PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME TO OUR NEW AP
I would like to welcome Mrs Alison Sullivan to our school. Mrs Sullivan will take up her substantive position at Toongabbie Public School starting next term. Mrs Sullivan is an experienced Assistant Principal and brings with her a high level of expertise. I know the community will make her feel welcome.

COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL- CHANGE OF DATE
Due to the Athletics Carnival being held on a Friday the next Coffee with the Principal will be held on Thursday June 19 starting 9.15am in the staffroom. All are welcome.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Just a reminder that the track carnival for students 8 years - 13 years (Yrs 3-6 & some Year 2 students) will take place next Friday. Please make sure your child’s permission note has been returned.

TOONGABBIE LADIES TWILIGHT MARKETS- TONIGHT’S THE NIGHT
Congratulations to all those involved in organising last Friday’s Twilight Market. It was great to hear so many ladies attended. The feedback from those who attended was extremely positive. Photos from the night are up on our website.

GATE CLOSEST TO F BLOCK
Please be aware for the safety of our students the gate closest to F block is locked.

Please exit via the other gates.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR 2015
Toongabbie Public School is now taking enrolments for 2015. If you have a child or know of a child who turns 5 years old on or before 31st July 2015 and wishes to enrol in Kindergarten please contact the school and collect an "Application to Enrol" form.

NATIONAL DISABILITIES SURVEY- REMINDER
All families should have received a note informing them of the school’s participation in a data collection project. This project is to develop a consistent approach to the way schools classify disabilities and help target support. Please return the bottom section of this note if you do not wish to participate. You only need to return the note if you wish to opt out. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mr Francis or Mr Brown.

Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

TALKING TRAFFIC WITH CHILDREN
Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. Sadly this has been the case several times over the last few weeks for Toongabbie students. Dangerous traffic areas includes around Fitzwilliam Road: car-parks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, zebra and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets, and busy streets. Like learning to drive a car, children need practise and experience to walk in the traffic environment. Parents and caregivers have a key role in educating their children about road safety. Children learn about road safety largely by experience. Parents and adult carers have opportunities in day-to-day routines to discuss road safety with children on the way to the local shops, visiting or going to school. Whenever crossing roads, it is an idea to talk about when and why it is safe to cross the road with your children so they can gain a good understanding of road safety issues including the dangers of crossing driveways particularly while running, crossing roads without pedestrian crossings and being aware of potential hazards. Alongside the benefits of learning road safety, it is great chance to spend time with your family and good exercise!!

Mrs Borys has been working with students over the past fortnight to ensure students are aware of best practice. Some examples of the "talking traffic with children" while you’re out walking together:

• Why you’re stopping at the edge of the driveway, road, kerb or crossing.
• When it is safe to cross.
• What you’re looking and listening for while crossing the driveway, road or car park.
• Why you have to keep checking until you are safely across the driveway, road or car park.
• Why you never assume that an approaching driver can see you or will stop for you, as their vision may be affected by the sun, poor light and parked cars.
• Why you avoid walking on the road; choose the footpath or nature strip. If the road is the only alternative, face the oncoming traffic and stay as far to the side of the road as possible.
• Why it’s important to keep holding a grown-up’s hand.

Our ultimate goal is for our children to be able to make safe decisions independently around traffic and this will take time and practice.

Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book Club brochures were distributed this week. Orders are due to your child’s class teacher on Thursday 12 June. If paying by cash, please enclose the correct amount. Alternatively, please use the cheque of credit card options. There are a lot of interesting books available in this issue.

LIBRARY NEWS - PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Keep reading those books. The more you read, the smarter you get! Remember the library is for everyone.
Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

CANTEEN NEWS
With reference to the Athletics Carnival, the school canteen will be open as normal for lunches. Just place your order as usual.
Thank you
Janice Smith Canteen Manager

STUDENT BANKING
We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with the student banking. Thank you to the ladies who are doing it now, but we may introduce it on a fortnightly basis if we can get more volunteers.
If you are interested in helping, please contact the office. Full training is available from the bank personnel.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Thank you to Sue Clifton Smith who looks after our second hand uniform shop and the lost property. Sue washes these items and returns them to the children if they have names on them. Please remember to label your children’s belongings.

WANTED
We are looking for parents who would be able to help us by covering “HOME READERS” with contact.
If you are able to assist, please see Mrs Redman in the Library.

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