As Christmas fast approaches I hope you all find time to reflect upon your year. I hope you are able to see that your year was a glass half full and that the world has many people in greater need of assistance than many of us here in Toongabbie. I also wish for you all the time to look towards the future and decide upon a few achievable goals for 2014. May you also have time to immerse yourself in and with your family and enjoy their company. It is the simple things that make life so enjoyable!

Merry Christmas to you all and I look forward to seeing all of our students and families returning in the new year, safe and well. Please be careful on the roads over the holiday period, especially our independent students who go out to play on their own.

As the year now draws to an end and it is incumbent upon me to thank the many people who have made contributions to our school. Firstly, I wish to thank the P & C for their consistent efforts throughout this year as they have been a strong group of parents who are working to improve our students learning conditions. Also, I wish to extend our schools’ sincere thanks to the ladies in the canteen who have worked tirelessly this year and managed to give a smile and have done a marvellous job and our students have had a wonderful choice of healthy meals.

It would be remiss of me to neglect the many parents, grandparents and community members who donate their time to our school and assist with reading groups, sport, maths activities, and assisting in classrooms. Without these wonderful people many opportunities for our students would be lost. A sincere ‘thank you’ to all of you who have assisted and helped the students in our school in 2013. To all our students, thank you for helping Toongabbie West Public School to be the amazing school that it is. Your mature, enthusiastic approach to learning and your outstanding manners are simply amazing. Thank you for a fantastic 2013.
I also wish to thank all our support staff from our office ladies, who are just wonderful, to our GA - Mr Greg Fuller, and Suwedhan, our dedicated and fabulous cleaner. To our many student learning support officers who work across the school with so many of our students who require assistance, their dedication seems to have no limits, also my sincere thanks. This group of superb support staff ensure our school runs smoothly and without them "Chaos theory" would reign.

To our teaching staff also, a sincere thank you, for another year where we have made consistent progress towards our goal to improve student outcomes. Their dedication and commitment to the students of our school I greatly appreciate. We have a wonderful team of teachers who consistently expect high standards of achievement and behaviour and lead by example.

Staffing
It is with sadness that I announce that Mrs Reedman will leave Toongabbie West at the end of this year. Mrs Reedman has been appointed to Glenhaven Public School as Assistant Principal. This is wonderful news for Mrs Reedman who has worked tirelessly over the past five years to provide our students with educational excellence and helped to cement our school as a school of innovation through the Toongabbie Learning Community and through our community with her enthusiasm and dedication to the staff, students and community of Toongabbie West Primary School and will be sadly missed. Her zest for life, that constant smile and passion for public education will always be remembered.

Over the five years that Mrs Reedman has been associated with Toongabbie West, she has provided wonderful curricular and extra-curricular programs for the students of our beautiful school, culminating in her work in helping to implement the new National Curriculum. Mrs Reedman has epitomised the essence of what Toongabbie West Public School stands for, providing innovative programs, excellence in teaching and ensuring successes for each and every child. Mrs Reedman has worked co-operatively and purposefully with her colleagues over the years, as well as contributing whole heartedly to whole school programs and activities. On behalf of the staff, the students and parents a big thank you to Mrs Reedman for being such a valued member of the staff and of the community. We wish you all the very best at your new school, a very lucky school to be welcoming you to their teaching staff.

I was very pleased to present to Anneliese the inaugural Toongabbie West Trophy for her achievements across all areas of our wonderful school. This award is to a student who although not the overall winner in the sport or academic areas, but to a student who is close to the top in all areas. Anneliese can feel proud to be the first student to be presented with this award and I am sure she will build on this as she moves on to high school with the skills and attitude needed to be a success.

I would also like to congratulate all of the students who received prizes on our Presentation day, a wonderful performance by you all, but also to all the other students who were close through their hard work and effort. Our school is a wonderful place to be a part of through your effort and desire to achieve. Teachers certainly love teaching here and you are the reason why.

Presentation Day 2013 was the culmination of what was a hugely successful year filled with so many innovative programs, outstanding achievements and important successes across all facets of school life, both in the academic and non-academic areas. Certificates, trophies and medallions were awarded for academic success, sporting success, success in the performing arts, leadership and citizenship.

Congratulations to all of the children who received an award on the day. It is also important to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of all of our students not just the award recipients because all of our amazing individuals have demonstrated success in their learning and have been acknowledged either through the school’s award process (Toonie...
Tokens, Merit Certificates, Supervisors Award, Principal’s Award and Honours Badges, along with many classroom award from their teachers, as well as the many and varied other extracurricular awards and certificates.

At the Presentation Day we celebrated our successes and how we are putting our efforts and energy into making Toongabbie West the “BEST”. We believe that all students can and must utilise their talents and abilities to assist them in becoming worthwhile and contributing citizens of the future. It is up to our community to ensure that we all set high standards and expectations for our students.

Congratulations also to our new school leaders for 2014: School Captains Jake and Amy and School Vice Captains Jack and Cassandra.

**Year 6 Farewell**

A very big thank you to the students and staff from Pendle Hill High School for their fabulous assistance at the Year 6 Farewell. Their help made a great event even better.

We will be saying a final good bye to our current Year 6 students and wishing them all the very best for the next stage of their education on Wednesday 18th December. I hope that each and every one of our marvellous Year 6 students enjoys the next phase of their education and their next ‘Big School’.

**Year Book**

It has unfortunately been delayed with some quality control issues regarding colour stability. It will hopefully be here early in the new year and will be delivered or sent to those parents/families who have ordered one.

**K-2 Toilet Upgrade and Ground Improvements**

These have begun with concrete paths and quad areas being replaced and trees trimmed to prevent blocked gutters. The toilet upgrade work has been delayed due to integration work being done urgently at other schools to accommodate students with a disability. I am confident they will begin early next year.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded their GOLD Premiers Reading Challenge award.

Erfan, Manusiu, Leena, Meena, Dyana, Bunaya, Patrick, Stevie-Ray, Caylah, Ethan, Brooke, Niamh, Elena, Jeet, Renee, Jennifer, Kana, Joel, Drew, Christina, Mikayla, Arman, Ryan, Jeremy, Kurt, Emilie, Stephanie.

A well done for all your hard work and a beginning of a love for reading.

**P&C News**

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Hampers. A total of $751.00 was raised. A big thankyou to those families who donated items towards the hampers.

The P&C would like to thank all members of the school community for supporting our fundraising events this year.

We would like to wish all students, families and teachers and staff a safe and Happy Christmas.

Regards, P&C Committee

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Pendle Hill Football Club

**Registration Dates**

Where: Toongabbie Bowling Club

When: Wednesday 29th January 2014 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

Sunday 2nd February 2014 @ 11:00am-3:00pm
Prospect United Netball Club
REGISTRATION 2014

SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY 10am – 1pm
William Lawson Reserve
Myrtle Street, Prospect

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 1pm – 4pm
Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL Club,
Cnr Best Road & William Street, Seven Hills

Fees:
- Net Set Go skills (5 - 7 years) - $50
- Net Set Go Competition (6 - 10 years) - $135
- Juniors (11 - 17 years) - $155
- Seniors - $180
- Non players - $38

Requirements for registration:
- All Senior players & a parent of all Junior and NetSetGo players must be a current financial member of Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL Club. Registrations will not be accepted without presentation of a current membership card.

- A copy of Birth Certificate is required for all new NetSetGo and Junior players.
  - 2 passport sized photos are required for all new players
  - All fees must be paid in full at time of registration.

Please direct any enquiries to our Registrars:
Pam Reynolds 9621 8359 or Kylie Fraser 0402 881 355