS 2 AND 3.

LIBRARY NEWS – Scholastic Book Club
Book club brochures were distributed this week. Orders are due to your child’s class teacher on Thursday 8 May. If paying by cash, please enclose the correct amount. Alternatively, please use the cheque or credit card options.

World Book Online
Just a timely reminder, to encourage students to use World Book Online for educational and recreational use. This excellent resource contains information, timelines, stories, videos, maps and games and can be accessed from home. To access World Book Online please visit: http://worldbookonline.com. Log-in Id: toony Password: learn

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to our recent PRC ‘finishers’: Neeti Joshi, Kapilan Kuruparan, Rachel Mathew, Raine Park, Subash Thirukodeswaran and Chelsey Torrens. Primary students completing the Challenge have until the end of August to ‘log’ their reading. K-2 students complete the Challenge with their teacher. For more information about the PRC please visit: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html.

DAV PILKEY VISITS SYDNEY
Dav Pilkey, author of the ‘Captain Underpants’ series will be at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta on Saturday 24 May at 4.00p.m. Dav will be speaking, drawing and answering questions. For more information, bookings and costs please contact Riverside on 8839 3399 or visit website: www.riversideparramatta.com.au.
**MOTHERS’ DAY STALL**
The Mothers’ Day stall will be held on **Wednesday, 7 May**. Students are asked to bring a labelled enviro bag or similar to carry their gifts in. 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 9 May.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated prizes for the raffle so far. Your support is greatly appreciated, however, we would like a few more prizes for our raffle. If you are able or know someone who would like to donate a suitable prize, please contact the school office.

Jackie Hogan  CONVENOR

**P & C NEWS**
The next meeting of the P & C will be held on **Monday 12 May**, in the staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**TOONGABBIE LADIES TWILIGHT MARKETS**
On Friday 30 May, at 7.00pm, Toongabbie and Stage 3 will be hosting a twilight market. We have a number of exciting stalls. The entry cost is $10 for the evening which includes finger food and champagne.
We are looking forward to seeing you all there. More information closer to the day. Remember to mark the date on your calendar.

**MONEY COLLECTION**
Money for excursions and other activities at school is collected Monday to Thursday. Money is not able to be collected after 1pm.
Please enclose the correct amount in an envelope with your child’s name, class and activity you are paying for and hand it to your child’s class teacher. A receipt will be issued and sent home with your child. We accept cheques, credit card and eftpos for amounts over $10.00. This is a very safe way of paying large amounts. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Ann Miles

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**Mothers’ Day Stall**
Wednesday 7 May, 2014
Come along and buy a beautiful gift for your mum
Donations for our raffle are most appreciated.

**Mothers’ Day Gift Wrapping**
The Parent Auxiliary will be wrapping the Mothers’ Day gifts on Monday in the hall from 9am. If you would like to help, please come along at 9am. All help is appreciated.
Jackie Hogan - Convenor

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**Mothers’ Day Garden Party Afternoon Tea**
The Mothers’ Day afternoon will be held on Thursday 8 May, on the lawns (or in the hall if wet) from 3.15pm to 4.45pm.
The cost of the afternoon tea is $5.00 per person (ie $5 for mum and $5 per child). This is a lovely way for us to celebrate with our mums, saying “thank you”.
Please send your money and booking slip to your child’s class teacher before Tuesday. **Last day for payment is Tuesday.**

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**
We are again selling the Entertainment Books for Sydney West and the Sydney Region. These books are $65.00 each and have lots of great savings in them. If you would like to purchase one, please call at the office.