THANK YOU
Thank you to Mrs Joy Kipps (Brodie and Brydee’s Nana) who has kindly offered to make a class set of Art Smocks.

DID YOU KNOW?
Did you know that when a child reads for 1 minute per day they are exposed to 8,000 words per year? 4 mins/day equates to 282,000 words/year and 20 minutes per day equates to 1.8 million words per year! A child who reads for 20 mins/day will take 2 days to read the same amount as it would take the child who reads 1 min/day all year to read!

This is an excellent evidence based piece of research which shows exactly why it is extremely important for your child to read something every day!

STUDENT WELFARE OFFICER’S REPORT
The 2014 school year has started with a very positive and enthusiastic mood in our school. The Grade 6 Leaders have stepped up to their roles, as was shown last Wednesday when they ran whole-school activities during the Parent-Teacher interviews. This growing sense of responsibility in the School Leaders is filtering down to the younger students, who are keen to follow any behaviour (good or bad) that they see in the older students. Students are feeling confident to come and speak with me, about a variety of issues, and we have been able to make some real progress with some of the students in terms of understanding their own emotions and reactions to social and work situations. I am proud of the achievements of several students in particular, and look forward to this continuing throughout the year.

One of the students asked me (earlier this afternoon), “Mrs Janssen, what job do you do here? I see you talking with students and sitting at computer or reading or talking on the phone. But do you actually do anything?” I’m not sure I answered her question at the time, so I would like to try to now. Three of my main jobs at the moment are:

- Working on our Student Engagement Policy
- Looking at Interpersonal Development across the school and across subject areas
- Assisting with Student wellbeing at a grass roots level, talking with students to see how they are travelling on a social/emotional level (and following up where necessary).

Thanks, Sara Janssen

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.

2014 CALENDAR

MARCH
14th Bulb & Cookie Dough Fundraiser orders due in
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
20th 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

DECEMBER
8th Graduation Dinner
9th State-wide Transition Day

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

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

**Term 1 Fundraiser** - Spring Bulbs and Billy G’s Cookie Dough - two very different fundraising ideas to cater for those who aren’t a sweet tooth but both equally great Easter gift ideas. Order sheets went home in the last newsletter.

All orders and money need to be back to the school **Friday 14th March**. This ensures delivery of goods will be before the end of Term 1.

**PRELIMINARY MOTHERS DAY STALL REMINDER**
This is an early reminder that Mothers Day Stall will run in the third week back of Term 2.

Over the school holidays whilst you’re out and about is the perfect time to be looking out for small items for our Mothers’ Day Stall.

Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held on **Friday 9th May**.

We know that this is a little time away, but we thought it would be good to let new parents know what is briefly involved so that we can all start looking out for goods to donate.

We ask all families to donate 2 (two) inexpensive items which can then in turn be sold at our stall. All children are given the opportunity to bring along up to $5 to purchase some great pressies for their mum or special person in their life. Each family only needs to donate 2 items per family, not per child attending school.

We ask that you do not send along any sharp/dangerous items or any items containing nuts.

Here are some suggestions that you may wish to purchase or make......... **Note pads, bath salts, scented candles, face washers, potted plants, fridge magnets, mugs, tea towels, soap, talc, brooches, book-marks, chocolates, hand-crafted items, tea/coffee treats, bath bombs, IOU promise notes (ie IOU 2X dish duties/ IOU 3x car washes), hand cream......** anything that your heart would desire!

We will give you more reminders as the time draws closer!

**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.

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**Student of the Week Certificates**

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**Jaxon Lewis** - For having the huge amount of courage required to take responsibility for a mistake. Being honest and responsible is the first great step towards growth. For learning the hard lesson that honesty has a short term pain and a long term gain.

**Monique Koolen** - For her terrific persistence in always doing her best and being a fantastic example to others. Helpful, respectful and considerate; traits of a true leader.

**Reghan Lewis** - for working really hard in our ‘Reading Eggs’ program.

**Jahnani Venkatesan-Villa** - For always being punctual, polite and ready to learn.

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**Pancake Breakfast was very popular last Tuesday. A HUGE thankyou to all the parents involved in making this such a special event for our children.**
**Friday 21st 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).

**All students to be at SGSC by 9.00am on Friday 21st MARCH**

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 next Friday 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 (Price list on the back of this page).

