Well, we are certainly ending the year on a definite high. It was so lovely to see all of our wonderful helpers that could make our Thank You morning tea last week. Our school is clearly supported by our parent community and this was obvious at our celebration. Volunteers play such an important role in our school from helping in classrooms, running reading programs, helping in the library, running our scripture classes, helping in the gardens, assisting with anything that is asked and of course being a member of our P and C who work tirelessly to raise funds for our school. Thank you to ALL of our parents and community members who assist the school in a thousand different ways. You are one of the reasons that we have an excellent school. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you also to Mrs Nott, Mr Pickworth and Mrs Formosa as these events don’t just happen but require planning. Thank you also to Mr Warren and Year 6 who set up the hall, as they regularly do. It is appreciated.

Our P&C are a small group of very hardworking people who raise money to assist your children in our amazing school by purchasing resources for the entire school community to use. Please make sure that you bring in the item that your class has been requested to donate and place in the baskets in each classroom. Additional tickets are available at the office if you would like to buy more. These Christmas hampers are always popular and well worth the price of the raffle tickets. Please support our amazing P&C committee in their last fundraiser for the year.

Our Presentation Day is on this Friday 13th December 2013. Our Sports Presentation Assembly will start at 9.00am. We are expecting to have a short break between the conclusion of this ceremony before the Presentation Day starts at 10.00 am. All parents and family members are welcome to attend these ceremonies to celebrate our achievements throughout the year. This year has been an amazing year and we certainly have a lot to celebrate. We are expecting to finish about 12.30. Our final Fun Day will be held on Monday 16th December 2013.
Year 4 - 6 students who have been invited, will be going to Luna Park. They need to wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. The students from K - 3 who qualify, will also be having a Fun Day at school with a special surprise. The children in K - 3 will be able to wear mufti clothes for the day. Congratulations to all children who have qualified for this reward.

Elders Real Estate are running their colouring-in competition. A colouring in sheet is coming home today. If you wish to enter, colour in the page and complete the details on the back. Return it to the office as soon as you have finished.

We will be having our farewell arch for our Year 6 students on Wednesday 18th December as they leave the school. Everyone is welcome to attend as our Year 6 students leave Toongabbie West Public School as students of our school for the last time. The students will begin assembling at 2.45 pm to complete the arch.

Mr Firth will be returning to school this week after his relaxing holiday. On behalf of all of the staff I would like to thank you for your amazing support of our wonderful school throughout 2013 and we all wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Reedman

Personification

While the leaves were flying high in the sky, the old, wise tree was sleeping. He had slept for many years. As he slept, his branches slowly crept outwards, to strangle his neighbours, with his long skinny fingers. As the next day came alive, the old, wise tree awoke. Loud and terrifying noises startled the old tree. As he opened his eyes, he felt a stab in the gut. When the tree looked down, he saw the men who cut down trees. The tree wept, until nothing was left of him.

By Esperance 4/5H

This is a very old, wise tree. The leaves enjoy skydiving down the tree, softly falling to the grassy floor. The breeze quietly whistles as the branches dance to its quiet tune. The fingers of the wise tree point in all directions. The twigs cartwheel along in complete silence, like a fox silently catching her prey. A thick cloud of fog covers the tree. The old tree stiffens, she is an old lady. The tree waves at people passing by, it is kind and polite as it says “Hello!” The branches and leaves dance, an awesome source of entertainment. Then finally it went to sleep, for many years to come.

By Alysha 4/5H

P&C News

2013 Christmas Hamper

A final reminder that our Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn this Friday at our Presentation Day. We still need your donations brought in. They can be dropped off to your child’s classroom. Each class has a basket to fill. A big thank you to those who have already donated items for our hampers.

Regards P&C Committee