THE DUCK RACE
One day I went to the Duck Race. There was a jumping castle. I watched the Duck Race, after that I had a sausage. After that I went home, it was a lot of fun. Lachie Lewis Gr.2

THE WEEKEND
On the weekend I went fishing with Max and I caught flathead. We went fishing in Port Franklin. Next we cut them up, then I went home and ate them. It was a great day.
Lexi Elmore Gr.2

MY NEW SCHOOL
I love Toora School! I think this school is great because the students and teachers are nice and I have made some new friends. I like the fact that we get to roll down the hill and the school is next to the pool. I love Toora School and I hope to have a good time here at Toora P.S.
By Leah Ross Gr.5

BACK TO SCHOOL!
On Friday the fourth it was back to school. I have had such a great year so far. I have liked playing sports and we have learned a lot about the other people in our grade. I am looking forward to the following year and having fun with the rest of my grade. Having Mr. Vaudrey is the best. He is so great to have here at Toora P.S. Rochelle Storr Gr.5

BACK TO SCHOOL
When I got back to school I walked through the navy blue gates of Toora Primary School and saw Ebony. Ebony is one of my best friends and she introduced me to Leah. Leah was a new girl and she has a great personality. After meeting Leah I met Mr Vaudrey. He was very kind and nice to everyone. First we learnt lots about Mr Vaudrey, then we learnt a bit about each other. I found that everybody was very interesting.
I have had a lot of fun these last few weeks and learnt a lot of interesting things. By Jayde Vine Gr.5

HEAD LICE ALERT
We have had a case of head lice at school so we remind all parents to please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly. We recommend no student to return to school if their hair has not been treated or there are live lice. We understand the difficulty of getting rid of the lice cycle but we do not want it to spread to other students and staff.
An information flyer on head lice and how to treat it is attached to this week’s newsletter. Please phone the office if you need further information.

TERM 1
18th Feb: Yr 6 Leadership Speeches 9:00am
   All Welcome
18th Feb: Gr3-6 Swimming 2:00pm
21st Feb: Gr3-6 Swimming 11:30am
23rd 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
01st Mar: Parent Information Night
03rd Mar: Choir - Sagasser Park 4:00pm
03rd Mar: Division Swimming Comp - Korumburra
14th Mar: Labour Day holiday
01st April: Prom Coast Athletics Sports
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

CAN YOU HELP?
We are seeking a Parent Volunteer/Competent Timer (must be comfortable in handling stop watch) for 23rd February at the District Swimming Sports. Please contact the office URGENTLY if you are available.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Tuesday 1st March from 7:00pm
7:00 pm Prep -1
7:20 pm Grade 2,3, 4
7:40 pm Grades/6

MORE INFO
Grade 1 student Michael Ritchie preparing his Foster Show collage entry.
School Council met last Tuesday evening and wish to encourage you to consider nominating for a position on School Council this year. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

School Council is extremely pleased with the progress of our Building projects. Our Multi-purpose hall is nearing completion with the rubberised sport’s floor scheduled for installation on the 1st March. Architect John Kirk and Builder Darren Young have worked closely with the School Council to ensure our BER (Federal Government) funded project best meets the School community needs. By working as a team we have certainly achieved value for money!

Architect Daniel Haskell and Builder Gary Bullen are finalising the Building Futures project (State Government funded) and we hope to soon have a newly established oval on the Jubilee Gates side of the school ground. School Council wish to thank Les Osborne for the wonderful work that he has done to ensure the grounds are ready for the new school year. Our grounds continue to be a work in progress. A Working Bee will soon be schedule but of course you are welcome to donate your time and expertise whenever it best suits you. Please co-ordinate this through the office. Thank you to Coral Raby for weeding our Circular garden over the break and caring for our front garden.
Today we tasted the schools first apple from our tree. We cut it into 16 pieces, I thought it was nice but others thought it was sour. Nikki Allott Gr.3

Preparations for the Foster Show are in full swing at school with grade Prep-4 creating collages with Mrs Purvis. School entries will include collages, paintings, masks, decorated eggs, beadwork and woodwork. All staff are supporting students in the creation of their artworks. Don’t miss the Foster Show on Saturday 26th February 2011
ARE YOU A NETBALLER OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY?
Under 13 Netball training will commence Thursday 3rd March 4:00-5:00 at Toora Recreation Reserve.
All interested players welcome!

