PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Monday 1st December 10:15am
at the Toora Primary School
for all 2015 Prep Parents and Carers

This session will provide an opportunity for parents to meet the Principal - Mrs Barbara Purvis and the Prep Teacher Mrs Alison Wogan-Browne, to address parents about school routines and expectations. Questions are encouraged throughout the session.

During the session, an Information Pack, detailing aspects of the most important first year at school, will be distributed, along with Enrolment Form and other Departmental forms.

Please join us for a cuppa/morning tea afterwards in the staffroom.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

School Council endeavours to keep all levies and payments as low as possible. In 2014, the Parent Contribution for curriculum materials was $140 per child per year. School Council will aim to keep the contribution at approximately $150 for 2015. Details about payment will be issued early in term 1, 2015.

Parents eligible for Educational Maintenance Allowance are advised that the EMA payment to the school is used to provide program materials for their children and, as such, can offset the parent contribution. Contact the office if unsure of your eligibility.

TIMETABLE OF TRANSITION

1. 03rd June 2014
   Prep/1/2 Students will visit Toora Kindergarten
   2:00 - 2:30pm

2. 29th July 2014
   Kinder Visit to School 12:00—12:30pm
   **What to bring:** Kinder students do not need to bring anything along with them

3. 25th August
   Prep/1/2 Students will visit Toora Kindergarten for Lunch 1:00 pm

4. 09th September 2014
   Kinder visit to school 1:00pm

5. 21st October 2014
   Kinder visit to school 12:00 - 1:00pm

6. 18th November 2014
   Kinder visit to school 11:30 - 1:00pm

7. 01st December 2014
   Parent Information Session at Toora Primary School
   10:15am for all parents/Carers of 2015 Preps

8. 09th December 2014
   State-wide Transition Day
   Kinder students attend school for the whole day
   **Where to meet:** Administration Foyer
   **What to bring:** Recess & lunch
Welcome to Toora Primary School.
Thank you for placing your trust in us to provide your child’s primary school education.

I invite all parents to participate wherever possible in our educational programs and school activities.

Please do not hesitate to see me should you ever have any concerns.

Barbara Purvis
Principal

ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

- Preliminary Enrolment of children starting school in 2015 can be made any week day between 9:00am and 3:30pm at the main office.

- Parents are requested to call at the office and leave the following information:
  - Name and Address
  - Telephone Number
  - Date of Birth
  - Preschool Attended

No formal paperwork is required for preliminary enrolment. We ask all parents to ensure preliminary enrolments are completed by Friday 17th October to ensure your child’s place.

- When formal enrolment is taken, it is essential that parents bring with them:
  1. School Entry Immunisation Certificate This is a current record of your child’s immunisations and is available from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (phone 1800 653 809).
  
  Please Note - no other form of immunisation status can be accepted.

  2. Birth Certificate or a Passport. This will provide proof of date of birth. Only sighted originals can be accepted as proof.

PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT CHILDREN MUST TURN 5 YEARS OF AGE BY 30 APRIL 2015, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLMENT.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents will be able to view and order school uniform items at the Parent Information Session on Monday 01st December 2014 or on enrolment.

Price Lists and order forms will also be available. A small range of School uniform articles can be purchased from the School Administration office. School uniform is compulsory. Sun smart hats are to be worn by all children in Term 1 and Term 4.

SCHOOL PROFILE

Toora Primary School is a small rural school located 187 kilometres south-east of Melbourne and set in the picturesque hills of South Gippsland. Wilson’s Prom National Park is across the inlet and the rolling hills of the Strzelecki Ranges provide beautiful views and inspiration making our school a great place to be. The school was established in 1888. We have since had a complete rebuild on the adjacent oval on Harriet Street. We commenced the 2010 school year in the new building. There are approximately 57 students in the school, with a rich balance of rural farming and township residence families. At Toora Primary School we offer Grades Prep to 6. There are 3 full time class teachers, Principal, Business Manager, Student Welfare worker and Education Support Staff employed at the school. The school / parent partnership is strong and has positive benefits for our students. We are proud of our standards of achievement in academic and social skills.

The school offers programs in all subject areas and places strong emphasis on personal academic excellence, particularly in English and Mathematics. Additional programs aimed at broadening the curriculum include Swimming, Outdoor Education Programs and a wide range of school based special events throughout the year. Camps and excursions also form an important part of the school curriculum.

Parent participation in Parents and Friends Association (PFA) is actively encouraged.

The school also places strong emphasis on a safe, caring learning environment which is achieved through a consistent whole school approach to Discipline and Welfare and development of appropriate Social Skills.

The School Council takes pride in maintaining the grounds and gardens and is continually working towards improving and upgrading the school.