DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations and well done to the following eight students who competed at the Prom Coast Swimming Sports at Korumburra last week:
Morgan Cook, Jacob Cecchini, Tylah O’Connor, Stephanie Storr, Britanny Viney-Walker, Riley Hewson, Ava Brown and Lexi Elmore.

Morgan, Britanny and Tylah have all qualified to progress to the District Swimming Sports to be held on Friday 1st March at Korumburra. Good Luck!

CEP PERFORMANCE - FLUTES AND DRUMS OF JAPAN

On Thursday 7th March all students will be travelling to Foster to the FWMAC Hall for the CEP performance “Flutes & Drums of Japan”.

There will be NO Cost for this performance as it is funded through the Country Education Program. The performance is an energetic and visually exciting Japanese musical performance which incorporates music and audience participation to give students an understanding of Japan both culturally and historically.

Instruments in the performance include Taiko drums and flutes and a variety of percussion instruments.

A permission form went home to all families yesterday.

VIEW OUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE

Our newsletter can be viewed online at our website at any time. Check it out in colour!
Website: www.tooraps.vic.edu.au
or Facebook page: TooraPrimarySchool
Have you received the Schoolkids Bonus?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you? If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July. The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions. You can check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

ATHLETICS TRAINING HAS COMMENCED…..
Our Athletic Sports will be held at Foster on the 14th March. Students will participate in training sessions to prepare for competition in shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump, hurdles, sprints, distance and relays. Prep – 2 have a modified program that is age appropriate.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS
Fundraising Leader: Jacob Cecchini reports that with consultation from the rest of the Leadership team he has kicked off this years fundraising with an EASTER RAFFLE.

They are asking each family to donate an item for their Easter Raffle to be raffled at the end of Term 1. Items could include; Easter rabbits, Easter eggs, hot cross bus, lollies etc. Raffle tickets will go home with students in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for these.

All donations for Easter Raffle can be left in the designated box in the Administration area at school.

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 2013 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.

Direct Deposit details:
Toora Primary School BSB 633-000 Acc:124311424
Please use your “family name” as Reference.

FREE – White Muscovy ducks
1 Drake (Male) & 3 Hens (female)
Hens are laying eggs.
Will not separate.
Ph: 0487 760 407

PIG FOR SALE
1 Piglet (small dog size at the moment)
$100
Please phone: 0401 164 688
CONGRATULATIONS TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Our students’ art works were proudly displayed at the Foster show last Saturday and it was great to see that many of the show-cards had Toora names on them. Our students should be extremely proud of their efforts. A big thank you to the staff who put in many hours during and after hours on getting the show entries named and ready for exhibit.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) applications close 28th February 2013 TODAY!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

School Council nominations are open for the 2013/2014 year. A Nomination form for new School Councillors is available from the school Administration counter. It must be returned to the School office no later than 4.00pm on Wednesday 27th February 2013.

There are 2 parent vacancies and 1 staff vacancies. Parents/guardians of students of Toora Primary School are entitled to nominate for parent vacancies.

School Council currently meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm (time and day is up for negotiation with all School Council members.) Meetings are capped at 2 hour duration, and school council is obligated to meet at least 8 times during the year to meet DEECD requirements.

We value parent input into Toora Primary School and welcome new ideas and support. Please give serious consideration to becoming a School Councillor.

The Annual General Meeting, followed by the first meeting of the new School Council, will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm

Every year at this time we call for interested parents to nominate for School Council. Positions are for 2 years, requiring half of the Council to change each year. This ensures that all parents have the opportunity to contribute.
Thursday 14th March is our Prom Coast Athletics Carnival which sees our Toora school compete against one Welshpool team and three Foster teams. The emphasis for the day will be on participation, having a go at the events and doing our best. The day is set up to be fun for all students whilst also being used as selection trials for the Prom Coast combined team to compete at the Athletics carnival in Leongatha.

All grades P-6 will compete at the South Gippsland Secondary College (SGSC).

Grades 3-6 will be on the Secondary College main oval whilst Grades P-2 will participate on the Secondary College Soccer field.

All students to be at SGSC by 9.00am

Parents are expected to make their own arrangements to transport students to and from the sports day. The sports are expected to finish at approximately 2.45-3.00pm and parents are asked to collect students at this time. If someone other than a parent is to collect your child please let their class teacher know. Students are under the supervision of teachers whilst at the sports.

Toora PS will compete as one team. Students are expected to be wearing our Dark Blue Sports tops, or a dark blue T-shirt with navy or black shorts with comfortable shoes suitable to run in, and bring a positive attitude with them on the day. No student will be permitted to remove their shoes. Students are to wear hats when not competing.

Families may choose to bring a picnic lunch and snacks for their children, the Secondary College canteen will be open to purchase drinks and snacks for those wishing to do so.

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE ATHLETICS SPORTS AT FOSTER
The Athletics Sports day is an important component of our Physical Education program and we expect all students to attend.

Parents are expected to make their own arrangements to transport students to and from the sports day. In the past parents have organised amongst themselves how to best share the transporting of students to and from Foster for the day.

If you are having specific difficulties with transport please see your child’s teacher / or communication book.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS
On Wednesdays at Toora Primary School commencing 6th March 2013

$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 4th March.