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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY

The weather was a bit chilly but that only added to the realistic feeling of our Games. We could have been in Glasgow but it was just Toongabbie Public School putting on a great event! Thank you to all the parents who came along today to celebrate Education Week and watch our games. The day was a huge success due to the enthusiasm of our students. Our aim was to celebrate the purpose of the Commonwealth games and make this a memorable event. I hope that in years to come as the games come back to Australia that our students think of this day. I have no doubt that in years to come we might even have a few students representing at the real games.

HILLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

I would like to congratulate the students who have been working on their performances for the Hills Performing Arts Festival. We have students representing us in the combined choir and two dance groups. I got a sneak preview of the dances this week and they are looking great. The big night will be Wednesday 3rd September starting at 7pm. This year we will be using the Evans Theatre at Panthers. Tickets will go on sale Friday August 8 at 10am. A note with details will be sent out. For parents of students involved in this program I recommend you purchase your tickets straight away as demand for the show will be high and the capacity of the theatre is 900 people.

SYMPATHIES

Our thoughts go out to Mrs Perkins who lost her father recently. Mrs Perkins is away for the next three weeks and will return on August 25th.

SAFETY FIRST

With the building work that has been commenced on the corner of Reynolds Street, please ask your children to cross at the lights as Fitzwilliam Road is becoming extremely busy with trucks. Crossing at the IGA and Service Station is a very dangerous practise and we do not want anything to happen to our children.

Craig Brown

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BUZZ ASSEMBLIES

Week 4 is BUZZ Week. We look forward to congratulating our winners at our Friday assemblies.

WHEN TO START SCHOOL

Starting school is a big step. How do you know if your child is ready? This video Kindergarten features teachers discussing this sometimes tricky issue. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/is-my-child-ready-to-start-school

HOMEWORK AND ASSIGNMENTS

Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child’s home project activities. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments

Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS GALA DAY

A big congratulations to Jarrod Hogan, Cooper Cotterill, Imogen Falzon, Eva Nadaya-Harb, Joshua Buttigieg, Dominic Ramos, Mikayla Fuller, Lily Louden, Jay Patel, Daniel Bailey, Caleb Peterson and Jack McLuckie. These students represented as Toongabbie Public School’s finest soccer players at the Western Sydney Wanderer’s Gala Day. The team had an absolutely brilliant day at Binalong Oval, playing Hill Top PS, The King’s School and Galston PS, winning all their games! With 14 goals under their belt, and some superb saves by the goalie, the TPS team played in the Grand Final against St Bernadette’s PS. Our team, the Mighty Mighty Toony fought hard and played some brilliant football! They lost 1-0 to St Bernadette’s in the GF, but won the hearts of every school at the competition, being named the most enthusiastic best and fairest team for their gamesmanship! What a day...What a team!
Maja Nova- Soccer Coach

ICAS MATHS Competition

The ICAS Maths Competition will be held on Tuesday 5 August. Students must be at school at 7.45am. Test locations will be given to students on Monday.

P & C Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11th August at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Apologies for the wrong date last week. We were a week ahead of ourselves. Our breakfast will be held on Friday September 5 the Friday before Father’s Day. There will be two sessions, 7.30am and 8am. On the menu will be juice, coffee or tea and egg and bacon on fresh bread. We also have the option of pancakes for those whom do not eat meat. The cost of the breakfast is $5.00 per person and orders are to be placed by Thursday 21st August. In order for us to cater for this event, please return the note and payment by the due date. A separate note will be sent home next week.
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.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Just a reminder that this year’s PRC concludes on 22 August. Years 3 to 6 participants need to have their reading records logged by this date. K-2 students complete the Challenge with their class teacher. For information please visit: https://online.det.nw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The Schoolyard Mag has been a longstanding tradition at TPS. This year, a team of dedicated Stage 3 students will be creating a K-6 year book as a memoir of 2014. Once published, these magazines will be available for purchase during Term 4.

LOST PROPERTY WILL BE CLEARED NEXT WEEK

Please make sure that all articles belonging to your child/children are marked with their names. Lost property is becoming a big problem especially with hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles and jackets. Even pencil cases and school bags should be able to be identified if lost.

Thank you for your cooperation

GUITAR LESSONS

Learn guitar from an accredited and experienced teacher. Learn your favourite songs in a fun, pressure free environment. All styles taught. Beginner to advanced – affordable prices – available 7 days a week. For booking please call 0433 548772.

PRAYER GROUP

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who would like to pray for our school, staff, students and activities. The dates for this term are Friday 8 August, and Friday 5 September from 9.05am to 9.30am in the Before and After School room.

For prayer requests or enquiries please contact Nicole Gupta on 0402 059406 or Nicole@raj.org.au. Toys are available for pre schoolers.

HSC SUPERVISORS WANTED

If you would like to supervise the HSC exams this year at Northmead High School, please call Jenny on 024393 6095 for further information. The exams run from 13 October to 5 November. Unfortunately if you have someone sitting the HSC you are not allowed to supervise.

HAVE A LOOK AT OUR COMMONWEALTH GAMES PHOTOS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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