**ETEPS NEWSLETTER** 

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### **Important Dates**

Term 3 28<sup>th</sup> September – Last Day of Term Term 4 15<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 4

1<sup>st</sup> November – School Photos \*K-6 dance lessons every Monday \* Active after school sport's clinic every Tuesday

# Principal's Message

We have had a very fun and engaging end to Term 3. I feel very fortunate to be working with such a dedicated team of teachers and support staff. Our staff are extremely dedicated in providing opportunities and success for your children.

Congratulations to Mrs McKnight who received an award on Wednesday as part of the Executive Director's Recognition Program. Mrs McKnight was chosen for this award by our Director, Educational Leadership for the Girraween Principal Network – Mrs Joanna French. Mrs McKnight is very deserving of this prestigious award for her ongoing commitment, hard work and dedication to supporting our students, staff and school. Thank you Mrs McKnight! We appreciate all your hard work that is making a difference for our students.



I would like to thank Mr Allan Holland and the P&C for their ongoing support of our school, students and staff throughout this year. They recently helped subsidise the cost of our Year 6 students' polo shirts. They have actively supported our school events including the mufti day we had today. We appreciate their ongoing support and look forward to working closely with them in Term 4.

At the recent P&C Annual General Meeting there were some changes to the committee and I would like to congratulate the following people: Miss Charmaine Nowland – President Mrs Kylie Bowers – Vice President Ms Jacqulyn Cummins – Vice President Mrs Misty Khamphen – Secretary Mrs Mary Holland – Treasurer We look forward to working with you and continuing the great work we do for our students.

#### Term 4 Staffing Update

Firstly, I would like to officially congratulate Miss Shannon Reinhard on her appointment to the recently advertised permanent teacher position at Toongabbie East Public School. Miss Reinhard has been a very proactive member of staff since she started here at the beginning of term and I thank her for all of the hard work she has been doing.

We officially welcome Mr Daniel Hopkins to our team as a School Learning Support Officer. Daniel has been getting to know all of our students, but will be focused on supporting our Aboriginal students and programs. He will be with our school till at least the end of Term 4 this year.

Mrs Kate Wasson will be returning as an Instructional Leader next term and will be working each Tuesday and Wednesday. She will be focused on improving our numeracy programs. Mrs Adele Koulouris will continue in Term 4 as an Instructional Leader on Mondays and Tuesdays. However, she will be on leave for Weeks 1 and 2. Mrs Koulouris will focus on improving our literacy teaching and learning.

Miss Naomi Deluca will continue delivering the RFF lessons in all classes on Mondays and Tuesdays.

#### School Holiday Safety

I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned holiday break and returns safely next term. Please remember to wear bicycle helmets when riding and follow the road rules.

## *Mr Jason Clarke* Relieving Principal

# Deputy Principal's Update

#### **NAPLAN Results**

Students in Years 3 & 5 recently received their NAPLAN reports. The school leadership team has only recently received access to the online reporting system used to view school data. This includes individual results, whole school trends and Year 5 student growth. Therefore, school data will be reported back to the community next term. If you have any concerns regarding your child's results, please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

#### **Tell Them From Me Parent Survey**

The Tell Them From me Parent Survey is now active for all parents K-6 and can be accessed at the following link:

#### https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/teps

Surveys will remain open until Friday 26 October 2018.

The Tell Them From me Parent Survey is anonymous, voluntary and easy to use. It is based on a comprehensive questionnaire comparing parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at home and at school.

The survey data can help schools:

 Understand parents' perspectives on their child's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour.

- Understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their child's learning.
- Provide evidence of areas of strength to support self-assessment and reporting.
- Engage the school community in discussions to identify strategic directions for school improvement.
- Establish improvement measures and help schools track achievement against them.

In houses with multiple children we recommend that parents complete the survey with only one child in mind. However, if you feel the school experiences of your children differ you are welcome to complete one survey for each child.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

#### **Our PBL School Values**

Be Safe

**Be Respectful** 

**Be A Learner** 

#### School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 1 November 2018. All students have received an order form/payment envelope. While payment and the envelope have to be handed to the photographer on the day you can return the note and payment to the school prior to this day. Please have the correct money in the envelope as the office staff cannot provide change. If you require a family photo please see Mrs Hulley in the office for a separate order/payment envelope.

#### Rugby League Gala Day

On Monday 16 students from Years 3-6 travelled to Binalong Park to participate in a Gala Day conducted by NRL Development officers. This was a great opportunity for our students to play, in a team environment, against students from other schools. For this event we entered a Year 3 & 4 team as well as a Year 5 & 6 team. Each team played four games throughout the day. I was extremely impressed with the level of sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown by all students throughout the day. It was fantastic that these students were wonderful ambassadors for our school at all times.

Special thanks also to Adrian and Daniel for taking on the coaching roles for these teams.



#### **Area Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to Tyrell who recently competed at the Western Sydney PSSA Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sportspark. Tyrell represented our Zone in the Senior Boys Discus, finishing 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### **NRL Clinic**

On Tuesday all students in Years 3-6 again took part in a skills clinic conducted by NRL Development Officer, James Hanson. During the one hour session students took part in a number of skills drills based on dodging, passing, attacking and defending.

#### Netball / Basketball Clinic

On Wednesday all students in class K-6 participated in a combined netball / basketball coaching clinic conducted by Sportspro staff. The students gained great enjoyment from involvement in the highly engaging skills-based program.

Mr David Roberts Acting Deputy Principal













# *Tell Them From Me:* Partners in Learning survey

You're invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

# Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

## What does it involve?

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

## How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, from now and up until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

# https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/teps

We will have school computers and support available to parents and carers at Parent Café on Wednesdays from 1:40pm in the Reading Recovery Room. However, if you contact our office on 9631 3996 we can negotiate a time to support you.

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Educations' TTFM website: <u>http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/</u>





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