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Friday March 31st 2023

Tooleybuc Central School What's on in Term One

April 6th - Easter Bonnet Parade & last day of Term One

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Louisa's Thoughts





Once again it has been a busy two weeks here at Tooleybuc Central School. I would like to congratulate all of our Year 3,5,7 and 9 students on having a positive attitude and putting in their best effort during NAPLAN.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week all of our Year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in the Trade Readiness Program. Between them, they have built two Dog Kennels, learning valuable building and painting skills. Thank you to Adam Dean from Murray Mallee Training Company for taking the time to come to Tooleybuc Central School to give our students this opportunity. Also on Tuesday of this week, all of our secondary students saw a presentation on safe social media use and another on youth violence presented by the Police Liaison officers from Albury. Our primary students had the opportunity to meet Annie and Kylie at lunch time, getting a close up look of the police car and sirens.

With only one week to go, I hope you all manage to have a nice break over Easter and the holidays with your family.

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 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.

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

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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.

Year 5-6 with Mr Rodriguez & Miss Overall





It has been a very busy Term 1 for our Grade 5/6 students with many extra-curricular and academic highlights. Students have settled in well and have adjusted to having a new classroom, new classmates, and new teachers.

Extra-curricular highlights this term have included the Swimming Carnival, Writers Workshops, AFL/Netball Gala Day and Careers Focus (Incursions and Excursions). We were also very pleased to have a few of our students invited to the next level of AFL and Netball trials.

Students have also taken part in hands-on learning activities, games and creating amazing artwork. Throughout the term, students have worked on developing their reading, writing and comprehension skills. Students have also been developing their mathematical thinking and understanding, creating their own 3D-shapes, and tackling concepts of division, multiplication, decimals and fractions. In PE, students have been learning how to play volleyball and developing the skills of serving the ball, bumping the ball and setting the ball. Students will complete the term by watching the video adaptation of our class novel, *The One and Only Ivan*.

We are looking forward to a well-deserved break and a fantastic and full Term 2!

Mr Rod.

Agriculture with Mr Guihot



Stage 5 Agriculture

This term, the students in the elective Agriculture class have been hard at work, pulling out weeds in order to tidy the plot up. They have done a great job and it does look a lot better. In theory classes, students have been learning the differences between intensive and extensive farming, as well as why we have certain breeds of animals in different climates. Students have also looked at how different cultures prepare meat products and have started completing a task on various plant and animal organisms, that can have a beneficial or harmful effect.





Trade Readiness Program

Adam Dean from Murray Mallee Training visited our school this week as part of the Trade Readiness Program. Students enjoyed the program and learnt new skills in the process.



