Welcome back to 2011

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and are refreshed and ready for an exciting and rewarding first term.
Welcome to our new families and students: Tamara, Monique and Tristen, Leah and Callum.
We look forward to working together with all families for the benefit of your children.
Welcome to our new teachers Mr Philip Vaudrey and Miss Ali Slater. Phil will be teaching the Grade 5/6 class and Ali will be teaching the Grade Prep/1.

Welcome to our Prep students who begin their school life: Reghan Lewis, Maddy Christensen, Jodie Allott, Gracie Sunderland and Brodie Shanks all pictured below with Miss Slater.

A big thank you to everyone who cared for the garden over the break. The Kitchen Garden is looking lush with ripe tomatoes, beans and delicious herbs. A new addition to our school this year will be a brood of hens so that we can effectively use our food scraps and have a constant supply of eggs ready to use in our ongoing Kitchen Garden program.

DATES

TERM 1
7th Feb: Special Assembly 12:00pm
9th Feb: Lit/ Numeracy Prep Interviews
26th Feb: Foster & District Agricultural Show
03rd March: Choir performing at the Community Plan launch, Sagasser Park 4:00pm

TERM 2
27th April: First Day of Term 2

REMINDER: Bus Students are Supervised from 8:15am until 3:50pm – All other students are supervised between 8:40am and 3:30pm

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SCHOOL HATS

Toora Primary School is a SunSmart school. Brimmed hats are an essential part of our school uniform for first and fourth terms. All children must wear a brimmed hat outside or will be directed to the shaded table area for the duration of lunch and recess. Hats are available from the office at $5 each.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Process for 2011:

The allowance will be paid in two instalments. To be eligible the claimant must:

- be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
- hold a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card, or a Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensioner Card, or be a foster parent as at the first day of term 1 (1st February 2011) for the first instalment, and the first day of term 3 (18th July 2010) for the second instalment, and
- submit their application to the school by the due date – 28 February 2011. No late claims will be accepted.

As the EMA is provided to assist low-income families any applications based on Centrelink payments that are not income tested (eg Carer Allowance, formerly Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance) are not eligible unless the claimant, in their own name, complies with the second dot point above.

To claim the EMA, parents are asked to complete the relevant EMA form (attached to this newsletter). Anyone with queries regarding the EMA are asked to contact Di Walker in the office.

PARENT SUPPORTED MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGE

This funding is extremely important to the school as it forms a part of our overall school operating budget and is used and relied on for:

- Cultural Performances
- Classroom materials including student stationery (eg: paper, pens, pencils, books).

School Council has set the 2011 Parent Supported Materials and Services Charge (formerly known as school fees) at $120 per child.

The Parent supported materials and services charge is due now from all families and can be paid at the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We do have some items of School Uniform in stock as well as second hand uniform items. Please call in to the office or contact Sandra Jenkins if you wish to purchase any items of School Uniform.

TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE

- Uniform colours of dark blue, light blue and white.
- Blue and white check dresses permitted. Block colours for shirts, shorts and pants.
- No other colours in trim.
- Toora Primary School logo permitted. No offensive logos or larger than 5 sq cms.
- For safety reasons thongs, open toe sandals and backless shoes are not permitted.
- Long pants are to be of a safe length.
- During Terms 1 and 4 students must wear either broad brimmed or legionnaires hat.
- Our Sun Safe policy does not allow the wearing of singlet tops or similar dress tops.
- Students not complying with the uniform code will be directed to change into a stock of uniforms held at school.
- School uniform is required for ALL STUDENTS.

Please label ALL clothing; especially during the swimming program.

REMINDER:

- All visitors to the school MUST sign in at the office before entering the classroom area.
- Bus travellers must have a note handed to either the office or Bus Duty teacher if they are not travelling home on the bus.
- Bus Students are Supervised from 8:15am until 3:50pm. All other students are supervised between 8:40am - 3:30pm.
- All student clothing is to be clearly labelled.

TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our website which is updated regularly for further information about our school community - www.tooraps.vic.edu.au
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
TERM 1, 2011
[Music Lessons 30 minutes duration @ $20.00 each]
Lessons for Toora students will be on Wednesdays this term
Payment of accounts: [Weekly or Term in Advance]
[Directly to Mrs. B. Wakely either cash or cheque acceptable]
Term 1, 2011: 8 Lessons @ $20.00 = $160.00

* Students must have their own instrument to practice at home.
Please phone Mrs Wakely [56862256]
* to book your place in the instrumental music program
* before 8.30am if unable to attend lesson

16.2.2011       16.3.2011
23.2.2011       23.3.2011
2.3.2011        30.3.2011
9.3.2011        6.4.2011

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Contact details: Mrs. B. Wakely  B.Ed Dip(Mus)Ed,
Sydney Conservatorium of Music
Ph: 5686 2256
[Instruments taught include: keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet]

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ACCOUNT STATEMENT

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*FORM MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE FIRST LESSON*

Responsibility for Payment is accepted by ____________________________ Phone _______

Please sign and hand this permission note to the classroom teacher

My child ………………………………………… who is in class ……………
at Toora Primary School will be attending individual instrumental music lessons with
Mrs Wakely in 2011. I understand that student lessons are timetabled on a rotation
with other students and that my child will not miss the same school lesson each week.
I give my permission for my child to attend instrumental music lessons during school hours.

