



# TEPS NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 1  
19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

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## Important Dates

Term 4

25 October- Pink Ribbon Breakfast

26 October-P&C Meeting 9:30am (Library)

30 October – Kindergarten Orientation Day 1

**1 November – School Photos**

6 November – Kindergarten Orientation Day 2

**15 November – K-6 Featherdale Farm Excursion**

\*K-6 dance lessons every Monday

\* SPARC program – selected Stage 3 students –begins  
Tuesday

\* Active after school sport's clinic every Tuesday

## Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a fantastic break. I am looking forward to a brilliant last term for the year. Please remember to notify the office as soon as possible if you are aware that your child will not be returning to Toongabbie East in 2019.

Similarly, if you know of any neighbours who need to enroll their child for kindergarten, or any other grade for 2019, please ask them to make contact with the office as the orientation program begins shortly.

## Kindergarten Orientation

Our school will be presenting its Transition to School Kindergarten Orientation program in the coming weeks. This year the school will have two familiarisation sessions for students and parents:

- Tuesday 30 October
- Tuesday 6 November

Both sessions will begin at 9.00am and continue until 11.00am. During these sessions new students will work in the classrooms with other students, while parents will participate in an information session and tour of the school.

Both sessions will be coordinated by our Learning and Support teacher, Mrs McKnight. It is

important that you contact the school office by Tuesday 23 October if you wish to attend.

## SPARC Program

Next week several of our Stage 3 students will begin participating in a new initiative at Toongabbie East PS, the SPARC Program. This is an eight week program that focuses on wellbeing in the following areas:

- Social Skills
- Purpose
- Awareness
- Resilience
- Confidence

Weekly lessons will be coordinated by our School Chaplain, Mr Adrian Doyle.

*Mr Jason Clarke*

Relieving Principal

## Deputy Principal's Update

### 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.

### School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 1st 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.

**Mr David Roberts**  
Acting Deputy Principal

## Our PBL School Values

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be A Learner**



Join us for breakfast at the new and improved Breakfast Club at Toongabbie East Public School:  
**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**  
**8:30-8:55 am**








Even if you're late

DON'T PARK NEAR OUR GATE

Stopping here puts children in danger.

CHOOSE WATER as a drink

Water is the best drink as it does not have any added sugar. Fruit juices, sports drinks, sodas, soft drinks or cordials should not be given to your child everyday as they contain a lot of added sugar.

HOW MUCH WATER SHOULD CHILDREN DRINK EVERY DAY?

1-5 years: 6x 100ml glasses + 1.5 litres

6-12 years: 6x 200ml glasses + 1.5 litres



TIPS TO HELP YOUR KID DRINK MORE WATER

- Show children when you enjoy drinking water.
- Offer water with every meal.
- Lead by example: drink water yourself.
- Offer water when your child is thirsty.
- Offer water when your child is active.
- Offer water when your child is hot.
- Offer water when your child is tired.
- Offer water when your child is sad.
- Offer water when your child is bored.
- Offer water when your child is hungry.
- Offer water when your child is thirsty.



Westpoint Shopping Centre, Patrick Street, Blacktown  
Seriously...Where else can you Flip Out and not get yelled at?

Learn to Flip like a Ninja from \$15 per class  
Little Ninjas 4pm-5pm (Thurs)  
**Limited spaces available this term!**

Party with us, minimum 10 people @ \$340

- 1 hour Jump Time
- Private Party Room
- Large Pizza's
- Chips & Lollies
- Cordial & Water (Unlimited)
- Ice Birthday Cake (incl. Candles)
- Party Host

Mum's n Bub's  
FREE Regular Coffee with every paying child under 5 for 1 Hour Jump  
(School hours only 10am-3pm)  
Excludes school & Public holidays

2 for 1  
Monday and Tuesday 3 pm – close  
Excludes school & Public holidays

If you haven't visited us already, find out what it's all about!  
Check out our Facebook page – Flip Out Blacktown

NEED MORE INFO?

Contact us:  
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## *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 Education's TTFM website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

