



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome BBQ

It was lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves at our Welcome BBQ. The weather was lovely and the atmosphere was great. Thank you to everyone involved in making the evening such a success.

School Fencing

Our front fence is now finalised and to keep our students safe we are closing the gates at 9.15am. The gate near the post office will be closed, but not locked, between 9.15am and 3.10pm. Please ensure you close the gate after entering during these times. Thank you.

Easter Raffle

We are holding another giant Easter raffle this year which will be drawn following our Easter hat parade on Thursday 29 March. We are asking each family to consider contributing to the raffle by donating an Easter egg or chocolate bunny. We have also given each family a book of raffle tickets which they can purchase, sell or return to school unsold. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this eggsciting event.

National Day of Action Against Bullying

This Friday is National Day of Action Against Bullying. While there are many different definitions of what constitutes bullying, it is generally accepted that the term applies when there is an intent to cause harm, where this behaviour is ongoing or repetitive and where there is an imbalance of power.

As a KidsMatter school each of our classes participate in weekly wellbeing sessions which include developing strategies to get along with others. This Friday each class will be participating in additional anti-bullying sessions to help students develop skills to resolve conflict in a fair and just manner, and what to do if they feel unfairly treated by their peers.

As always, we encourage students to talk to trusted adults, including teachers and parents, if they are uncomfortable about the behaviour of others. However, it is not uncommon for students to refrain from talking about these feelings. If at any stage you are concerned about how your child is interacting with their peers, please make contact with their teacher or myself.

Have a great week.

Rod White
Principal



COMING EVENTS - TERM 1 - 2018

WEEK 7

Thu 15 Mar	-Library Borrowing - 3-4B
Fri 16 Mar	-District Touch Football Trials -Leisure Sports -Action Day Against Bullying and Violence

WEEK 8

Mon 19 Mar	-Library Borrowing - 2-3K and 5-6B
Tue 20 Mar	-Library Borrowing - KD, 2M and 4-5D
Wed 21 Mar	-Harmony Day -Library Borrowing - 1F -Uniform Pool - 8.50 - 9.10am
Fri 23 Mar	-Leisure Sports -School Assembly - 2.30pm -Book Club Issue 2 Orders Due

WEEK 9

Thu 29 Mar	-Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle
Fri 30 Mar	-Good Friday

Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have earned an Achievement Award:

TERM 1

Grey Achievement Awards (4 Tall Trees)

5-6B - Liv, Katelyn H, Nate, Ethan, Caleb and Rhys

This week's value is

Accept Responsibility

Congratulations to last week's winners

Willa and Isabella U

SCHOOL TERM DATES - 2018

Term 1 - Tuesday 30 January - Friday 13 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 1 May - Friday 6 July

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Bullying. NO WAY!

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be celebrated this Friday, 16 March.

Tomerong Public School students will participate with in-class and school activities such as a Cyber Bullying webinar for 4-5D and 5-6B. Some topics and concepts teachers and students may cover are: *A Safe and Supportive School Community, Bullying is Never Ok and The Essence of Bullying.*

Mrs Kelly



HARMONY DAY 2018

Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day will be celebrated next Wednesday, 21 March. It is a day which celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.

During our in-class and whole school activities students will learn about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We are also encouraging all students to wear something **ORANGE** on Wednesday in celebration of Harmony Day.

Mrs Kelly



LEISURE SPORTS

Round Two Rotation

This Friday 16 March, students attending Leisure Sports will be rotating to their second sport. A note informing students of their next round of sports has been sent home. Students will rotate as follows:

- Fishing - Fitness
- Swimming - Beach
- Beach - Fishing
- Fitness - Swimming

Parents are most welcome to join the fishing group at Woollamia Boat Ramp each Friday morning.

Mr Bradley

ICAS FOR SCHOOLS

ICAS for Schools Competitions 2018 will be held on the following days.

- Science - 29 May
- Writing - 14 June
- Spelling - 13 June
- English - 31 July
- Mathematics - 14 August



Entry form and payment will need to be returned to school or paid online by **Friday 6 April**. Additional entry forms are available from the office foyer.

