TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL

A warm welcome to everyone!
The 2012 school year has started positively with all our new students settling well into Toora Primary School. However, the first few weeks can be difficult for Prep students who are learning the school routines and who may find aspects of school life very different from home, for example, being part of a larger group, and tiring. With this in mind we do remind families of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development directive that all visitors to the school must report to the office and are not permitted to wander the school grounds. Some of our Prep parents have been the exception and for the first few days of school have seen the need to walk their Prep students to the bag area, watch their children hang up their bags before sending them off to play with their friends and then leaving promptly. It is important that parents leave promptly so students can establish peer friendships and develop increasing independence and confidence in their learning environment. Teachers encourage and reward students for following school rules and routines. We thank you for your co-operation in this very important aspect of your child’s development. Please note that you are welcome to sit in the covered area at the front of the school (highway front) whilst waiting to collect your child/children at the end of the day.

This year we will have a curriculum focus on Australian/English history and linking this to the Olympic Games that are being hosted by England later in the year. For our end of year performance we are planning a medieval themed production and will call a meeting before the end of term for volunteers interested in helping out with sets and costumes and so on to come along and share ideas.

Our first School Council meeting for 2012 will be held next week on Wednesday the 15th February in the staffroom at 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Our March meeting will be the Annual General Meeting in which new members will be elected. Please consider joining this very important school decision making committee.

Welcome to our prep students: pictured L-R Erin, Chelsea, Mrs Wogan-Browne, Kaylee, Olivia, Aaron, Tannah, Holley, Django, Jai and Jasper.

Our Prep students attend school four days a week for the month of February with Wednesdays off as a rest day.
PAULS COLLECT A CAPS - YES we are still collecting!

PARENT / TEACHER “Getting To Know You” Interviews
Letters will go home with students TOMORROW with Interview times for Tuesday. We remind families that this is a regular school day, your children will be involved in educational activities from 1:00—3:30pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
We do have some items of School Uniform in stock as well as second hand uniform items. Please call in and see Di in the office if you wish to purchase any items of School Uniform.

The following families have uniform items for payment & collection in the office: Jones-Jacobson, Rip, Tanner

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos will be held on Monday 27th February. Envelopes will go home next week so that you can choose which photos you would like to order. These need to be returned no later than the morning of Monday 27th February.

CAN YOU HELP?
The grade 4/5/6 are making personal shields for the Foster Show and are needing the plastic handles that are sometimes included in packaging / boxes. We would greatly appreciate these handles if you come across them.

A VISIT FROM “CUDDLES”
Thank you to Keren Collins for bringing “Cuddles” to visit the school. Cuddles was visiting to motivate students with their descriptive writing.

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 2012 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.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Process for 2012:
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 (29 January 2012) for the first instalment, and the first day of term 3 (16th July 2012) for the second instalment, and
- submit their application to the school by the due date – 29th February 2012

No late claims can 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 attached EMA form and return to the school office no later than 29th February.

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.
NEW SCHOOL RULE
As a whole school procedure and school rule NO parent will be phoned if their child forgets sports gear, notes, lunch etc. This is to support our student education / living skills program - where students are encouraged to be more accountable.

We have bread and spreads (margarine, vegemite, jam) in the staffroom. If your child forgets his/her lunch they will be given a sandwich and a piece of fruit from the staffroom.

Students forgetting swim gear will remain at school and complete water safety and swimming educational activities whilst their class is at the pool.

VIEW OUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE
Our newsletter can be viewed online at our website at any time. Check it out in colour! www.tooraps.vic.edu.au

FOR SALE
Child’s Boogie Board with cover $20.00
Contact Dinah Brownfield

TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA MEETING
EVERYONE WELCOME
Date: Monday 13th February
Time: 3:00 - 3:30pm
Where: Kitchen of Multi-Purpose hall

Content:
- Getting to know you
- New Members
- Outline the year's agenda

TOORA NETBALL CLUB
13 & Under Training commences Thursday 16th February 4:30 - 5:30pm

TOORA HEATED POOL - MOVIE NIGHT
Friday 10th 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
POOL WILL CLOSE AT 5 PM AND RE-OPEN AT 6 PM.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS
On Wednesdays at Toora Primary School commencing 15th February 2012.
$20.00 per 30 minute individual lesson Instruments taught include: Keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and euphonium. Students MUST have access to their own instrument and are expected to practice at home.

Contact Bronwyn Wakely B.Ed Dip (Mus) Ed on 56 862 256.
Permission forms are available from school office and are due back by Monday 13th February.
Would you like to learn to:
Be better at talking with your child?
Help your young child better manage their emotions?
Teach your young child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids is a parenting program that teaches parents skills to help their young children begin to understand and regulate their emotions. Parents who complete the program find improvements in their children’s emotional competence, social skills and behaviour.

UnitingCare Gippsland
Held at, Foster Community Centre, 97 Station Rd Foster
Monday Evenings, from February 20th to March 26th, 2012
7.00pm—9.00pm, Supper will be provided
Please phone Damon Piercy on 0428 620 470 or 5662 5150 for more information or to register if you would like to attend. This is a Free course.

*This program is for parents and carers only. Unfortunately no child care is available.
**TOORA IGA LUNCH FOOD ITEMS 2012**

All lunch orders are to be written on paper bags with the child’s name, Grade and must include payment (IGA will enclose change if required).

Lunch orders will be collected from school each Wednesday. **NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER 10:00am**

IGA will deliver lunches just before 1:00pm

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

| Tomato sauce - extra     | .20  | Gelativo                                  | 2.20|
| Soy Sauce - extra        | .10  | Frozen Bulla                              |    |
|                          |      | - Strawberry or fruit salad yoghurt      | 2.20|

**DRINKS**

| Hot Milo                  | 1.60 |
| Milk Shake                |      |
| - choc, ban, strawb, vanilla, lime, blue, caramel | 1.60 |
| Nippy’s – banana, choc, straw, coffee | 1.80 |
| Juice Box                 |      |
| - orange, apple, apple&blackcurrent | 1.30 |
| LL Big M - choc or Strawberry | 1.40 |
| Water 600ml               | 1.00 |

**No lunch Orders after 10:00am**