The theme of this year’s Education Week is ‘NSW Public Schools – Creating the Future.’ At Toongabbie West Public School this is not only embedded in our very culture, but is also demonstrated by our students, staff and parents on a daily basis. Toongabbie West is a school built on a strong tradition of excellence and values. It provides innovative, exciting learning opportunities for all students in a caring learning environment where all students are respected. Our school remains at the forefront of education ensuring that our teachers are up-to-date with current philosophies, methodologies and technologies through continual professional and personal learning.

Public Education in NSW ranks with the very best in the world, and you should be very proud of the fact that your children attend such an innovative educational system, and of course such a wonderful, learning environment as our school is.

Toongabbie West Public School embraces the nine core values of NSW Public Education – Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Excellence, Cooperation, Participation, Care, Fairness and Democracy.

Everything that happens in our wonderful school occurs with these values in mind.

A love of learning was on display during our Education Week Open Day on Tuesday 30 July and what a marvellous day it was. The students and teachers have been working tirelessly (practising every week), to provide us with an array of different and wonderfully entertaining performances which included dancing, singing, and band.

The day will be a perfect example of the innovation, excellence and success that occurs at Toongabbie West on a daily basis. A wonderful culture of
learning and working together to provide our children with the very best education exists at our beautiful learning environment. It is this culture that makes our school so unique, so special and allows us to achieve outstanding results across all areas.

Thank you to all our families who so generously supported our Olymp-A-Thon. At the time of writing money is still coming in but I hope to give you a grand total soon. After next week I will be sending letters home to those families still owing promised sponsor money. As soon as this is finalised we will have the draw for the winners for stages, classes and overall class who raised the most.

**Peer support**

In this week’s Peer Support session the children will be looking at rights, how we as individuals have rights and do so for other people. Activities will also remind the children that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

Discuss with your child a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

**Athletics carnival**

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the school athletics carnival last week on Tuesday at Pendle Hill High School. I was really proud of the way everybody conducted themselves throughout the day. The effort was outstanding and all students showed great sportsmanship in their events. Well done to Mrs Reedman, Mrs Hood, Mrs Nott and Mrs Sanders for organising a great carnival as well as a big thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped out on the day. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the day while helping out. A special mention must be made for Mr Clarke and the students from Pendle Hill High School for their effort in helping out with the carnival, it was greatly appreciated. Year Six would like to thank you for supporting their cake stall at the carnival too. This year the cake stall managed to raise $223.

The ribbons for all the 8 to 12 year races will be handed out at a special assembly next week. The assembly will be held on Wednesday 7th August 2013,
starting at 2:15pm. All parents and family are welcome to attend.

Results from the carnival will be in next week's newsletter, once again thankyou to all involved for making the carnival a huge success.

Mr Warren

**Celebrating the Arts**

Celebrating the Arts tickets are on sale now through Tiketek or tickets can also be purchased directly from the Riverside Theatre in person or by phone. The cost is $18.00 per ticket (No concessions). Our school will be performing on one night only, Monday night, 2nd September


A permission note was sent home with the children who will be participating on the night in regards to our rehearsal day at Riverside Theatre which will be held on the same day. Closer to our performance date, a second note will be sent home that will detail your child's costumes/clothing requirements for choir and dance as well as our meeting place and time on the night of the show. The program will start at 7:00pm.

**SRC**

A special SRC assembly will be held tomorrow, 31st July at 2:15pm. This assembly will be for the newly elected Student Representative Council members for Semester 2. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly especially the parent/s of the child whose badge will be awarded on this day.

Mrs Marks
SRC Coordinator

**Western Sydney Up Market**

Support your local community and businesses 1st Sunday of each month
Conner of Dunmore Street and Cumberland highway From 9.00am to 4.00 pm
For further enquiries contact Julie Mob. 0424 664 434 wsupmarket@gmail.com

**Girraween Little Athletics Club**

Welcome to the 2014 /2015 Season! Fun for all ages 4y.o - 17y.o.
Registration Days/Times: 9am to 1pm
- 10 August: McDonalds - Great Western Highway, Wentworthville

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**Free Course – Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training (Tourism)**

This is a course for those considering further training in Tourism – for those who need to prepare for further study or those who just want to try it out.

**Entry Requirement**
Must be able to: read, write, comprehend and discuss printed information in English

**Proposed Timetable**

Full-time for 12 weeks
12th Aug to 15th Nov 2013
9:30 am to 2:30 pm
4 days per week

**Information session**

Time: 10 am
Place: Entre Restaurant – H block,
Date: Mon 5th Aug 2013
Location: Nepean College, 12-44 O’Connell St, Kingswood

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Contact:
Liz Agars on 9208 9416
Mum, you always look after us, but are you looking after yourself?

Free BreastScreen mammograms (breast x-rays) for women are available now - a mammogram every two years can save your life!

BreastScreen Sydney West has Sunflower Clinics located in MYER Blacktown (Westpoint Shopping Centre, Blacktown) & in Mt Druitt Hospital where you can go for your mammogram. These clinics are staffed by female receptionists and radiographers who are sensitive to the needs of female patients.

To make an appointment for your FREE mammogram with BreastScreen please phone 13 20 50.

BreastScreen is especially for women aged 50-69 years, however all women over 40 are welcome to attend. Your x-rays will be read by two highly specialised breast radiologists from the Westmead Breast Cancer Institute.