



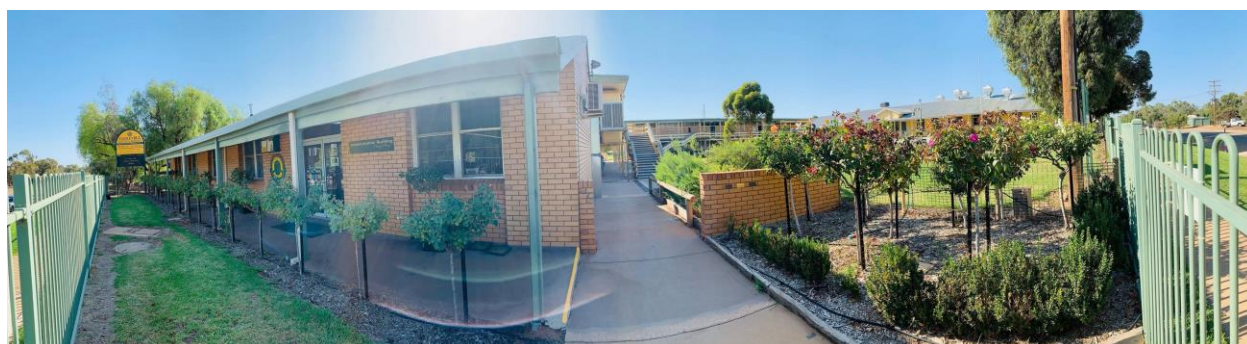
# TERM 3 WEEK 8

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Friday August 25th 2023

Tooleybuc Central School Monday 9th October - First day back at school

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## Louisa's Thoughts





What a fantastic end of term we have had here at Tooleybuc Central School. It was amazing to see all our Foundation to Year 8 students up on stage to perform at performance night last week and the artwork and projects on display were certainly of a high standard. We have also managed to celebrate the term with fun activities as well, including the colour run, senior formal and junior and senior discos. It is always great to see the students enjoying themselves and having a great time.

Today we said goodbye to our Year 12 class of 2023. As a group they are great role models for our younger students and I wish them all the best for their exams and future beyond school.

Recently we have seen a rise in the number of students using their mobile phones at school. As a separate attachment today we will send home our current digital devices policy. This was first developed and consulted on in 2021 and clearly sets out the rules and consequences around having devices at school. It also clearly states that if students and parents wish to communicate with each other during the school day this should be communicated through the school office. As of the start of Term 4, the NSW government has made it mandatory for all High Schools to have a ban on the use of mobile phones at school, including during recess and lunch times.

When analysing the results of our recent survey, we noticed the majority of people found the Remind App to be a useful form of communication. To strengthen our use of this app, we will be starting a primary and secondary group which our administration staff will be able to communicate information about all upcoming events on. Please be on the look out for an invitation in your emails to join this group. For those of you not familiar with the app, you can then download the app and access the messages on your phone or through your emails, whichever you prefer.

I hope you all enjoy some time together over the holidays and I look forward to working with you all again in Term 4.



## School News



## Stand Against Bullying



### If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

# School Community Charter



## School Community Charter

**Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

### What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



### Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school



#### Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: [education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students).

#### Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

#### Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



#### School Community Charter

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au) - English 2



# Compulsory School Attendance



Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

### My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



### More information

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website.

#### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website.

#### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

Disco

Colour Fun Run

Year 12 last day

Career News with Mrs Morton

### Tooleybuc Career News

This week we have two of our **Tafe Automotive students** on work placement. I look forward to hearing of their experiences. The other Tafe students will be completing their placements early next term. Last week we had another of our **Yr. 10 students complete work experience** in Primary teaching at Swan Hill Primary. Well done Ally! I received excellent feedback on your efforts and enthusiasm toward the job.

**Year 12 students** are finishing up and I urge all to check they have an updated resume before exiting school. If not do email me and I will check these. In addition to using your holiday time to study keep thinking through your options for next year. I wish you all a long and happy career journey and have all grown so much as individuals. Never be afraid to sell yourselves!

For all other students use the holiday period to reflect on your achievements and learning and come back fresh next term to improve on these. Hannah Rogers received a Certificate of Participation after completing work experience at PDF Accounting during the MMLLEN Accountancy Week.



## TAS with Miss Sherwood

Stage 5 Agriculture have had the opportunity to participate in lots of practical activities. These have included tractor driving and maintenance, plant growth trials, germination trials and incubating and brooding chickens. They brought the chickens over to show the primary students how to handle them and care for them and they were very happy with this opportunity.

Please ensure your child brings enclosed leather shoes to school and wears them to every agriculture class so they can safely participate in practical activities.















## Head Teacher Report with Miss Duma



**Head Teacher Report** Today we celebrated with our Year 12 2023 students as we recognised their last official day of their formal schooling years. It was wonderful to welcome the family and friends of Year 12 students to their Graduation Assembly. All of our students gave wonderful farewell speeches and we enjoyed reflecting on their years at Tooleybuc Central School with their final photostory. Congratulations Jorja, Summer, Zahra, Ella and Emily – Class of 2023! We wish you all the best for your final HSC exam preparation and every success for the future.

