District Athletics

Next week we have over 30 students representing Toongabbie West PS at the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival. I’m sure all these students will do their best and be excellent ambassadors for our school. It will be really good for the parents to support all students on the day. Have a great time and hopefully the weather will be sunny and no cold winds.

Parking on Ballandella Road changes to come shortly

After extensive conversations and meetings with Parramatta Council we are making changes to the parking at the front of the school. There will be designated Kiss and Drop zones with a 5 minute parking limit from the hours of; 8.00 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 4.00pm on school days. This will make it easier for most parents to access this area both sides of the entry gates and drop children off on the correct side of the road in time for school. I am sometimes upset watching parents drop their children off on the side opposite the school and encouraging their children to run across the road which is at that hour a very busy road. Be aware that Council Rangers will be visiting to check the time limits people are parking for, use the 5 minutes and then let others drop off their children safely.

A BIG thank you to the Fundraisers on the P&C.

The P&C are very busy planning for this years Halloween carnival, over the next few weeks they will be asking for your help in donations for many of the stalls for this years Carnival. Donations of Lollies, Plants, Bottles ( full ones that is of any kind of food item ), any items for the Books / White Elephant Stall and cakes are all really appreciated and do make a huge difference to the fundraising. I will let you know when to send the items in, but if you want to start some sorting out now then please do.

Fathers Day information

Don’t forget the Mufti Day Thursday on 22nd August with a gold coin donation.

Please return Raffle tickets by Thursday 29th August

The Fathers day stall is being held on Thursday 29th August for all classes.
Election B.B.Q

With the Federal election approaching very fast, the P&C are hoping to run a fundraising B.B.Q on the day, but they need your help. Volunteers are needed to help to run the B.B.Q, anyone with any time can contact Todd or Cathy from the P&C by leaving their name and contact number at the office.

S.T.A.M.P. Out Bullying


This is designed to teach skills to students to develop the skills to cope in schools and in the community. Sometimes we talk about bullying when it is really a lack of skills in dealing with conflict or lacking the ability to share or accept that someone else may have a viewpoint which should be listened to. Please discuss any of these issues with your child and if you need any help or advice please contact me for assistance.

Parenting Tip

Give kids too much voice – In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

- Making decisions for kids and expecting them to adjust and cope encourages resilience.

(www.parentideas.com.au - Dr. Michael Grose)

How do children learn to use numbers?

When first learning to use numbers, children will need to have objects with them in order to add, subtract, multiply or share equally (divide). They will go through a process of needing to see and count each thing, one at a time.

We need to help children learn to start counting from a larger number and add or subtract a second number. We also need to help children build mental images of a group or quantity so they do not always have to rely on seeing the objects. Helping children to mentally “see” groups of things will also help them with understanding multiplication and division before they learn the “tables”.

What can you do at home?

- Play board games such as Snakes and Ladders with two dice and encourage your child to add the two numbers rolled. Show them how to count from the larger number
- Play card games such as 21 or bust. In this game, two cards are dealt to each player who adds the numbers together. Each player may ask for more cards from the “kitty” with the aim of being the person with the highest score that does not go over 21.
- Ask your child to help you work out how many more items are needed when you are shopping. I have six apples here, how many more will I get to make ten?
- Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after some have been removed. Ask your child, How many were taken away?

Book Parade

This year we will celebrate Book Week and National Literacy Week with a parade for all children from Kindergarten to Year 6. The theme for Book Week this year is:

**Read Across the Universe**

Children may come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. The children will parade in their costumes at the whole school assembly which will be held on Thursday 29th August 2013.

This parade is to promote reading and is not a competition. Please do not go to any great expense in making your child’s costume. Parents are welcome to join us to view the parade.

DATE: Thursday 29 August 2013
TIME: 2:00p.m.
VENUE: School Hall

Canteen News

An orientation meeting will be held on Thursday 22 August 2013 at 9.00 a.m. in the canteen. Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting to see how our canteen is run on a weekly basis are most welcome.

Victory in the Pacific 68th Year Commemoration Service

VP (Victory in the Pacific) Day is celebrated on 15 August. This date commemorates Japan’s acceptance of the Allied demand for unconditional surrender 14 August 1945. For Australians, it meant that the Second World War was finally over.
On the 15 of August the school captains, Lucy and Sam accompanied by Mrs Marks were invited to attend the commemoration service at Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL club. Lucy and Sam took part in laying a wreath on behalf of Toongabbie West Public School. After the service the captains spoke to Michelle Rowland, our local MP followed by a complimentary meal at the club.
Playgroup

INVITATION

WHERE: Toongabbie West Preschool
WHEN: Every Wednesday Morning (starting 7th August)
TIME: 9am - 10am
WHO: Parents, Caregivers and children under 5
(Adults must stay with their child for the duration of play)
BRING: A piece of fruit & a gold coin donation

INDOOR ACTIVITIES:
- reading stories, cooking, painting,
- puzzles, craft, singing and dancing,
- small group games, balance beams, role play

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:
- clapping games, swinging, skipping, bike riding
- sandpit, climbing frames, see saw, ball games, balance beams and lots of other fun things.

Arnold Stevens Finlay will soon be hosting our workshop series –

FinSavvy for Her

These workshops are designed to deliver the key principles of personal finance to women so that they can take control of their financial future.

We often see women lack the confidence and know how to take charge and steer their future in the right direction financially. Our aim is to help you overcome this barrier by providing you with knowledge and understanding in the following areas, Goal setting, Budgeting, Investing in Shares, Managed Funds and Property, Superannuation, Wealth Protection and Estate Planning.

Make the change happen today!

Where: Arnold Stevens Finlay
Level 6, 410 Church St
North Parramatta
NSW 2151

When: Saturday
7th & 14th September
10am – 5pm

Includes:
- Course materials
- Lunch & Refreshments

Cost: $200
(contact us for early bird opportunities)

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