SOUTH GIPPSLAND CARERS
South Gippsland Carers is a group of carers and families of people with additional needs and frail aged.
We are there for all carers who live in the South Gippsland region, and we provide support, social get-togethers, information sharing and regular meetings.
Meetings are usually held every month on the second Tuesday of the month from 10am – 12 noon at the Leongatha Community House, 16 Bruce Street Leongatha.
For more information please contact Bill on 56 596 468 or Heather on 56 689 243.
Next meeting will be Tuesday March 8th 2011

Back to School Asthma Checklist
Back to school time presents a phenomenon called the ‘Back to School Spike’, which is a well-documented occurrence of an increase in asthma hospital admissions in children. This trend occurs two weeks after school goes back, with the spike generally occurring in mid to late February. Ensure your child with asthma is prepared for the new school year by following this simple back to school asthma checklist.

- Doctor Review
- Updated Asthma Action Plan (advise the school of any changes to their plan)
- Medication Review
- Preventer medication scripts
- Technique Review (good device technique will ensure more medication reaches the small airways)
- H1N1 Vaccination

(A person with asthma who gets any type of flu has a greater chance for developing serious health complications from the infection. Anyone with asthma is recommended to get both the seasonal flu vaccine and 2009 H1N1 vaccine.)

- School Asthma Action Plan returned (This needs to be updated at least annually or as required)
- Blue Reliever Medication & Spacer
(ensure your child has their blue reliever medication and spacer device available at all times. Remember to check the expiry date and amount of medication left in the canister)

- Your child is aware of their asthma triggers

For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

REMINDER - School Uniform orders are to be completed and returned by TOMORROW Friday 18th February.

VOLLEYBALL – Leongatha SPLASH Stadium. Juniors (secondary) & Spikezone (primary 8 years & up) competition starts Thursday 24th February at 6.00 pm.
For more details phone Tom BH 5658 1043 or AH Mandy 5662 4395.

Attention all Parents!
Does your child require help with their school work but you’re unsure who to ask?
Ring Debbie on 0439 461927
I am a qualified Primary/Secondary Teacher.

SWIMMING GOGGLES are available for purchase from the Administration Office @ $7 each.
SUNGLASSES may be orders from the school. Samples are available at the office.

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CONSENT FORM TO CONDUCT HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS
Permission to cover the duration of the child’s schooling at Toora Primary School

Throughout your child’s schooling, the school will arrange head lice inspections of students. The management of head lice infection works best when all children are involved in our screening program. The school is aware that this can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining student confidentiality and avoiding children being stigmatised.

The inspections of students will be conducted by a trained person approved by the Principal. Before any inspections are conducted the person conducting the inspections will explain to all students what is being done and why, and it will be emphasised to students that the presence of head lice in the hair does not mean that their hair is unclean. It will also be pointed out that head lice can be itchy and annoying and if you know you have got them, you can do something about it.

The person conducting the inspections will check each student’s hair to see if any lice or eggs are present.

Persons authorised by the school principal may also visually check you child’s hair for the presence of head lice, when it is suspected that head lice may be present, whether a consent form has been signed or not. They do not physically touch the child’s head during a visual check. In cases where head lice are found, the person inspecting the student will inform the student’s teacher and the principal. The school will make appropriate contact with the parents/guardians. Please note that health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced. The school may request the completion of a “treatment reply slip”, which requires parents/guardians/carers to nominate if and when the treatment has started.

Parent’s/Guardian’s/Carer’s full name:  
Address:  
Name of child attending the school:  
I hereby give my consent for the above named child to participate in the school’s head lice inspection program for the duration of their schooling at this school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Carer:  
Date:  

Please inform the school if guardianship/custody changes for your child as this form will need to be re-signed to reflect these changes. Please also inform the school in writing if you no longer wish to provide consent for the school to undertake head lice inspections for your child.