PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

FABULOUS NEWS
Many of you by now may be aware of some wonderful news. We were all very excited to learn that we are expecting another addition to our Toongabbie family. Mrs Clarke and her husband Daniel are expecting their first child early in Term 2. This is wonderful news and I know you will all join with me in wishing them good health, warm wishes and cooler weather. Mrs Clarke did a great job keeping her secret towards the end of last year.
We would also like to congratulate Miss Adams who became engaged during the holidays. She will be getting married at the end of Term 2 to her partner Andrew. It is great to be the bearer of such happy news.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS
Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend sessions held this week. For any parents who missed out, a reminder that parents can make appointments with their child’s teacher through the office. Formal parent / teacher interviews will be held at the end of this term. 2M parents will receive information about a make-up time next week.

VOLUNTEERS
We always need volunteers at our school. Parents are one of our greatest resources when it comes to delivering quality educational programs. Please consider working with your class teacher to assist them with reading, maths and other key learning areas. To ensure our students are always in a safe environment, we are going to ask parents to fill in a simple working with children’s check form. These will be provided over the next week. There is no cost associated with this process.

BUSY FEW WEEKS
The first three weeks have been hectic as we settle back into the routine of school life. The students are now right back in the swing of things with our Year 3-6 students completing their first incursion and swimming carnival for 2015. Year 2 is about to spend two weeks visiting our local aquatic centre to boost their swimming skills. I would like to thank everyone who has been part of this. Many of our wonderful parent groups have been meeting to organise committees and get ready for upcoming events.

BUZZ ASSEMBLIES
Buzz assemblies are held in weeks 4 and 8 to celebrate students who have been responsible, respectful, safe learners. Parents of those students receiving awards will receive an invitation to the assembly. While it is nice to support your child we understand that parents may not always be able to get away from their work commitments.

SRC & SCHOOL LEADERS
Our SRC and School Leaders will be presented with their badges at the BUZZ assemblies on Friday February 20. Parents of these students are invited to attend. Students who are attending zone trials or on leave will have their badge presented at the following assembly.
Year Two representatives will be presented with their badge at the 2pm assembly and the Years 3-6 at the 11.30am assembly
Craig Brown PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.
Bruce Francis DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

P & C MEETING
At the annual general meeting of the P & C that was held last Monday evening, positions were filled by the following parents:
President – Trevor McNeilly, Vice President – Glen Cotterill, Secretary – Shelley Gannon, Treasurer - Sharon Cole.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING SCHEME
A reminder to Year 2 parent that the swimming scheme starts on Monday. 2B will leave first at 9.15am. Each class has its own session.

PARENT AUXILIARY
The Parent Auxiliary wishes to invite all our new parents to a special Welcome Morning Tea to be held on Tuesday 24 February, in the staffroom commencing at 9.15am. All welcome. This is a great way to meet other parents and find out how you can get involved in school life.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to everyone who participated in the swimming carnival on Wednesday. It was a great success. Thank you to Mrs Ranieri and Mrs Church for their organisation. The winning house was. Congratulations to the following students who were named age champions for 2015; Senior Girls: Lily Hodge, Senior Boys: Jarrod Hogan, 11 Years Girls: Ashlee Pottinger, 11 Years Boys: Cameron Drinnan, Junior Girls: Dyanna Crabb, Junior Boys: Branden Hogan. The winning house was Fitzwilliam. A full list of students who have qualified for the zone carnival and the records that were broken will be published next week.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Wentworthville/Seven Hills PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival for 2015 will be held on Friday 6 March. Students who have made it to this level will be notified soon with a note containing further details.
LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge
It’s that time of year for students in Years 3 to 6 to consider whether they would like to participate in this year’s Challenge. Students read 20 books from the PRC book lists or 15 books from the lists and 5 free choices before the end of August. Kindergarten to Year 2 students complete the Challenge with their class teacher. Registrations and log-ins commence on 2 March but book lists are now available on the PRC website. Students wishing to participate can let me know. For further information please visit: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

World Book Online
Please remind students they are able to access World Book Online at home. This excellent educational resource offers information, maps, videos, stories, timelines, games, pictures and more. To access this resource, google ‘World Book Online’. User-id is toony and password is learn.

Jacqueline Harvey at ‘The Children’s Bookshop’
Best-selling author Jacqueline Harvey, of the ‘Alice-Miranda’ and ‘Clementine Rose’ series, will be visiting the Children’s Bookshop at Beecroft, on Saturday 7 March, 2 – 3pm, to launch her new book, ‘Alice-Miranda at the Palace’. Anyone wishing to attend, please RSVP on phone: 9481 8811 or email: staff@thechildrensbookshop.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS

SPECIAL MEAL DEAL
The canteen will be holding their first “Meal Deal” for the year on Wednesday 25 July. It will be a sausage on a roll and a Paddle Pop for only $4.50. If you would like to order a meal deal, please complete the slip below and attach it to a brown paper bag, enclose the money and return it to the canteen before Tuesday 24 February. Vegetarian option is also available. There will be NO other hot food available on this day.
Janice Smith CANTEEN MANAGER

PRAYER GROUP
The prayer group meets to pray for the staff and students of the school in week 4 and week 8 of each term. The first prayer group meeting will be held on Friday 20 February in the Before and After School Care room commencing at 9.05am. Pre schoolers are welcome. Come along and pray for our school, staff and students.
For further details please contact Nicole on 0402 059406.

SCHOOL BAND
There will be a meeting for all parents of our children on Tuesday 17 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to come and find out more about our band program and how you can assist your child in supporting the band program this year.
All tutorials and rehearsals are normal this week. Training band rehearsals begin on Wednesday at 2.30pm to 3.30pm.
Mrs Ingleton – BAND COORDINATOR

ZUMBA
Steph King, our usual Zumba instructor, is unfortunately unable to teach this term. Therefore, Zumba will become part of our Home Sport rotation. No payment or permission slip is required as all students will be given the opportunity to participate.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS
Pendle Hill High School will hold its Open Day on Monday March 9. This is for parents of Year 5 and 6 students interested in sending their children to their local school. The session will run from 3.30-6pm.
Model Farms High School invites all Year 5 and Year 6 students to an information evening to be held in their school hall commencing at 6.30pm. There will be performances, displays, tours and information on the night. Individual daytime tours and interviews are also available. For further information please call 9624 3133.

LOST PROPERTY
There are a number of items of clothing and lunch boxes in the lost property basket. If your child has lost anything, please check the basket outside the canteen. Swimming lost property will be given to charity if not claimed by early next week.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT
A family Astronomy Night will be held on Saturday 14 February and 28 February from 8pm to 10pm at UWS Penrith. The cost is $18 per adult, $12 for child or concession and $50 for a family. The night includes a multimedia presentation with question time, 3D astronomy movie, tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes. Bookings essential. Call 024736 0135, or www.uws.edu.au/observatory, Whats On

Check out the photos from the Swimming Carnival on page 3


**Canteen Meal Deal – Wednesday 25 February, 2015**

**Name:** ........................................................................................................ **Class:** ........................................

Would like to order .............................. Sausage on a roll and Paddle Pop Meal Deal for lunch on Wednesday 25 February.

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Enclosed is $..................

Please attach to a brown paper bag and return to the Canteen by Tuesday 24 February.

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**Our 3-6 students enjoying a great day at the Swimming Carnival last Wednesday**

A BIG thank you to Mr Chris Madden for his work in tiling the kitchen in the staff room.
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