



# TEPS NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4  
19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

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## Important Dates

### Term 1

23<sup>rd</sup> February – Story Factory

24<sup>th</sup> February – Scripture class commences

26<sup>th</sup> February – Basketball Program

26<sup>th</sup> February – Cake Stall

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Story Factory

- Canteen every Wednesday & Thursday
- Story Factory every Tuesday
- Dance group every Friday morning at 8:15am
- Chess club every Thursday (years 1-6)
- Breakfast club Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

## From the Principal's Desk

I cannot believe we have already finished week 4 and are nearly half way through our first school term for 2021. Our students continue to make me proud as they work hard to learn and improve in all key learning areas. I have enjoyed seeing students relentlessly trying to grow and develop their skills. We have a lot of brave, resilient, reflective and cooperative learners at TEPS.

We seek out and run many activities provided through various organisations and programs. Some activities and people that your child/ren may engage with are as follows:

### Story Factory

Story Factory is a not-for-profit creative writing centre for young people. A group of expert staff visit our school every Tuesday, and run fun and engaging creative writing programs for students. These lessons are designed to help build literacy, confidence and creative problem solving – essential skills to write their own futures.

### Speech Therapy Lessons with Ms Buckman

For the past 7 years we have had an amazing speech therapists as part of our team...

Ms Michelle Buckman. This year she returns and works with classes every Friday.

Speech therapy supports our curriculum and assists in a large number of ways. Some benefits are: development or pre-literacy skills, language attainment and development, pronunciation, improved vocal quality, fluent speech, effective communication and greater outcomes across all areas of literacy.

### Sports in Schools

We have a fully funded Sports in School program who come in to work with students on a variety of fundamental movements and sport skills.

### Student Teachers or Psychology Students

Teachers or psychologists learn their role partly through a component of hands on, practical experience. This is one reason we open our doors to have them join our school. Another reason being it allows for greater 1:1 or small group learning to take place in our classrooms. Students get to experience other styles of teaching and have greater support when needed by having another dedicated adult in their room.

### National School Chaplaincy Program

Last year, we had Mr Jerome and Mr Craig funded to our school through the Chaplaincy Program. This year we have Mr Craig at TEPS.

The National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) is a Commonwealth-funded initiative to support the emotional wellbeing of students and the broader school community through the provision of services.

### Parramatta Council Programs

From time to time we are the lucky recipients of a variety of activities that Parramatta Council organise or provide.

## Community Hub

We have a Community Hub at TEPS and currently Ms Nilgun is our hub leader. Some of her roles include: Supporting and encouraging parents to participate in school and community activities by linking them to appropriate information, programs and services, linking families to a diverse range of organisations and planning activities, programs or events in response to family and school needs and interests consistent with the objectives of the National Community Hub Program.

## Art Therapy Lessons

For all of last year we had Ms Currin at TEPS for three days a week to work with our students in whole class art lessons and small group sessions. This year we have Ms Song, and we are very excited to have her share her expertise and time with our students.

Art therapy-based engagement offers a very natural form of communication for most children. As such, art therapy is considered beneficial in helping children with things such as speech and language, articulating feelings, regulating emotions and creative expression.

All of these programs are sought and funded to ensure that every student at Toongabbie East Public School gets every opportunity to grow, develop and feel success.

We have an amazing team of experts behind our students and school.

Please feel free to contact your classroom teacher or the school office if you have any questions about any of the many, wonderful programs we run here.

Wishing all of our families a safe and happy weekend.

Take care

**Mrs Kristy Haggett**  
**Principal**

## COVID -19 Update

### Clarification on parents and carers attending school sites for students with a disability

In line with NSW Health advice, parents and carers are not allowed on school sites, except for limited purposes which includes a parent/carer attending a school's administration building or

other defined location for the purpose of picking up or dropping off a child with disability. Please refer to the guidelines for the limited purposes a parent/carer is able to attend a school site. Any parents on site must adhere to social distancing requirements and sign in via a QR code.

Parents and carers are reminded that students must not attend school if they are unwell. Students need to return a negative COVID-19 test and be symptom free, prior to returning to school.

## 5-6 Magpies

The Magpies are settling in to class routines and our timetable will be fully operational once Story Factory and Scripture resume for 2021. We have begun learning about the colonies of Australia during the time of European settlement and exploring exactly how far a kilometre is and how long it takes to walk it (12 minutes 32 seconds at Magpies walking pace. Mr Fisher walking pace would be a lot less). Over the coming weeks, we will be looking at African masks for Creative Arts.

## K Platypus

Students in K Platypus have settled straight into school routine and have already produced some amazing work! In literacy we have been working on sounding out words using the 'Soundwaves' program and practising writing letters nice and neatly.

In maths we have been learning all about numbers including writing them and putting them in order. We have also been learning how to measure the length of things.

It has been fantastic to see all the students try all activities with big smiles on their faces!



Mr Brock  
Kindy Platypus Teacher

## Eels Blitz

This week some of our students were lucky enough to receive a visit from some Parramatta Eels players as part of the Eels Blitz program. 2/3/4 Koalas and 5/6 Magpies had a great time interacting with the players and running through some drills.



