We have had an exciting term one with many events to assist in developing a variety of skills. Thank you to all members of our school community for their continued support of our wonderful school.

A reminder that on Fridays for sport, students are able to wear shirts in their house colours. Our House Cup will be in operation as all students strive to win points for their houses. I know that the points are very close at present so I am sure we will have another close competition to become the champion house for 2013.

Term 2 is always a busy term, especially for Years 3 and 5 with the Naplan tests occurring during week 3. So try to have a relaxing break so we are all ready for a hard-working term 2.

Our Cross Country races will also be on during Term 2 so it would be a good idea to get in some training for this event.

Please remember that there are 2 staff development days at the beginning of term 2 so students do not return until Wednesday 1st May 2013.

I am also pleased to announce that Mr Firth is recovering well from his surgery and will be back from the start of term 2. We are all looking forward to his return.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Winter P.S.S.A

Winter PSSA sport will commence on Friday 10th May 2013, with trials to be held this week on Friday 12th April 2013. Toongabbie West will be participating in two winter sports. The two sports will be soccer and netball.

All students from grades 2-6 are welcome to trial. (Students must be 8 years or old this year to participate)

Please remember to

Congratulations to Jarrod, finishing 1st in the state at the NSW little athletics championships. Jarrod won the boys 1100m walk, with a sensational time of 5 minutes and 47 seconds.
Driveway safety

Sadly, many children, usually toddlers, are killed or injured in their own home driveway by vehicles driven by someone who loves them.

Children under 5 years are the most at risk. Off-road injuries happen in home driveways, untended yards, private property, farms, footpaths, car parks, caravan parks and private roads.

Why are young children at risk in off-road environments?
They want to be with the people they love – they want to welcome them and wave them goodbye. They’re explorers, they move fast and can get into danger very quickly. It’ll be many years before they can understand that they need to move out of the way of an approaching vehicle.

About driveway injury.
• Off-road injuries to young children are likely to result in death.
• Many of the children who are not killed, sustain severe physical and brain injuries.
• The other is usually aware that the child is on the driveway or is running to get them.
• The driver is usually a parent, family member or friend.
• The vehicle is usually resting and is slow moving.
• While 4WDs and other large vehicles are frequently involved in home driveway accidents, there is also a lack of visibility immediately behind family sedans, station wagons and vans.

What can we do to protect young children from off-road injury?
• Always expect the unexpected with young children.
• If you are the only adult around and need to move the car, put the children in the car, safely restrained, before you move it.
• Never leave children alone in cars, even in home driveways.
• Physically separate play areas from vehicle access.
• Make use of advances in vehicle technology that make drivers detect objects, including children, near the rear of the vehicle. However, no technology can replace close and active supervision.

Hold their hands or hold them close to keep them safe – even at home young children always need an adult to be with them and keep them safe.

Woolworths have started their Earn and Learn Campaign again this year. You can now collect stickers at all Woolworth’s supermarkets when you do your grocery shopping. Our school was able to get about $5000 worth of goods from last year’s campaign and our target is set even higher this year. Please encourage all of your family, friends and neighbours to shop at Woolworths and give their stickers to you. Woolworths is giving to schools and would love to be able to earn some of the stickers in the 2013 campaign. Please bring in the stickers when the sheets are full and put them in the box in the office. Thanks for your support.

This Friday is fun day. Some children have chosen a movie as their activity. The movie they will be watching is ‘Rise of the Guardians’ which is rated PG. If you do not wish your child to watch this movie, please send a letter to the office by Friday morning.

Commencing April 30th
Term 2 Tuesday Nights

Lion Park’s Tae Kwon Do and Self-Defence
Tuesday: Toongabbie West Public School Ballandean Rd Toongabbie
Time: 6.30pm-7.30pm

Classes run for a 13 week period, with a focus on high discipline and moral standards. In this time students will undertake a variety of:

- Form techniques, stretches, punching and kicking
- Engagement in one stop sparring, speed training, free sparring, conducted in a pleasant and positive atmosphere.
- Catering for children through to adults
Buny-Non Michael 4th Dan Black Belt on 0409 928 534

1st Lesson Free
Call for Details

End of Term Fun Day

This Friday 12th April 2013

end in your P.S.A trial permission notes before