## Community Notes



### CANTEEN MENU- 2023 (updated 15-6-23)

#### HOT FOOD-

Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Ham and Cheese Toasties	\$3.00
Lasagne	\$4.00 available only until sold out
Mac and cheese	\$4.00 available only until sold out
Dim Sims	\$1.00
Tomato sauce	.20c

#### OTHER-

Honey Soy Chips	\$2.00
SPC Peaches fruit cup	\$1.20

#### DRINKS-

Breaka Flavoured milk (choc and Strawberry)	\$2.00
Flavoured water Raspberry or Black currant	\$2.00
Bottle of water	\$1.00

*1 - Please note new price list.*



# Support is here for you. Anywhere, anytime.

Sometimes we don't think our own problems are 'serious' enough to get support. But support is here for everyone, even you.

You don't have to put up with feeling low, sad or worried when things seem like too much. Sharing how you're feeling can help.

You can chat anywhere, anytime with helplines that are free and confidential.

Scan for helplines



Find more support services at [denimetalhealth.org.au](http://denimetalhealth.org.au)



## CONFIDENTIAL AND FREE HELPLINES AVAILABLE 24/7 (unless other hours are listed)

-  **ACCESSLINE** 1800 800 944  
Professional help and advice in the Murrumbidgee LHD.
-  **LIFELINE** 13 11 14  
Crisis support for anyone experiencing emotional distress.
-  **KIDS HELPLINE** 1800 55 1800  
Phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.
-  **SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE** 1300 659 467  
Free telephone, video and online counselling.
-  **MENSLINE** 1300 78 99 78  
Telephone and online counselling service support for men.
-  **1800 RESPECT** 1800 737 732  
Support for people impacted by sexual assault, family violence and abuse.
-  **BEYOND BLUE** 1300 22 4636  
Information and counselling support for anxiety, depression and suicide prevention.
-  **FAMILY DRUG SUPPORT** 1300 368 186  
Support for families and carers in crisis due to alcohol and other drug use issues.
-  **13 YARN** 13 92 76  
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander crisis support line.
-  **OPEN ARMS** 1800 011 046  
Support for veterans and families.
-  **QLIFE** 1800 184 527  
3PM TO MIDNIGHT - LGBTI peer support and referral for people wanting to talk about sexuality, identity, gender, bodies or relationships.
-  **BUTTERFLY FOUNDATION** 1800 33 4673  
8AM TO MIDNIGHT - Counselling support for anyone concerned about eating disorders or body image issues.
-  **PARENTLINE** 1300 1300 52  
M-F 9AM-9PM WEEKENDS 4PM-9PM  
Counsellors to help those caring for a baby, child or teenager.
-  **PANDA** 1300 726 306  
MONDAY TO SATURDAY  
Support throughout pregnancy and for new parents.





**Parenting  
Strategies**



**MONASH  
University**



## Help us improve resources for parents of children and teens with school attendance difficulties



A new set of evidence-based guidelines for parents of primary and secondary school students struggling to attend school due to anxiety, depression or emotional distress has been developed by researchers at Monash University and Deakin University.

1. Complete a short survey before downloading the guidelines.

2. Download the guidelines, *'Responding to School Reluctance or Refusal: Strategies for Parents'*.

3. Complete a survey one month after downloading the guidelines.

### What is involved?

The study involves two short, anonymous online surveys. You will be asked to answer questions about parenting, your child's attendance and schooling, and general feedback for the guidelines.

### You are eligible to participate if:

- You are 18 years or older
- Can read and write English
- Have access to the Internet

### Find out more:

Please follow the QR code or visit the link to access the guidelines or complete the survey:

<https://www.parentingstrategies.net/>



For further information, please contact [med-pjp-ed@monash.edu](mailto:med-pjp-ed@monash.edu)



This research has been **approved** by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (ID: 37577)

**Nyah West Golf Club**

**September School Holidays**

**Available Every Day**



## **DISC GOLF**

**202 Yarraby Road**

**NYAH WEST 3595**

**Phone Bookings**

**0417 128 519**

**0418 350 280**

**0407 311 874**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY**

**FREE GOLF COACHING**

**Time: 10.00am**



**Monday**

**September 18th**

**Tuesday**

**September 19th**

**Wednesday**

**September 20th**

**Thursday**

**September 28th**

**Friday**

**September 29th**

**NYAH WEST GOLF CLUB**

**202 YARRABY ROAD**

**NYAH WEST 3595**

**Bookings Essential Please**

**John 0407 311 874 or**

**Graham 0418 350 280 or**

**Dennis 0417 128 519**

**These 2 hour coaching sessions are available free of charge to interested students who would like to improve their game or maybe you are interested in starting in the sport.**

**Mums and dads, maybe you would also like to join in.**



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### WEBINAR FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

TUESDAY  
14 SEPTEMBER

5:30- 6:30PM

DETAILS FOR  
THE EVENT WILL  
BE SENT TO  
THOSE WHO  
REGISTER.

# PREVENTING ONLINE CHILD EXPLOITATION

JOIN THE PDHPE CURRICULUM TEAM AND THE  
AFP LED ACCCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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- THE RESPONSE OF THE ACCCE TO THESE TRENDS, INCLUDING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A REPORT IS MADE
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT POTENTIAL CHALLENGES AND SUPPORT THEM IF THEY ARE A VICTIM.

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Come and play Friday night senior tennis with the  
Goodnight Tennis Club!

Competition starts mid-October and games start approx. 5:30pm.

Students, parents, teachers, family and friends of all tennis  
abilities are welcome to play on a regular or fill in basis.

For further info contact Sharon Rogers 0429 794 136