PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS MRS GERSBACH
We had some exciting and happy news during our holiday break. I would like to congratulate Mrs Gersbach and her husband on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Archer and their daughter Isla who becomes the big sister. We wish them well and look forward to their first visit to TPS.

STAFFING
Mrs Perkins will be on leave until the August 25. Mrs Horton will teach 4P during this time and Miss Nova will be relieving as the Assistant Principal supervising Stage 2. Mrs Bownds is on leave and will return on Wednesday. Mrs Hall is currently teaching 2B. We also welcome four student teachers from Notre Dame University. They are Miss Adamson on 1KA, Miss Dibou on 1SD, Miss Hamez on 2B and Miss Apap on 2J.

Craig Brown
PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

OC TEST
Students who have applied to sit the OC test for entry into Year 5 next year will sit their test on Wednesday 23rd July at Girraween High School.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Bruce Francis
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ICAS English Competition
The ICAS English Competition will be held on Tuesday of week 3, July 29. Students will be provided with all the relevant details this week.

SKOOL IS KOOL
Thanks to all the parents who have shopped at Karl Holdsworth Good Guys in Prospect. Every time you purchase products, advise the cashier that you want “Skool is Kool” dollars to go to Toongabbie Public School. The school appreciates your support.

PARENT AUXILIARY
The Parent Auxiliary meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 29 July, at 9.10am. Pre-schoolers are most welcome.

Jackie Hogan
PARENT AUXILIARY CONVENOR

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.

CANTEEN NEWS
On Open Day, Friday 1 August the Canteen will be holding a Sausage Sizzle at lunchtime. Please see the separate note that has been sent home as to the ordering instructions.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book Club brochures will be distributed next week. Orders are due to your child’s class teacher on Thursday 31 July. If paying by cash, please enclose the correct amount. Alternatively, please use the cheque or credit card options.
BOOK WEEK
This year, Children’s Book Week runs from Saturday 16 August to Friday 22 August. To celebrate, K-2 students will be attending a performance at school of “Tiddalik the Frog”. Popular children’s author Justin D’Ath, will be visiting to speak to the students in Years 3 to 6. Notes regarding these events will be distributed next week.

MS READ-A-THON
August is MS Read-a-thon month and registrations are now open. This year marks the 35th year of the Read-a-thon, with funds raised assisting those suffering from multiple sclerosis. Please consider whether your child could help this worthy cause. For further information and registration please visit: http://www.msreadathon.org.au.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the second hand uniform shop was not open on Wednesday, however it will be open on Wednesday 30 July outside the canteen from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. Donations of good pre loved uniforms are always welcome.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will take place on Wednesday 23 July in the staffroom. This is in place of the earlier day during the holidays. The following banking day will be held on Wednesday 6 August.

COOL KIDS MUSIC
Cool Kids Music company hold lessons teaching Keyboard and Ukulele on Mondays at lunchtime. For further information please ask at the office for a brochure and enrolment form. For further information please call 0457 668742.

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY – ASTRONOMY NIGHTS
The next Astronomy Night “Is anyone out there” will be held on Saturday 26 July from 7pm to 9pm at the Penrith Observatory. For bookings and further information please contact www.uws.edu.au/observatory or phone 024736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au. Bookings are essential.

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY – TAFE WESTERN SYDNEY
If you would like to learn about making coffee in view of joining the hospitality industry, a free course is running at TAFE, Western Sydney Kingswood. If interested please contact Eoin O’Caoimh on 9208 9351 or Sue Rousham on 9208 9399. No previous hospitality skills are necessary.

THE LITTLE SPARROW CAFÉ
The Little Sparrow Café – your home away from home, is now operating in Shop 4, 9-11 Picasso Cres, Old Toongabbie, just around the corner. Come and try the best coffee & tea in town and enjoy a sweet or savoury delight. All welcome.

NEW WOMEN’S CRAFT GROUP – GIRRAWEEEN
Come along and join in the new Women’s Craft Group held at the Westside Church, 1 4-6 Wiltona Place Girraween. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10am – 12pm (during school terms) with all materials provided. Come along and learn a new craft skill. Tea and Coffee provided. Free Child care available. For further details please contact Denielle Lee on 0433 223502.

Lion Park’s Tae Kwon Do And Self-Defence
Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons in the school hall
For further information please call
Contact Sa-Bum-Nim Michael 4th Dan Black Belt on 0409 928 534