SCHOOL COUNCIL
A reminder that nominations are now being accepted for the election of Parent Members to School Council.
Nominations close at 4pm Friday 9th March and we will meet Wednesday night 14th March at 7.30pm for our Annual General Meeting for 2012.
Please find a nomination form attached for any parents wishing to nominate. Nomination forms are also available from Di in the office for those interested in nominating/re-electing. We have two vacancies for parent members and one community vacancy. Please don’t be shy! We need a group of interested people to ensure our school continues to meet the needs of our school community.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Parents are reminded that school begins at 9:00 and it would be appreciated if students could be here on time. We understand that there are occasions where late arrival is unavoidable but learning starts at 9:00 and a late arrival means lost learning and a disruption to the learning environment and this needs to be avoided as best as possible.
In the event of late arrivals or early dismissal, parents are further reminded that their children need to be signed in / out from the admin office.

School Photo Day - Monday 27th February 2012
Please ensure all students wear school uniform on this day. All sibling groups attending school will be photographed on photo day.
Parents are not required to complete any documentation and no pre-payment is required for family photos as photos are taken on a “proof basis” only. Proof copies of family photos together with full details and design choices will be returned to the school prior to student delivery.
Parents are encouraged to place orders directly with the Aussie School lab or via the website at www.aussieschoolphoto.com for family group photos.
Student photo envelopes were handed to each child last week. Parents should choose a photo package in the graphic design they prefer and return the envelope with payment to school on photo day.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
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SWIMMING
Well done to all students who participated in the swimming trials for the Prom Coast team last week at Foster. It was nice to hear back that the students were encouraging towards each other demonstrating good sportsmanship regardless of where they finished. Two of our students have been selected as part of the Prom Coast team. Good Luck to Brittany Viney-Walker and Ashley Hewson, we know you will both represent Toora Primary School admirably at the Division Swimming sports at Korumburra next Thursday.

WRITING FROM THE GRADE 2 / 3 CLASSROOM

‘CUDDLES’ THE CHILDREN’S PYTHON

Cuddles is a snake that does not bite. She is very small, one metre long. She eats frozen dead mice once per month. She sheds her skin overnight sometimes. I really liked seeing Cuddles. by Callum

Cuddles is a cold blooded snake. She lives with Keren. She is brownish and a bit of black too. Keren brought her to school today. She eats frozen dead mice. Sometimes she does not eat for a month. She lives in a cage with a heated pad with rocks in the bottom.
I do not like snakes. By Lexi

Cuddles the snake came to our school today and she is one metre long. We all got to touch her. She felt smooth. I felt her old white skin, it looked funny. I think she is great and good. By Lilly

The type of the snake is a Children’s python. She is fifteen years old, she is one metre long. She eats frozen mice. She lives in a cage in the Collin’s house. There’s a heat pad under the rocks.
I don’t really like snakes. By Riley

Today we saw a pet python. She is 15 years old and she is a girl snake. We all got to pat Cuddles and we got told that when she gets angry she might bite. Cuddles eats frozen mice, they are dead.
I would like to have a pet python. By Sophie

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 (e.g., 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.

THE GREAT DUCK RACE
Saturday 25th February from 12:00pm at the Franklin River Reserve.

Tickets $5 Includes BBQ Lunch

Major Prize $250 plus many other great prizes.
A great Family Day of fun in the Park.
Brought to you by the Toora Cricket Club

School Newsletter Email
In an attempt to save costs and paper, we are encouraging parents to use our website and/or email to access the school newsletter which is published weekly. Please complete your email address below, detach and return this slip to the office. Please note if you were receiving the newsletter by email last year, we will need your address again to update our data files.

Your name: Email address:
Parents and Friends Association

SPECIAL MORNING TEA

9:00 am in the school Multi-Purpose Hall
Monday 5th March

We extend an invitation to all parents of the school community to join us for a cuppa and an informal chat about how the Parents & Friends Association (PFA) can best meet the needs of our children for the 2012 school year.

If you are a new parent (old parents are also encouraged) to our school, please come along so that we can meet you, your pre-school children are most welcome to join us too.

HEAD LICE
Unfortunately Head Lice are once again visiting. Please check your child/ren’s hair regularly and treat as required. This is an ongoing parental responsibility and we greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

On Tuesday we will have a whole school head check and notices will be sent home as required.

Thank you - Barb Purvis

FOSTER & DISTRICT SHOW
Students have been working hard on their Show entries for Saturday and we hope you will be able to view their work on exhibit. All students will have items on display.

PFA NEWS
The Parents & Friends Association will be holding a welcome to our school 2012 Morning Tea to welcome parents/carers back for another year and to especially welcome our new parents. We look forward to sharing a cuppa with you on Monday 5th March in the new Multi-Purpose hall kitchen.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
EBM Insurance Brokers offer StudentCover, student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and includes almost every sport. It is only available online and costs $29 per year. For more information visit: www.studentcover.com.au

Beat the Hot weather with a Healthy Afterschool Snack!

Strawberry Icy-pole Recipe

1/2 cup strawberries
1/4 cup vanilla yogurt
1 cups orange juice
1/2 tablespoon sugar

Place all ingredients in blender.
Blend until smooth. Pour into plastic cups and freeze.

eheadspace

eheadspace is a confidential, free and secure space where a young person or their family can web chat, email or speak on the phone with a qualified youth mental health professional.

Registering with eheadspace
Young people or family members must register at www.eheadspace.org.au to use the service.
To register you need to provide a user name, email address, gender, age, postcode, CALD and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status. It is a two step process requiring email verification. Young people who make their first contact with eheadspace telephone clinicians will be asked to provide the same information.

Who can access eheadspace?
eheadspace aims to offer flexible mental health support to young people 12-25 years of age and their families or friends. eheadspace is not a crisis service.

What does eheadspace offer?
eheadspace will provide an opportunity for flexible help seeking with mental health expertise through esupport or etherapy as appropriate:

- esupport to young people and their families
- etherapy1 is individually negotiated, goal directed counselling

eheadspace.org.au 1pm-1am AEST
eheadspace telephone 1800 650 890 10pm-1pm AEST

Toora Primary School provides this information to you as a courtesy only. The DEECD insurance does not cover individual students and their advice is for families who wish to insure their students against accident or injury at school to do so through a private provider.