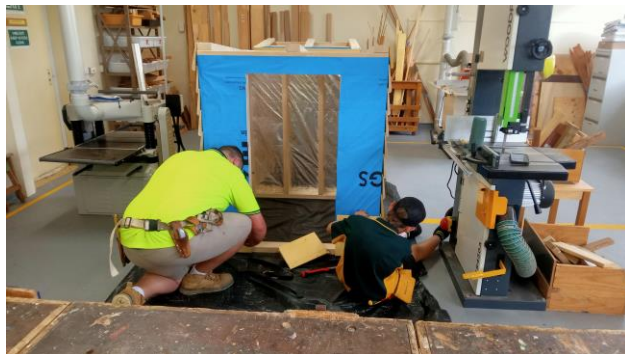
Trade Readiness Program – Carpentry

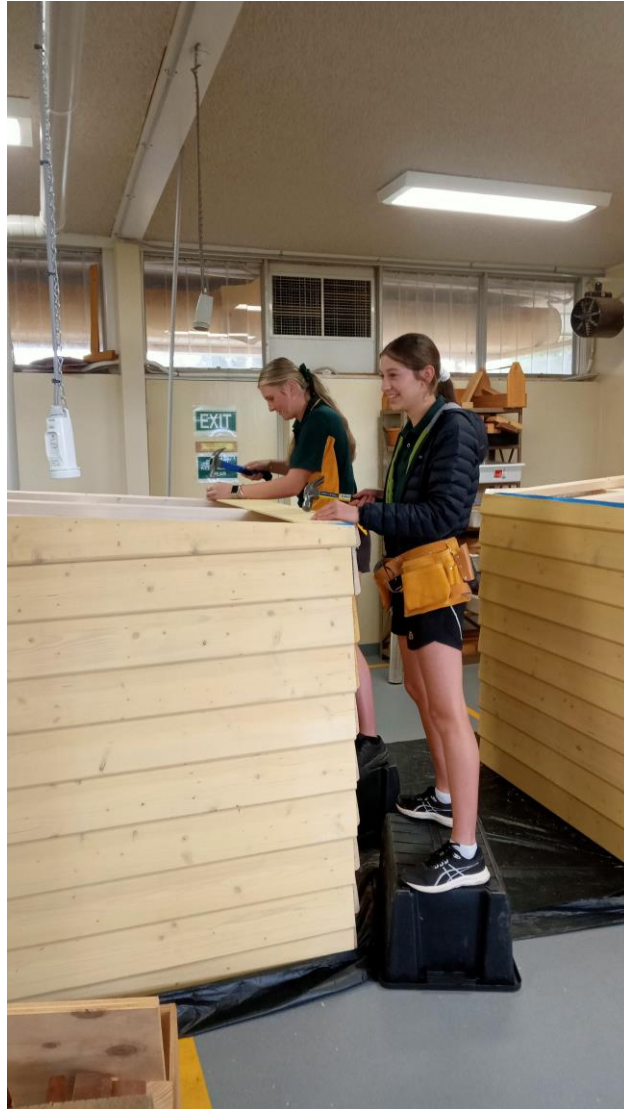
Start Time	Session Length	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
9:00am – 10:30am	90mins	Intro into Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MMTC trainer introduction - WHS talk about potential risks and hazards - Discussion on project build - Explanation of plans for project 	Tool Box Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-cap on the previous day and what was learned - Finish off any unbuilt walls - Erect roof trusses 	Toolbox Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-cap on the previous day and what was learned - Discussion on how to apply paint to external surface. Info provided by industry expert and delivered by carpentry trainer -Applying first paint coat
10:30am – 10:45am	15mins	Break	Break	Break
10:45am – 12:30pm	105mins	Carpentry Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up tools and equipment - Get materials ready for use - Demonstrate how to use tools and equipment safely - Set out plates and start cutting studs 	Carpentry Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstration and explanation of how to set up weatherboard stops - Demonstration and explanation of how to mark out, cut and weatherboards 	Painting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finish applying first coat of paint - Re-cap on all areas covered during the course
12:30pm – 1:00pm	30mins	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00pm – 3:00pm	120mins	Carpentry Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct and erect wall frames 	Carpentry Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finishing off weatherboard installation 	Painting and Clean Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply 2nd coat of paint. - Clean up and pack up entire work area

School Requirements

Please note that all schools participating need to provide a work area enclosed from the elements that is a minimum 5m by 5m in size for this work to be carried out. Student should be advised to wear old clothes as clothes may get holes in them or covered in paint during this course.









Head Teacher Report with Miss Duma



Head Teacher Report

We have come to the end of a very busy Term 1. Our Year 11 and 12 students will be sitting their Preliminary Exams for their Focused HSC classes on Monday and Tuesday of Week 11, and we wish them all the best for these assessments.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Kara Sherwood to our Secondary Staff. Miss Sherwood will be joining us as our new Science teacher. With Miss Sherwood's arrival, there is a new school timetable out that starts effective Monday 3 April. We will begin on Week 1 of the timetable. A reminder to all our students that we will start Term 2 on Week 1 of the timetable as well.

Boxercise with Mr Guihot



Boxing, and boxercise, is a fun and challenging fitness activity that will improve your motivation, focus and overall health. All ages and stages are welcome. Come for the challenge of learning a new skill and reap the rewards as you improve. Bring your friends, the more the merrier.

It will be starting in Term 2, every Monday and Thursday at 3:40pm in the school MPC. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Guihot.

Car Rally

A much publicised car rally came to Tooleybuc last week. The creatively decorated cars of all shapes and sizes started their journey in Rockhampton and finished in Hobart, Tasmania. They chose to have a stopover here and camped at the local football ground. They were a sight for the students with lots of waves and horn tooting as they passed the school.







