ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL
We welcome visitors, parents, carers and guardians to Toora Primary School. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development requires that all visitors must report to the administration office on entering the school grounds. Parents dropping off lunches, bags and other items need to do so at the school office. If you would like to see your child’s teacher please use his/her communication book or contact the office to make an appointment. Staff are unable to meet with parents whilst supervising students on yard duty.

PREPS - FULL DAY
Our delightful group of Preps began attending school full time from last Monday. They seem like school veterans already and we've no doubt all will transition smoothly to the full week. Parents are reminded to arrange appointments via their child’s communication book or via the office to talk with teachers should they have concerns about how they are coping with the step. We are always happy and open to discuss concerns.

LOST PROPERTY
The start of the New Year is a great time to check that all your child’s belongings are clearly named. This will mean that your child/s items can easily and quickly be returned to them. All items should be named, including jumpers, lunchboxes, lunchbox lids, drink bottles, art smocks, etc. All lost property items found around the school are collected and left in the lunch eating area/outdoor learning spaces, students and parents are encouraged to check in these areas when searching for lost items.

THANK YOU
Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Information Session and Supper held on Tuesday evening. These nights are an important educational evening to touch base with your teacher and be brought up to speed on the classroom routines. A lot of preparation went into the evening from our staff and parents able to attend were appreciative of the time shared.

SWIMMING THANK YOU
Thank you to Karen Nicholls, Kirsty Sunderland and Ilda Parry for transporting our swimming team to Korumburra today. We look forward to hearing how it all went at the pool, but will have to wait till next week’s newsletter to report to the school community on it. We wish Kelsey Pavlou, Rochelle Storr, Kate Jenkins, Brittany Viney, Ebony Nicholls and Shelbie Sunderland all the very best as they represent Toora Primary School and the Prom Coast team today in the pool.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - WE NEED YOUR NOMINATION FORMS !!
This year Toora Primary School Council has vacancies for two (2) Parent Members and one (1) Co-opted Community Member. School Council meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7.30pm, however, due to DEECD specified timelines our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 15th March.

Nomination forms were attached to last week’s newsletter and are available online or from the office. All nominations MUST be lodged at the school office ASAP and will be on display in the school foyer.
The TOORA COMMUNITY PLAN launch will be relocated to the TOORA COMMUNITY HALL this afternoon from 4pm for Sausage Sizzle and drinks - Followed by Presentation and Official Launch by Toora & District Community Plan Monitoring & Review Team & Sth Gippsland Shire Council. Come along and support our School Choir and your local community!

National Ride2School Day - Wednesday 16 March 2011
National Ride2School Day is Australia’s largest celebration of walking and riding to school. Parents and teachers are encouraged to leave the car at home and get students walking, riding, skating or scooting.

National Ride2School day provides an opportunity for student leaders to practise their skills and schools to get involved with their community by linking with councils, local bike shops, Police and members of the wider community.

Best of all, National Ride2School Day is a chance for brand new riders, parents and teachers to experience riding and walking to school for the first time. They might find that it is quicker, more interesting and lots of fun to walk and ride to school!

It is a chance to celebrate walking and riding on a large scale and to prove it can be done. After showing it’s achievable on this day families are encouraged to keep the momentum going throughout the year.

Toora Primary School is getting right behind this event by asking students to either ride or walk to school on Wednesday March 16th. We will be organising a “Walking Bus” where students gather at a designated point and walk together from that point to school under the supervision of an adult. Parent “Walking Bus” volunteers please contact the office ASAP.

Part Way is OK too - parents who live a distance from school and who normally drive their child to school, can still do so, but they may like to drop their child off at the “Walking Bus” point for inclusion. More information next week on the “Walking Bus” muster point.

STUDENT VEGGIE GARDEN NEWS
We picked the front row of sweet corn and pulled the plants out and then we put them in the compost bin. We put fertilizer in and then we planted ‘Cos’ lettuce seedlings and watered them in. We also watered the sweet corn and the peas. The snow peas are just starting to come up. By Tristan, Alanna and Arie

LOCAL MEDIA will be at school on Monday morning for the lead up to our Ride2School event. We would like to encourage students to ride to school on Monday 7th March for this photo opportunity.

A reminder for Active After School parents. Pick-Up time for both sessions is 4:30pm.

Eight members of our Choir travelled to Welshpool on Tuesday to perform for the Red Cross Day. We’ve received excellent feedback from those in attendance and the audience is looking forward to our Choir returning. Congratulations girls!
Cody Migliorisi 2nd Craft Article - Mosaic
Jayde Vine 2nd Decorated Hard Boiled Egg
Riley Hewson 2nd Handwritten Verse
Abbie Cook 2nd Best Hand Written Verse

Morgan Cook 2nd Collage
Jaxon Lewis 2nd Most Creative Mask
Ava Brown 1st Original Painting
2nd Collage
2nd Decorated Hard Boiled Egg

Bonnie Orgill 1st Craft Article - Geisha Girl
1st Original Painting & Best Exhibit Ribbon
3rd Idol

Seth Tanner 1st Collage
Alanna Dessent 1st Decorated Hard Boiled Egg
Lexi Elmore 1st Hand Written Verse

Abbie Cook 1st Craft Article - Bird House
Brendon Springthorpe - Best Exhibit Ribbon
Shelbie Sunderland