Mr Brock  
Eels Blitz Organiser

## Canteen

Canteen was a great success. This week our brand new canteen opened. Lots of students eagerly ordered their lunch and seemed very happy with their choices. Thank you to Ms Macdonald, Ms Nilgun and Mrs Kathryn McWhirter, our wonderful parent helper, who worked hard in the canteen this week. Please remember the canteen is only open on Wednesdays and Thursdays for lunch orders, and students can purchase snacks during their lunch break. We only have a few parent helpers and are still needing more parents/carers to assist in the canteen on both days. Even if it's only for only an hour, we welcome your help and support.



## Meet the Teacher

# MEET THE TEACHER!

'Meet the teacher' will look a bit different this year. Unfortunately, we still have some restrictions due to COVID 19, so instead of a face to face 'Meet the teacher' this year we will be putting videos on Class Dojo. Please look out for these. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher or call the school.

## Online Workshop for Parents



positive partnerships  
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

NSW PARENT/CARER  
ONLINE WORKSHOP



Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

This online workshop is for parents, full-time carers and grandparents. Join other families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school

Location:  
New South Wales  
via zoom online

Date:  
Tuesday 9th March 2021

Time  
Wed 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (AEDT)

http://

For more information and to register, visit [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) or contact Laura Owens [lauraowens@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:lauraowens@autismspectrum.org.au)

Toongabbie East Public School  
Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association  
would like to sincerely thank our supporters (to date)!

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 SUPPORTERS

Due to their support and generosity, we will have some exciting raffle prizes ahead. Stay tuned for details.

**Thanks to:**

- Taronga Zoo**
- Parramatta Eels**
- Penrith Panthers**
- Ultimate Sydney**
- Woolworths (Merrylands)**
- JUMP! Swim School - Seven Hills**
- Goshukan Karate Academy - Seven Hills**

TOONGABBIE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL




# CAKE STALL





FRIDAY 26TH  
FEBRUARY 2021  
AT LUNCH & RECESS TIME



## LUNCH TIME SANDWICHES



(CHOICE OF BREAD-WHITE/WHOLEMEAL)

VEGEMITE	\$1.50
JAM	\$1.50
CHEESE	\$2.00
CHEESE & TOMATO	\$2.50
HAM	\$3.50
TUNA	\$3.50
SALAD SANDWICH	\$3.50

INCLUDES; Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese,  
Carrot, Beetroot, Cucumber

**ADD TO ANY SANDWICH ABOVE**

CHEESE SLICE	\$0.50
SALAD ITEM (any two)	\$0.50

## BURGERS

(CHOICE OF SAUCE TOMATO OR BBQ)

BEEF BURGER	\$4.00
Includes: beef Patties, lettuce, Tomato & choice of sauce	
BEEF BURGER WITH CHEESE	\$4.00
Includes: Beef Pattie, Cheese & Choice of Sauce	
CHICKEN BURGER	\$4.00
Includes: Chicken Breast Pattie, Lettuce and Mayo	

## HOT FOOD

BEEF PIES	\$3.50
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$2.50
BEEF LASAGNE	\$4.00
MACARONI & CHEESE	\$4.00
TEMPURA CHICKEN BREAST NUGGETS x 3	\$2.00
CHICKEN STRIPS PK OF 2	\$3.00
PIZZA WRAP (Chicken, Cheese, Veg)	\$3.00
GARLIC BREAD	\$2.00

## TOONGABBIE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU TERM 1 2021



### FRESH SALADS

SALAD BOX	\$4.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber & Cheese)	
SALAD BOX WITH HAM OR TUNA	\$5.50
(Dressing choice: Salad Dressing, Italian, Balsamic)	

### FRESH FRUIT

WATERMELON SLICE	\$0.50
CARROT STICKS	\$0.50

### SNACKS

BREAD STICKS	\$0.20
GRAINWAVES (Sour Cream & Chives)	\$1.00
CHEESE & BISCUITS	\$1.20
(lite cheese wholegrain)	
MIXED CEREAL (4 x wholegrains)	\$0.50
MINI BITES RICE CRACKERS	\$0.50

### SAUCE

Tomato or BBQ,	\$0.30
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### DRINKS

OAK FLAVOURED MILK	\$2.00
Chocolate & Strawberry	
WATER 600ml	\$2.00
JUST JUICE POPPER	\$1.50
Apple, Apple/Blackcurrant, Orange	
CHILLI J SPARKLING FRUIT JUICE	\$2.00
Blackcurrant, Apple Coola, Grape, Lemonade, Orange Passion, Raspberry, Watermelon	



### FROM THE FREEZER

PADDLE POPS	\$2.00
(Chocolate, Caramel Choc, Banana, Rainbow)	
QUELCH STICKS	\$0.50
(Orange, Pineapple, Mango, Tropical, Apple, Strawberry, Blackcurrant, Raspberry)	
JUICES ICE TREATS	\$1.00
(Tropical, Lemonade, Apple Blackcurrant, Wild berry)	

### CANTEEN OPERATIONS

LUNCH TIME ONLY 11 – 11:40AM

ON: WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

### ORDERS

ALL LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY  
9.00 am at CANTEEN.

Please write this details on order bags

YOUR CHILD'S Name:

CLASS Name

Food item:

Money Given:

(Please write down child's name clearly  
and put correct money)