**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.
## SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

*Rolls 30c extra  Wraps 50c extra  Toasted 50c extra  (Wholemeal unless otherwise stated)*

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**HOME MADE HOT SOUP**

(avail. on winter days)

- Fresh Buttered Roll: $1.00
- Meal Deal - Soup & Roll: $3.50
- Vege or Chicken Burger
  - Tomato/Cheese/Mayo/Lettuce: $3.50

**SUMMER TIME ONLY**

- Fresh Fruit Salad: $2.80
- Chocolate Mousse: $2.50

**RECESS ONLY ::::**

- Ham & Cheese Toasties: $2.50
- Mini Pizza: $2.50

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Other varieties available

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**Prepared hot food must be ordered before school or at the 8 minute break. Sandwiches/rolls/wraps must be ordered before school or at the 8 minute break.**
TOORA

Toora is a wonderful place where many people like to stay,
Most of the children go to Sagassar Park to play.

Toora has a supermarket where lots of people like to shop,
The next time you are passing by I encourage you to stop.

Toora Primary School is a lovely place and all the kids are nice,
The Pear Orchard grows lots of pears, come and have a slice.

Stay at the Tourist Park to have a lot of fun,
The people of Toora will make sure you have fun with everyone.

The ocean is never far away, you may like a swim,
The sun is hot and shiny, so remember to wear a hat with a brim.

By Monique Koolen

TOORA

The place that I love the most is Toora Primary School. When I
moved here I thought it was going to be hard to make friends and
when I got to school I felt shy and scared. But the girls became
my friends on the very first day. A year later I felt like I had always
been here. At Toora School we don’t have many students so we
are able to do more fun things than other schools can.

In Toora we have a factory that produces powdered milk for
babies. We have a hotel and a caravan park. We also have a
FoodWorks supermarket that provides the food for Toora. The
petrol station has food too and fishing equipment including rods, it
also has movies. Toora has a hotel, motel, fish and chip shop and
lots more things. There are windmills that you can see from the
school and town. The parks at Toora are fun to play in. One of the
parks has a skate park where the cool kids go.

Toora has a beach, the best views, and Agnes Falls. The Falls
produce our water. When it is hot my family goes to Franklin River
to cool down. The Toora Swimming pool is heated but on a hot
day it’s cool.

And a big thing about Toora is the Pear Orchard.

By Danielle Cashin

THE TOWN OF TOORA

In the countryside there is a small town called Toora. It’s a great town to visit or live in. There are nice houses
in Toora. In Toora there is a heated pool, you can swim laps or play and there’s a canteen. There’s a park with
a skate park. In the town there’s a wonderful school with wonderful teachers. There’s a really good
supermarket. There’s also a petrol station, it has fish and chips.

By Riley Hewson

THIS IS TOORA

Toora has a new supermarket and it has
any food you need. My favourite place in
Toora is Sagassar Park because of the
picnic area. We have parties there. I also
like the spinning daisy.

My place is good and the backyard has a
trampoline, swings, a see-saw and I
have a secret tree-house, but it needs to
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TOORA

Toora is a wonderful place
Everyone has some grace.

You should come and stay
There’s plenty to do on the way.

Stay in the Tourist Park
And maybe even play in the dark.

Visit the Pear Orchard
If you’re lucky you may see some orchids.

I hope you come soon
And enjoy the brightness of our moon.

by     Nikki Allott

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By Riley Hewson
With increasing concerns about the more than 25 per cent of Victorian children aged 5-17 years that are considered overweight or obese, establishing the importance of physical activity during childhood can help ensure lifelong participation with resulting health, social, economic and environmental benefits. Evidence suggests that time in physical education and physical activity may improve academic learning outcomes and providing opportunities for children to be active can enable children to meet the National Physical Activity Guidelines.

In 2014 teachers will be able to create school or class teams. Once registered, students can join these teams and track their activity using the Active April app. They'll earn certificates of achievement for completing 30 minutes of activity in 15, 20, 25 and 30 days.

This year, every student at our school that registers will receive giveaways including 10 YMCA passes, tennis court hire at Melbourne Park, child entry to Melbourne Aquarium and National Sports Museum and be eligible for prizes - including the major registration prize worth $10,000.

All registered schools will have the chance to share in $20,000 worth of great prizes including sporting clinics and sporting equipment packages. The more students and teachers who register, the greater our school’s chance of winning! It’s fun and it’s free.

Go to www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools to register now

**EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

**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.*