DATES
TERM 1
15th Feb: School Council Meeting 7:30pm
24th Feb: District Swimming Sports Korumburra
26th Feb: Foster & District Agricultural Show
28th Feb: Last day for EMA forms to be submitted
28th Feb: School CENSUS day
03rd March: Choir - Sagasser Park 4:00pm
14th March: Labour Day holiday
8th April: Last day Term 1

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

2011 VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
Toora Primary School is considering taking part in the 2011 Victorian State School spectacular. It is a professionally staged production performed at Melbourne Park to an audience of over 10,000 people. Participating students will undertake rehearsals at school and will then join the massed choir with other students from around the state for the performance.
It is open to children from years 3 to 6, but is limited to 20 students per school. There may be costs and travel commitments associated with the performance and dress rehearsals.
The performance will take place on the weekend of the 26th of August.
Parents are invited to discuss the spectacular with their children and express their interest to the school as soon as possible.
Further information about the Spectacular can be obtained from the following website:
www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/spectacular

37x122 2011 VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

My Child …………………………………………………………………………. would like to take part in the 2011 Victorian State School spectacular

Parent Signed: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

All expressions of interest need to be back at school by Friday 18th February.
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. (available from office).

Anyone with queries regarding the EMA are asked to contact 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.

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.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Please find an order form attached to this weeks newsletter for anyone wishing to order regular uniform items.

The Sports uniform order (with student name on back) should be supplied to the school over the next few weeks. Please return the attached order form no later than Friday 18th February.
STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have requested that all schools inform parents about details regarding DEECD coverage of medical expenses of students injured at school or during school activities (e.g. excursions and camps).

DEECD will not pay for the injury of a student who is injured in an accident at school or during a school activity (unless the injury is caused by negligence of DEECD, School Council, employee or volunteer).

Therefore, in these cases where the student has been injured in any accident, the injured person (or their parent or guardian) is responsible for the cost of medical treatment. This includes the cost of transport to a medical facility or their home via ambulance.

Information regarding companies that provide individual student insurance can be obtained from the school office.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has asked all schools to remind parents that any property brought to school by students is NOT insured and the DEECD, or the school, does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. As a result, the school actively discourages students bringing expensive toys, gameboys, CD players, ipods, sporting equipment etc. to school.

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS – UPDATE DETAILS
Please notify the office if there have been any changes to your telephone number, address, medical issues, emergency contacts or work phone numbers. It is vital that the school has this information for our records. There is a return slip accompanying today’s newsletter for parents to record any changes and return to the school office.

NEWSLETTER
Any parents who wish to have a copy of the Newsletter emailed to them each Thursday are asked to fill out the return slip accompanying this newsletter. Parents are reminded that the newsletter is uploaded to our school’s website every Thursday afternoon and can be accessed at www.tooraps.vic.edu.au

Name:_____________________________________________   Signed:______________________________

Change of Details - (only return this if any of your details have changed since enrolling your child)

Name of student/s__________________________________________________

Have you recently had a change of address?:____________________________________________________

Phone number?_________________________________ Mobile No:____________________________

Emergency contacts?___________________________________________________________________________

Medical information?____________________________________________________________________________

any other changes?______________________________________________________________________________