MARCH

Wednesday 13th School Council AGM 7:30pm
Wednesday 13th BOOKCLUB orders due in
Thursday 14th Whole School Athletics Sports at SGSC Oval
Friday 15th Back Up day for Athletic Sports
Wednesday 20th Great Southern Portrait Art Workshop #1
Wednesday 27th Great Southern Portrait Art Workshop #2
Thursday 28th Last day of Term 1 2:30pm dismissal.

APRIL

Monday 15th First Day of Term 2

The Flutes and Drums Japan
On Thursday I was excited to go to the Flutes and Drums of Japan workshop at the Foster Hall. The flutes were quiet and the drums were loud. I think they are really good at playing on the flutes and drums. There were three different schools there: Fish Creek, Welshpool, and Toora. These were the three schools. The people who played the flutes and drums are Anne and Toshi. I loved it so much.

Tamara Rip Grade 3

Flutes and Drums of Japan
On Thursday I was excited to go to the Flutes and Drums of Japan, we were the audience. It was fun. There were two people telling us things about the instruments and what the instruments could do. There was one man called Toshi and a lady called Anne. They were wearing happy coats with special head bands and special shoes. The lady came round first playing an instrument that I have never heard before and you had to close your eyes until she came past. Then Toshi sang to us in Japanes with the drums playing around him. Later it was exciting because people got to go up on the stage and play the instruments. There were two other schools there, they were Fish Creek and Welshpool. I loved it.

By Lexi Elmore Grade 4

Term Dates
Term1: 31 Jan - 28 Mar
Term2: 15 Apr - 28 Jun
Term3: 15 Jul - 20 Sept
Term4: 7 Oct - 20 Dec

School Office Hours
8.30am—4.00pm
(Wednesdays unattended)

Absences - Phone the office or write in your Child’s communication book

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The biggest and smallest drums of Japan
One day when Toora primary school was on a bus to Foster hall to see the flutes and drums of Japan. There was people waiting there for us. Their names were Anne and Toshi they know how to play the Japanese drums on the stage. There is the really small drums and the really big drums but I like the really medium drums. We took a bus to Foster. When they were playing the drums I could feel it with my heart. I wanted to have a shot at the big drums there were big tokies and small tokies I like the small tokies. I liked the boy that plays the drums and lots of other stuff because he was Japanese and he could speak English and he is good at playing the big drums and the small and medium drums. There was not just our school there was heaps of other schools like the fish creek primary school, Welshpool primary school and heaps of other schools I forgot. William Cashin

The Flutes and Drums of Japan
We all went on a bus to see the Flutes and Drums of Japan. The flutes and drums of Japan took a long time until it finished. Some people went up on stage, Seth and Aaron and some others, to play the flutes and drums. They were cool, I liked it. They wore Japanese clothes. Toshi lives in Australia. By Isaac Tanner Gr. 3

The Flutes and Drums Of Japan
I had an exciting day at Foster. We travelled on the Moon’s bus to the Foster hall. There were two people called Anne and Toshi telling us about cool instruments. One looked like a flute, and the rest of them were drums. They were wearing funny clothes and funny shoes. Then Anne came around playing the flute and we had to imagine what was happening in the story. After that Toshi and Anne played a song on the drums. Then Anne and Toshi went around picking people to go up on the stage and play the drums. Anne picked me and I got to play a drum called the fast drum.

Then they bowed and said “Bye”. Then we got to go talk to our friends from Welshpool, Toora and Fish Creek. We had to get back on the Moon’s bus and go back to school. I wish I could see it every day. Lachie Lewis Gr. 4

The Flutes And Drums of Japan
On 8th March we travelled on the Moon’s bus to the Foster hall with Welshpool and Fish Creek schools in different buses to see the Flutes and Drums of Japan. They had drums and flutes and people from the schools played the instruments and I didn’t get to play one. Anne and Toshi had two cymbals each and they pretended to play tennis with cymbals. They were funny when they played tennis with the cymbals. Anne started to play music when she was three. The drums were big small and medium. Their clothes are black and white and a bow on a headband. It was fun. By Riley Hewson Grade 4

Flutes and Drums of Japan
One day the whole school went on a bus to the Foster hall to see “Flutes and Drums of Japan”. It was awesome to see them playing the drums so loud. I could feel it in my chest, it was so cool. I didn’t get to get up and perform but it was great fun to see them play. They taught us some things about Japan and how they say things in Japanese. It was great to learn new things and a different language. Their clothes are different to ours because it is their uniform and they wear it when they are in Japan as well. Anne started music when she was three. One of the audience said “What does Toshi mean?” Toshi said it means Toshi! When they needed volunteers Tyler was one of them and he had to put his hand up and he had fun. I liked it very much. Ruby Clark Gr 3

The Flutes and Drums of Japan
Toshi and Anne were really good at the flutes and drums. I felt the ground shaking because they were playing the drums really loud. It was really fun and exciting. We travelled on Moon’s bus up and back. None of them came from Japan and they learnt how to play it in Australia. Some people went up on stage I didn’t get to go on stage because they picked other people. We were the lucky last school to leave the Foster hall. Jaxon Lewis Grade 3
PROM COAST ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - TOMORROW

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. We look forward to seeing plenty of our parents at the Sports tomorrow cheering Toora along.

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.

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 TODAY. Tickets need to have buyers name and a contact number. Tickets are 50c each, please write on both sides of the ticket (whole book will be $5)

All donations for Easter Raffle can be left in the designated box in the Administration area at school.
SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Our school Annual General Meeting will be held on TONIGHT 13th March at 7.30pm. The Feb/March School Council meeting will follow the AGM.

“TUNING INTO KIDS” WORKSHOPS with Damon Piercy
Workshop 5 - Monday 18th March 11 - 1:00pm
Workshop 6 - Monday 25th March 11 - 1:00pm

These valuable workshops continue next Monday. We hope to see all families who initially registered for these workshops in attendance for the final two workshops, along with any other interested families.

THANK YOU RACHEL BROWN
Thank you to Rachel Brown - past Toora Primary School parent and long standing Toora School Councillor who was our guest speaker at out Student Leadership badge presentation last Monday.

Rachel spoke to students and staff on leadership and the importance of being a part of a community and its connectedness, reminding us that we can all make a difference.

Welshpool & District Horticultural Society Inc
52nd Autumn Show...
An Irish fling.

Fri 15th 1.30pm - 5pm.
Sat 16th 10am - 4.30pm.
Welshpool Memorial Hall.
Entry $3.
Children free.
Plant Stalls & Refreshments.
Official Opening pm Friday.
Enquiries. 51841 376.

PEAR PARTY
Come along this Sunday to the Toora Pear Orchard
10am - 4pm
Come along & view our Students artwork on display

BUILDING WORKS - THANK YOU TO MARK GRIMLEY
Over the past month we have had local builder/handyman Mark Grimley working on a couple of projects around the school. Mark has built a much needed and long awaited storage room in the Multi-purpose Hall. The addition of a storage room has allowed our Sick Bay to be reclaimed for its rightful purpose.

We now have a bed in the sickbay - that fits within the miniscule space allocated by our architects!

In the outdoor Learning Space we have the addition of a storage box for sporting equipment which in turn has given us more bag hanging space and a large surface for the music player to be housed.