PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

VALE NEL GAWTHORNE (Nee Willmot)

It has been a sad past seven months for TPS with the passing of Mr Ross Hope, who was Principal from 1985 to 1991 and now Mrs Nell Gawthorne.

Nell Willmot was born in Toongabbie in October 1923, the second eldest of five daughters to Reginald and Margaret Willmot. In 1928, at the age of five Nell attended Toongabbie Public School, and in 1934 passed her qualifying Certificate and went to attend Parramatta Domestic Science School (Macarthur Girls High). In 1958 Nell married Bob Gawthorn. Nell and Bob were blessed with two sons, Jim (1958) and Ross (1964). Both boys attended TPS. During the time the boys attended the school Nell became very involved with Mothers’ Club and at one stage was Treasurer of the Canteen and editor of the school newsletter.

In 1986 the headmaster Ross Hope, asked Nell if she would paint a mural on one of the walls of a classroom to be on show when the school centenary celebrations were to be held. Nell agreed and for six months in her spare time, she painted the mural that is now still in the Willmot Room.

In later years went on to join the Historical Society and was editor of their Newsletter for eight years.

Nell sadly, passed away on 18 June 2014.

Our school was represented by myself and Mrs Miles at her funeral yesterday.

STAFF CHANGES FOR TERM 3

Mrs Allison Sullivan will commence her appointment as the new Assistant Principal on Monday July 14th. Mrs Sullivan will be teaching 2IW, 1W and 4GM. She will also be taking a leadership role looking at student welfare. I would like to thank Mrs Hall and Mr Monaghan who supported our school throughout term 2.

BUZZ MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the following students who attended our Term 2 morning tea with me this week; Brodin Johnson-Gustowski, Auston Marucci, Jonathon Sarayar, Audrey Nadaya Harb, Shakira Rahman, Angus Cho, Kaashi Patel, Jaylyn Kim, Alexa Kazanas, Ayla Johnson-Gustowski, Kate Blanning, Bailey Leafe, Hannah Zahra, Chlow Chen, Dannii Dodd, Drashy Bhavsar, Aarti Gounder, Dharani Suthershan, Syland Mc Mahon, Joel Joseph, Joshua Hill, Rebecca Tambimuttu, Charli Leafe, Noah Dorahy, Kate Young.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder that Monday 16th July is a Staff Development Day. The staff will be attending a professional development day at Pendle Hill High School where they will be learning about effectively using technology to engage students. The first day back for students next term is Tuesday July 17th.

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS

I would like to wish all the students, families and staff a safe and relaxing break.

Craig Brown

PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week will take place in the first week of the school holidays. The theme this year is ‘Serving Country- Century and Beyond’. NAIDOC Week is held from July. For more information about activities you can go to www.naidoc.org.au.

OC TESTING FOR YEAR 5 2015.

The Opportunity Class placement test date is 23 July, 2014. Students who have made application to participate in the test will be notified as to the location of the test centre by 9 July.

BANISH THE “I’M BORED COMPLAINT THESE HOLIDAYS”

It is harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things to do with your family these school holidays.

Destination NSW http://bit.ly/1niJ7sl
Australian Museum http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD

Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
PEER SUPPORT
Students at TPS have engaged in weekly Peer Support sessions this term. These sessions have dealt with the theme of **Resilience**. Topics have focused on teams, friends, working together, springing back and seeking help. Year Six has facilitated the program whilst exploring their leadership skills.

It was lovely to see the interactions between the children across the school.

STAGE 3 TEACHERS

EDUCATION WEEK 2014 - Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August

Public Schools NSW – **Celebrating the 60th Education Week 2014** marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week in NSW.

The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was **“Lighting the way to a better world”**. **This slogan has also been adopted for this year’s anniversary celebration.**

Toongabbie PS will run Open Day on Friday 1 August. We will be running a special Commonwealth Games Carnival on this day from 9am to 12.30pm. Parents are very welcome. More Details later.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We will be finalising our Field Events on Friday July 18 at Pendle Hill High School for those students who have not had the opportunity to complete events. This will take place in the morning. A note for those involved will be sent our early next term.

GREENLEAF EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Greenleaf Early Learning Centre currently has vacancies for children aged from 0 to 6 years. We are located at 21 Greenleaf Street Constitution Hill. Our programs and resources are individualised and innovative. We prepare children for school and have a caring and qualified staff. Childcare benefits (CCB) and rebates are available.

For further information please call 9769 1145 or 0466 343734. Email Greenleaf.elc@gmail.com.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I would like to thank everyone for their support this term and look forward to another great term 3.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Ann Miles – ADMIN MANAGER

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**PSSA Friday 18 July, 2014, 2014**

**Soccer vs Girra Yellow at Binalong**

**Oz Tag Toony White vs Toony Red at Binalong**

**Oz Tag Toony Red vs Toony White at Binalong**

**Girls Soccer vs Girra Yellow at Girraween Oval**

**Netball – Toony White vs Wentworthville at Binalong**

**Netball - Toony Red vs Darcy Road at Binalong Oval**

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON JUNIOR SINGLES COMPETITION $80 per term