NAME: ……………………………… SIGNATURE: ………………DATE:…………
TOORA HEATED POOL
MOVIE NIGHT

Gulliver's Travels

Comedy: Starring: Jack Black, Jason Segel, Emily Blunt, Amanda Peet  RATED PG

Friday 11th February

$8 per person entry
BBQ tea available for purchase
Inflatable Commando from 6pm
Movie starts approx. 9pm
BYO chairs, blankets, lilos, bean bags etc..

STRICTLY NO ALCOHOL
BAGS WILL BE SEARCHED

ENQUIRIES TO ERNIE AND CAROL ON 56 862 296
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
2011 APPLICATION FORM

☑ First Instalment  ☐ Second Instalment

The following details must be completed by the applicant. Details must be entered exactly as they appear on
the applicant's card. The applicant must be the main card holder.
Note that you can nominate the EMA Payment be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (Direct Credit) to your
ominated bank or financial institution account, or that the EMA Payment is made by Cheque.

SCHOOL NAME  TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL

APPLICANT / PARENT DETAILS

SURNAME
FIRST NAME
ADDRESS
TOWN/SUBURB  STATE  POSTCODE
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

CENTRELINK PENSIONER
CONCESSION / HEALTH
CARE CARD NUMBER (CRN)  OR  FOSTER

VETERANS AFFAIRS
PARENT (*)  OR  PENSIONER

* Foster Parents must provide copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Human Services (DHS) or Courts, etc.

PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD  Please tick the method of your choice

☐ Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to your nominated account  ☐ Payment by Cheque

ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR EFT PAYMENT  This may be the same as used for any CentreLink Payments

ACCOUNT NAME (i.e. John Smith)
FINANCIAL INSTITUTION NAME (i.e. Westpac)
BRANCH NAME
BSB No.  BANK ACCOUNT No.

* If you are unsure of the above details check your Bank Statements or enquire at your Financial Institution.

STUDENT DETAILS

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The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development collects your personal information for the purpose of administering the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment. Some personal information may be disclosed to other Victorian Government departments, such as the Department of Human Services, for the purpose of
evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development may disclose some of your personal information to Centrelink to confirm that the details provided matches
Centrelink's records. This is to be used for testing eligibility for EMA applications for instalment 1 and/or 2 of 2011.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will provide the above bank account details to Westpac Bank for the sole purpose of making the EMA
payment into your nominated bank account. The bank account details provided will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT  __________________________ DATE  __/__/____
Eligibility

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled in a government or non-government school in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2011 for instalment 1 and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must on the first day of 1st Term (1 February 2011) for the first instalment and on the first day of 3rd Term (18 July 2011) for the second instalment:

(a) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, OR

(b) be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TP), OR

(c) be a foster parent.

AND

(d) submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known as Child Disability Allowance), Mobility Allowance, Remote Area Allowance or any other benefit not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they also comply with one of (a) (b) or (c) above.

Submission dates

The application form must be lodged at the school by:

28 February 2011 for the first instalment or

5 August 2011 for the second instalment.

Important information

A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools. If you transfer your child, you will need to make a new application at the new school. All staff are required to treat the information that you provide as confidential.

Application forms not complying with the following instructions will be returned without being processed.

How to Complete the Application Form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT / PARENT

1. Tick the box to indicate if this application is for the first instalment or the second instalment.

2. Complete the APPLICANT / PARENT DETAILS section.

   Make sure that the Surname and First Name details match those on your Centrelink card, unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner.

   Enter the CRN Number from your Centrelink Card, unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner.

   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box.

   In this case, you will have to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner card to the school where you lodge your application.

3. Nominate your preferred payment method. Cheques will be posted to your School for distribution.

4. Where you nominate to be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), complete the ACCOUNT DETAILS section to identify the bank or financial institution account into which you wish the payment to be deposited.

5. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

   Enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.

   Enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/1997.

   Enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or Language Centre, then enter 'UNGRADED' in the YEAR LEVEL column.

6. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

Queries relating to eligibility and payments of the EMA should be directed to your school.