Dear Families,
What a fantastic start to the year. It was delightful to walk through the stadiums at the Foster and District Show at the weekend and see our students’ work on display. It looked wonderful and many Toora students were awarded first, second and third places for their efforts. The students did a fantastic job but so too did our staff members who included show entries as part of the Arts curriculum for the month. A special thank you goes to Di who transported the entries to and from the show. It was a great celebration of our school’s achievements and team work.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Student Leaders who delivered excellent speeches at Monday’s assembly in front of the whole school and proud parents. Students voted and we are all very pleased with the results:

School Captains – Danielle Cashin and Nathan Jorgensen
Environment Leader – Monique Koolen
Agnes House Captain – Tylah O’Connor
Franklin House Captain – Nikki Allott

Our Student Leaders will include articles in next fortnight’s newsletter and will present at our weekly assemblies. They are excited to be leaders of our school and we trust that they will do an outstanding job as individual leaders, as well as working co-operatively to be an excellent leadership team.

We wish Tylah O’Connor and Ava Brown the very best as they head off to Korumburra tomorrow representing Toora Primary School at the Division Swimming Sports.

At our School Council meeting held last week I announced my intention to retire at the end of this year. I have had a rewarding and long career with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and have loved teaching at and being principal of Toora Primary School which is such a wonderful school. I look forward to the best year yet! Unfortunately, family health issues have unexpectedly arisen so I will need to take time off during term 2. The Region will follow the required process which includes advertising for ‘expressions of interest’ for the Acting Principal position and will notify us as soon as possible of the outcome so a timely handover can be completed before the end of term 1. I am confident that we will have a settled and positive year.

2014 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
28th Division Swimming Sports

MARCH
04th Pancake Breakfast - 8:30—9:00’ish
04th PFA Meeting 9:30am
05th Parent / Teacher Interviews 1:00– 4:45pm
10th Labour Day Public Holiday
17th CEP Funded Science Show at Toora PS
21st Athletics Sports—Whole School SGSC oval
26th CEP funded Performance at Foster
27th Athletics Sports Back-up date
31st Responsible Pet Ownership Prep-Gr.6

APRIL
4th Last Day Term 1
22nd School resumes Term 2
25th ANZAC Day public Holiday

MAY
12th NAPLAN Testing commences Gr3 & Gr5
19th School Photos

JUNE
2nd Division Cross Country TBC
6th Pupil Free Day
9th Sale Gallery visit TBC
27th Last Day Term 2

JULY
14th School resumes Term 3

SEPTEMBER
11th Division Athletics Sports
19th Last Day Term 3

OCTOBER
6th School resumes Term 4
23rd Aquatic Ed. Program commences

School Office Hours
8.30am - 4.15pm
(Wednesdays unattended)

Absences - Phone the office or write in your Child’s communication book
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 2014 Parent Supported Materials and Services Charge (formerly known as school fees) at $150 per child. The Parent supported materials and services charge is due now from all families and can be paid at the school office. (We also accept payment plan)

HEADLICE

It is extremely important that parents continue to be vigilant in checking their children’s hair. Children are NOT ABLE to remain at school with head lice. Once treated they may return. Head Lice checks will be held at school every second Thursday, which is Newsletter week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Nomination forms for those people interested in being a member of School Council will be available at the office from next Monday 17th February and will be accepted up until 4pm on Thursday 27th February.

At this stage we have THREE vacancies.

If you would like any further information regarding School Council please speak to a current School Council member: Kelly Packham, Kathryn Brown, Tania Cook, or come in and speak to Mrs Barb Purvis - Principal.

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ULTRANET / GENED

As of 1st January, the Ultranet changed its name to GenED. As part of the change it is necessary for us to update your email details so families will be able to log on to see your child’s feedback and achievements.

Once all email addresses are received and entered on our system we will let you know when GenEd will be available to be viewed by parents.

Can you please let the school know your current email address so we are able to update your information in readiness for GenEd?

Parent name........................................................................................................Current Email address..............................................................................................

If you do not currently have an email address, FREE web based emails can be generated through Gmail, Hotmail etc.

Di Walker is available at school to help anyone set up a web-based email account during school hours. Please contact the School Admin office to make a time.
SURFING THE REAL WORLD
TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION 2014

Suggested Fundraising activities for 2014
Please bring this list along with any ideas you may have to the meeting on Tuesday 4th March 9:30am

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Other Suggestions:

- **Pie Drive (Ivans Pies)**
- **Sausage Sizzle – at Pear Party?**
- **Bulbs – Winter/Spring**
- **Personalised T-shirts (Colourmeover)**
- **Chocolate drive**
- **Funky Shoelaces (xtenex)**
- **Cookie Dough (Billy G’s)**
- **Meal Deal Student Lunch**
- **Calendars (Crazy Camel)**
- **Tea Towels / Aprons (Expressions)**
- **Cook book**
Student of the Week Certificates
Resilience  Persistence  Organisation  Confidence  Getting Along

Nathan Jorgensen - for always completing tasks on time.
Tamara Rip - For continued great effort and helping her peers
Tyler Underwood - for continuing to extend his concentration skills for maximum learning and completed learning tasks.
Elsa Brown - For always having a go and doing her best.
Sunday Plowright - For being an excellent role model to her younger peers
Ella Hollier - For always listening and starting her learning skills for maximum learning and completed learning tasks.

SCOUTS FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
Sunday 2nd March 2014
State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi
10am - 3pm

Activities include:
Jumping castle, abseiling tower, crate stacking, whip cracking, haunted house maze, Police/CFA/SES Demo display, side show alley, water bomb ballista, marshmallow cooking, jungle activities, building construction, billy carts, horse and carriage rides and MUCH MORE! Food stalls available, or BYO food.

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CORNER INLET STINGRAYS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION & TRAINING DAY
Sunday 16th March 2014, 11.00am
Followed by a BBQ lunch at 12.30pm
South Gippsland Secondary College Oval

Come along for a light training run, some fun and games, meet your team mates, coaches and committee for 2014. Training will commence the following Wednesday 19th March 4.30pm at South Gippsland Secondary College footy oval.

If your son/daughter is interested in joining the Stingrays this season, in either Under 11s or Under 13s, and you’re unable to attend this family day, please register their name with Robyn Hill 0427 871 339 or email rthill5@bigpond.com

TOORA PEAR ORCHARD NEWS
CAN YOU HELP?
We need volunteers to help on Sat 15th March at 9am to set up marquees put out decorations and prepare for Sunday etc.
Sunday 16th March we need a few more helpers to each give a couple of hours to share the load. We would appreciate your support. Please contact Meryl if you can help on the party day. You will get a job & time for the roster.

WORKING BEE. We have a load of mulch & the cardboard to spread over the rose garden. Can you help it wont take long. Meryl & Lorraine have weeded garden ready for mulch. Call Meryl or Leigh 56 862 103. Thanks Meryl 56 816 335 or colmera@skymesh.com.au

Honey Bees
Late last year we put a beehive in the orchard. Now it is time to reap the rewards. Saturday March 1st (this Saturday) we will be collecting the honey under the supervision of our expert beekeeper Angela. If you would like to be part of the process call Nigel 0431 904 899.

2013 OUR YEAR IN PICTURES
We still have some copies of this beautiful book available for sale at $20 ea. Please drop into the Admin Office to have a look or to purchase your copy.

REMEMBER:
- 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 or a note in the communication book 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.