SPORTS SHORTS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Caleb and Samantha for their terrific achievement in their chosen sports. Caleb will be travelling to Kiama this Thursday, 15 March to represent the South Shoalhaven P.S.S.A.



at the Zone Soccer Trials and Samantha is competing at the Regional Swimming Carnival today in the 50m freestyle event in Dapto. We wish both of these students great success and we are very proud of their efforts.

Cross Country

This year's School Cross Country will be held on **Thursday 5 April** at 'Timber Hills', Tomerong and includes all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The back up date for this event is Thursday 3 May.

Permission notes will be sent home soon.

We also invite parents to bake cakes and delicious slices for this event to support the on-site canteen that operates on the day. We are always in need of parent helpers at the canteen or on the course. If you can help, please let me know.

Mr Munn

SHOALBUS

School Bus Travel

As at 1 April 2018, students travelling on a school bus to and from school are required to have a valid bus pass for the bus they are catching. If a valid school bus pass cannot be shown a fare will be charged. In the event the school bus pass is lost, some form of student ID is to be shown whilst obtaining a replacement pass (fees apply).

You can help make your child's school bus journey more pleasant by ensuring your child has a valid school bus pass and presents it to the driver on boarding the bus morning and afternoon.

Parents are reminded that the School Free Travel is only valid from home to school as per the conditions on the back of the pass. Fares will be charged for all other journeys.

If you are yet to apply for a bus pass or your details have changed e.g. address, please go to www.transportnsw.info/school-students alternatively, you can call the transport info line on 131 500.

If you have any questions in regards to the correct school bus for your child to catch, please contact the appropriate bus company:

Nowra Coaches	4423 5244
Shoal Bus	4423 2122

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOMERONG COMMUNITY FORUM

Public Meeting

Tomerong Community Forum will be holding a public meeting regarding the importation of materials into the Tomerong Quarry on Monday 19 March at 7.30pm at the Tomerong School of Arts. For further information visit www.tomerong.com/tomerong-community-forum.html

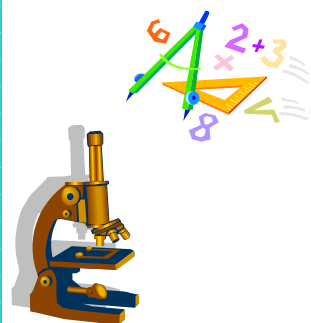
CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1 - 2018

Date	Name of volunteer
Friday 16 March	Emma
Wednesday 21 March	Adrienne

Tomerong Public School
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2018

The 2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) will commence in May. In past years, student participation from Tomerong has been high and very good results have been achieved. These competitions provide valuable learning experiences for students and allows parents to monitor their child's progress from independent data.

The competitions are open to students in years 3 to 6 and all students who enter are awarded certificates and detailed information about their achievements. For more information visit www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/faq-schools-ICAS.



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The entry fees for 2018 are \$9 each for Science, English and Mathematics. Writing is \$18 and Spelling \$12. The Writing competition is more costly due to manual marking of exam papers.

The closing date for all entries is **Friday 6 April, 2018**. This will enable us to order the correct number of test papers prior to the assessments. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept orders after this date.

Please complete the slip below and return it with the appropriate fees on or before that date.

If making a Parent Online Payment, under the Payment Options, tick the Other box and type ICAS Competitions as the Payment Description 1.

Please see over for Parent Online Payment instructions.

Tomerong Public School
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2018

My child _____ of Year _____ wishes to enter the:-

Please tick the appropriate box.

Science - \$9 ☐

English - \$9 ☐

Mathematics - \$9 ☐

Writing - \$18 ☐

Spelling - \$12 ☐

I enclose _____ in payment of the fees involved.

I have made a Parent Online Payment. My receipt No. is _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

MAKING ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card.

The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](http://www.tomerong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) (<http://www.tomerong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>).

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, **some** excursions, sales to students, school performances etc.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

The students:

- given name and surname and
- date of birth

The payers:

- Full name
- Contact phone number
- Contact email address

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office on 4443 4376.

Leisure Sports First Rotation 2018!

