The P&C meeting on the 22nd has been postponed.

Activ-A-Thon

On Thursday last week we had the draws for the Activ-A-Thon, all of the winners were great examples of students who raised funds for the school, setting great examples to their fellow students. The class winners had their party with Ms Katz, apparently a great time was had by all. This fundraiser raised over $5,500 for improvements to our school resources and facilities. What a great performance from our students and families.

Science Day at Toongabbie East P.S

Last Thursday some Stage two students went over to Toongabbie East P.S to join in with their Science Day, the rumour was that our students asked the most questions and were very well behaved as well as being inquisitive about Science. More to come next week.

Visiting Author

We were very fortunate last week to have Jacqueline Harvey in school talking to students about her experiences and how they helped her to develop the skills as an author. It was good to hear that her time at school was so interesting that it allowed her to write about them and to become a successful author. Hopefully the students were listening and had some food for thought afterwards. School really is a great place to be and the skills, experiences and memories are valuable in so many ways.

IT’S COMING - JUST TWO WEEKS NOW.

The Halloween carnival is fast approaching now and donations are beginning to come in. Please keep on sending them in, they really are needed. Without your help and support the fundraising at the school would not achieve the support it needs to provide additional resources for our students at school.

The carnival is coming together, rides are coming, Lucky Door prizes (for coming into the carnival and paying a gold coin donation), food stalls, a variety of stalls to buy things from, Coffee and cake stalls to sit and enjoy, lots of game activities, plaster painting, guessing competitions as well as the usual extra stuff. Start saving and make sure you tell Mum and Dad to send in donations for the Lolly stall, Bottle Tombola and Trash and Treasure stalls.

There will also be two types of Silent Auctions, one for class artworks and also one for some Mystery packs to bid on, check them out in the Hall on the Day.
WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

Internationally World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. This year the day is celebrated on 25th October.

World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated on 5th October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO (International Labour Organisation) Recommendation concerning the status of Teachers. I am always proud to tell someone that I am a teacher and I believe teachers are incredibly important in shaping the type of society we live in and the quality of the world we leave for future generations.

At the heart of the educational system, teachers hold the keys to a better future for all. They are a powerful force for peace. By transmitting universal values such as values, respect, justice and our cultural diversity, they help transform younger generations into global citizens of the 21st century. Teachers are so important to our society because they deliver quality education, the very foundation for lasting peace and sustainable development. Please take the time to celebrate World Teachers’ Day and I would personally like to thank the wonderful teachers we have here at Toongabbie West Public School.

NAPLAN

By the time you are reading this you should have received your child’s NAPLAN assessment. The information that we receive via NAPLAN is very important to us and is used in a variety of ways. NAPLAN contains many teaching and learning strategies that we can use to improve student literacy and numeracy. It contains specific information that staff can use to target your child’s learning needs and strengths. Students who have been identified as falling behind National Benchmarks will receive targeted assistance. If you are concerned or have any questions about your child’s NAPLAN results, please contact the school.

UNIFORM

Finally we come to uniform which can tend to slip as the year draws to a close. Please ensure that your child takes responsibility for their uniform and wears the appropriate clothing and footwear each day. Unfortunately many students have shoes which are canvas and unsuitable for school wear and tear. We have had many students with sore toes from playing soccer, appropriate shoes for school are shown here.

State and National Athletics Representatives

Congratulations to our 4 students who represented our region at the PSSA State Athletics Championships A W D held at Homebush last week. Hawraa (Discus), Marlo (100m), Monica (100m, 200m and discus) and Alofi (shot put and discus) all performed extremely well and were excellent representatives for our school and region.

A special congratulations to both Monica and Alofi who have qualified for the National Championships to be held in Brisbane next month. They have qualified in all the events in which they competed. Monica actually won the discus and Alofi won the
shot put and came second in the discus. What wonderful performances!

To assist in covering the cost of attending this 5 day event we will be holding some special fund raising activities over the next few weeks.

This week we will have a Mufti Day on Thursday. Please bring a gold coin donation and all proceeds will go to our National Representatives. Monica and Alofi have been given some raffle tickets that will also be on sale. The cost is $2 per ticket. There are some wonderful prizes to be won. These tickets will be on sale at school at lunch times each day so please support our representatives.

2013 Talent Quest

The School Captains and SRC team are planning to discover the great talents at Toongabbie West on Wednesday 18th December.

- An item can be by an individual or pair or small group
- It can include: Dancing, Singing, Playing a musical instrument, Magic tricks, Boy/Girl Band, Gymnastics, Jokes, Poetry and so many more things
- Each item will go for no more than 2-3 minutes
- Nominations will close on Friday, 15 November 2013
- Auditions will be held on Week 8 and 9 at lunch and afternoon recess time.

This is going to be amazing!

School Captains- Lucy, Sam, Julianna, Michael.

SRC Team- Navtej, Chelise, Dallas, Aaliyah, David, Yan, Kapri, Julian, Riley, Jeet, Jasmine, Arman, Emilie, Daniel, Darren, Hawraa, Katoanga and Gabrielle They are all excited to be a part of this great event.

LOUD SHIRT/CRAZY HAIR DAY

What is Loud Shirt Day? Loud Shirt Day is the perfect way to show your support for deaf children. Here at Toongabbie West we have a fantastic hearing unit with wonderful and talented students. Loud Shirt Day is a fun one day event on Tuesday 29th October 2013 when you can wear your brightest clothes (love 'em, hate 'em, with no written slogans or profanity/inappropriate language) and raise money to help give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children. Whether you fancy stripes, florals, polka dots or paisley, as long as its got colour and pizzazz, it will be perfect for Loud Shirt Day. Don't have a loud shirt? Then come with a crazy hair! For one day only, you can tease, colour (temporary) your hair or style it however and whichever way you want.

Writers Corner

A Response to the book 'Sunday Chutney' by Aaron Blabey

Sunday Chutney is a bit unusual because she is a bit weird. All the children think she is strange. But guess what? She doesn't care! She loves the optometrist but she doesn't like her lazy eye.

By Edyn K/1N

Response

The detective solves mysteries and uses a gun. A police officer makes sure that people are safe. My teacher hides.

Elise K/1N
St John Ambulance Cadets
NOW RECRUITING

The program of the Holroyd Cadet Division consists of:

- Weekly meetings on Monday nights
- First aid training
- Meeting new people and making new friends
- Community service activities
- Camps, courses & social activities
- A range of interest courses & badge work
- Leadership & radio communications training
- Drill and ceremonial training
- First aid competitions, and lots more...

St John Cadets is recruiting locally for our October 2013 intake. We meet in Toongabbie between 6.30-8.30pm during school terms.

If you would like more information please contact us by emailing: horoyd_cadet@one.stjohnnsw.com.au or calling: 0414 881 608