



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Harmony Day

Thank you to the students who dressed in orange or mufti today for Harmony Day. As Australians we are so fortunate to enjoy a rich multicultural society and it's something to embrace and celebrate.

Our students participated in cultural diversity activities through the day. These linked in beautifully with the values of respect and tolerance which we promote each and every day.

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

Thank you to the many families who have donated prizes for our Easter Raffle, which will be drawn after the Hat Parade on Thursday 29 March. The parade will commence at 2.10pm and parents, family members and friends are most welcome to attend.

Students will be making their hats at school so please bring any items which you think could be used.

We are still gratefully accepting chocolate goodies for the raffle, so please drop them in to the office at any time. We have also given each family a book of raffle tickets which they can purchase, sell or return to the school unsold.

P&C Meeting

We have a P&C meeting next Monday, 26 March, commencing at 6pm. We enjoyed a fantastic turnout at our last meeting and in anticipation of a large crowd, we will meet in the 4/5 room instead of the staffroom.

Our staff have been working on finalising our 2018-2020 school plan. I will be discussing this briefly at the meeting and welcome feedback and suggestions on the direction our school is heading.

Please come along and have your say!

Have a great week.

Rod White
Principal



COMING EVENTS - TERM 1 - 2018

WEEK 8

Thu 22 Mar	-Library Borrowing - 3-4B
Fri 23 Mar	-School Assembly - 2.30pm -Leisure Sports -Book Club Issue 2 Orders Due

WEEK 9

Mon 26 Mar	-Library Borrowing - 2-3K and 5-6B -P&C Meeting - 6pm
Tue 27 Mar	-Library Borrowing - KD, 2M and 4-5D
Wed 28 Mar	-Library Borrowing - 1F -Uniform Pool - 8.50 - 9.10am
Thu 29 Mar	-Library Borrowing - 3-4B -Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle -VHS Transition - Year 6

Fri 30 Mar	-Good Friday
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WEEK 10

Mon 2 Apr	-Easter Monday
Thu 5 Apr	-School Cross Country

Giant Easter Raffle



Our Giant Easter Raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 29 March. Thank you to those

families who have donated to our Easter Raffle and sold raffle tickets.

Donations can be dropped off at the office and all donations are gratefully received.

This week's value is

Be the Best That You Can Be

Congratulations to last week's winners

Isabella U and Isaiah K

Class Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Class Award at this week's assembly:

KD	- Kenzie and Lucas
1F	- Mariah and Mason
2M	- Jasmine and Levi
2-3K	- Lexy and Isaiah
3-4B	- Jorden and Harper
4-5D	- Jordan and Kyuss
5-6B	- Sophie and Brodie
Library	- Rhys, Allira and Sarah

Kindergarten Corner

Orlando

"Hi, my name is Orlando, but you can call me Ollie too! I have one big brother.

At school, I like to go into the playground and play 'Duck, Duck, Goose'. In class I like drawing, handwriting and I like playing the Maths game 'Baby Teeth'.

At home, I like to play with dinosaurs and Pinko, my Beanie-Boo.

When I grow up, I would like to be a palaeontologist."



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.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1 - 2018

Date	Name of volunteer
Friday 23 March	Emma
Wednesday 28 March	Cath B

SRC NEWS

'Wacky Wednesday' Fundraiser for OzHarvest

The SRC have voted to support OzHarvest for this fundraiser. OzHarvest is Australia's leading food rescue organisation, collecting quality excess food from commercial outlets and delivering it directly to more than 1000 charities supporting people in need across the country. *For every dollar donated to OzHarvest, they can help provide two meals to someone in need.*

On Wednesday 11 April, the SRC are holding a 'Wacky Wednesday'. On this day, students are invited to wear *crazy hair, crazy socks* and *mufti clothes*. Students can wear it however they like hairspray, glitter, messy, wigs, hats, as crazy as possible as well as colourful crazy socks. You may also wear mufti to school on this day.

Please bring a gold coin as a donation to OzHarvest. We look forward to a fun day!

Mrs Darby



LIBRARY LINKS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done to all students who have already started the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) and logged some of the books onto their portal!

All K-6 classrooms have been stocked with books from our library which are on the PRC list for 2018 to read during DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time. During library lessons, students are encouraged each week to borrow PRC books to take home and read.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Children are encouraged to read at home as well as at school. Home reading can be recorded the same as reading completed at school.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Darby



P&C NEWS

Coles Sports for Schools

The Coles Sports for Schools promotion is ending soon. There are only two more weeks to collect your vouchers when you shop at Coles. Vouchers can be placed into the collection box in the school foyer or at Coles Vincentia. Keep collecting and returning! The more vouchers we can collect, the more sports equipment we can get for our school.

Kylie



COMMUNITY NEWS

1st St Georges Basin Scouts

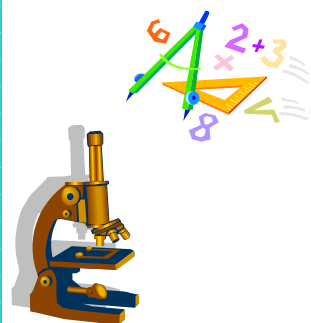
Huge Garage Sale

St Georges Basin Scouts are holding a huge Garage Sale on Easter Saturday, 31 March at the Scout Hall. A sausage sizzle, cake stall, Easter raffle and much more will be available on the day. All monies raised will be used to send Scouts to the Australian Jamboree 2019 in South Australia.

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
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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/>).

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.