Community Notes

50th GOODNIGHT TENNIS CLUB

EASTER TOURNAMENT



APRIL 8TH 2023

9 AM START	11 AM START
MENS AND LADIES DOUBLES	MIXED DOUBLES
\$20 PER PLAYER INCLUDES LUNCH, ENTER IN PAIRS	\$20 PER PLAYER INCLUDES LUNCH, ENTER IN PAIRS
FULL DAYS TENNIS \$40 WITH LUNCH	
LUNCH, MORNING & ARVO TEA \$20	ENTRIES TO:
LUNCH ONLY \$15	Adam Gilbee 0447 192 733 agilbee@gmail.com

<p>All holidays 10am - 5.30pm For: All ages Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Creation Station Set up in the children's area for the duration of the school holidays, children can draw, cut and paste, colour in, complete activity booklets and make all sorts of creations from a range of recycled items!</p>
<p>All holidays 10am - 5.30pm For: 5+ Cost: FREE</p> 	<p>Eggcellent Search & Find Collect a form at the front desk. Find all the colourful Easter Egg posters, fill in the letter found on the bottom of each poster numbered 1 - 14. What words do they spell? Collect a prize when you have completed the form and go into the draw for a chance to win a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card!</p>
<p>All holidays Cost: FREE</p> 	<p>Games Galore! We have lots of board games available to play in the library throughout the school holidays - ask our friendly staff.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 11 April 2pm - 4pm For: Ages 3+ Cost: FREE</p> 	<p>Lego @ the Library Come along and enjoy the fun with our special Lego @ the Library sessions these school holidays! Complete one of the many challenges or enjoy free-play using your imagination to make a fantastic creation.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 12 April 1pm - 2pm For: Ages 5+ Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Sand Art Join Bella from Bunnings Swan Hill for a simple, fun and creative children's activity! Create a unique picture using coloured sand, sticky paper and your imagination! Bookings essential.</p>
<p>Thursday, 13 April 10.30am - 11.30am For: Ages 5 - 12 Cost: \$5</p> 	<p>Woodworking Workshop Children are invited to come along to the Library for a fun woodworking lesson! Volunteers from the Nyah West Men's Shed will be on hand to help the children learn various woodwork techniques. Children will build an awesome toolbox to take home! Bookings essential.</p>
<p>Thursday, 13 April 2pm - 3pm For: Ages 5+ Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Worry Monsters Join us for a fun and interactive children's Storytime and craft activity! Children will listen to the story Go Away, Worry Monster! written by Brooke Graham and Robin Tatlow-Lord before making their own sensory worry monster. An ideal activity for those of us who sometimes deal with our own worry monsters. Bookings essential.</p>



- Youth friendly activities and workshops. **NB** Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult.

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<p>Monday, 17 April 1pm - 5pm For: Ages 5+ Cost: FREE</p> <p>VR Pop-Up Play For : Ages 12+ Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Minecraft Monday Play alone or bring a friend. Haven't played before? Don't worry, volunteer Alex will be on hand to help.</p> <p>VR Pop-Up Play Have some out-of-this-world fun with our PlayStation virtual reality headset! Join an outlaw band of immortal pirates and fight your way to glory across the galaxy or jump into the combat ring to fight giant robots!</p>
<p>Tuesday, 18 April 10.30am - 11.30am For: Ages 8+ Cost: FREE</p>	<p>String Art Join in this fun workshop as we make string art! Children will use simple woodworking and weaving techniques to make their own unique art piece! Bookings essential.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 18 April 2pm - 3pm For: Ages 8+ Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Wigglebots Join in this fun workshop as we make our very own Wigglebot! Children will construct their Wigglebot using simple electronics to make it draw patterns as it wiggles across the page! Bookings essential.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 19 April 2pm - 4pm For: Ages 3+ Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Lego @ the Library Come along and enjoy the fun with our special Lego @ the Library sessions these school holidays! Complete one of the many challenges or enjoy free-play using your imagination to make a fantastic creation.</p>
<p>Friday, 21 April 2pm - 3pm For: Ages 4+ Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Pot-a-Plant Join Bella from Bunnings Swan Hill for a simple, fun and creative children's activity! Decorate a pot with paint, fill it with potting mix and then plant it with seeds to grow some beautiful flowers! Bookings essential.</p>



To book, contact the library on 5036 2480.
Check out the Library's Facebook page or newsletter for more details.
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