2012 CALENDAR

March
Preps attend school every day
01st Division Swimming at Korumburra
02nd Choir visit to Prom View Lodge 2:30pm
02nd World Day of Prayer - Gr 5/6 students
05th PFA Morning Tea 9:00am at school
06th Choir singing at Welshpool Red Cross
07th Tennis Sessions begin in PE
12th Labour Day PUBLIC holiday
13th Responsible Pet Ownership visit
14th School Council Annual General Meeting
23rd National Ride to School Day
27th Athletics Sports
30th Term 1 Ends

April
16th Term 2 starts
19th Central District Squad Athletics
25th ANZAC Day holiday

May
15th-17th NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5
25th District Cross Country

June
08th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free
11th Queens Birthday Public Holiday
12th Division Cross Country
26th Parent Teacher Interviews
29th Term 2 Ends

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

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

Lunch Orders
Every Wednesday - order must be in by 9:15am

WELCOME
This week we welcome Lukas Foondun and his family to Toora. Lukas is in Grade 1 with Mrs Wogan-Browne. Please make Lukas feel welcome in our school and help him learn our school rules.

We also extend a welcome to baby Nate who was born 16th March. Nate is a new brother for Monique Koolen in Grade 4.

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 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.

ART PANELS INSTALLED
On Tuesday this week we had three Art Panels erected on our school grounds, strategically placed to be viewed by visitors to our school whilst also being visible from the school grounds. Each classroom has a ‘panel’ that is available for students use for expressive art works during lunch-time and recess breaks and to showcase the quality, diversity and innovation of arts practice at our school. The panels will also demonstrate the arts’ role in reflecting the schools aspirations and the distinctive character of Toora and surrounds. Stay tuned - watch these Panels!!

RENTAL HOME URGENTLY NEEDED
Preferably Toora/Welshpool area. Must have 3 bedrooms. Contact school office if you can help.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS
Leaflets went home this week with all students. Orders & money due back to school by Friday 16th March.
CONGRATULATIONS TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Our students’ art works were proudly displayed at the Foster show last Saturday and it was great to see that many of the show-cards had Toora names on them. Pop in and have a look at the show display in the Admin foyer, our students should be extremely proud of their efforts. A big thank you to the staff who put in many hours during and after hours on getting the show entries named and ready for exhibit.

HEAD LICE
In the past week there have been several reports, by parents, to the school of the prevalence of head lice.
We urge all parents to be proactive in regularly checking and where necessary, treating their children’s hair. We also ask that parents notify the school office, so that a generic note can be sent home with students from the same grade.
School Education Support officers Dinah Brownfield and Deb Clavarino will be conducting a whole school inspection within the next few weeks (we did have last Tuesday set aside, but with the lack of natural light due to the rain we postponed the scheduled check). For those parents unsure of what to look for, or how to treat head lice, information is available from the school office.

Please keep sending in your Pauls milk caps. There is a box in the Admin foyer for collection of the caps. From 5th March - 29th April you can also collect specially marked caps of “Good to Go” bottles as well.

UNIFORM ITEMS
The following families have Uniform items awaiting collection from the school office: Benton, Rip, Tanner, Guligo, Paola

The next uniform order form will go home in a few weeks.
Orders MUST be accompanied by payment before we can order items.

PFA News

Clean up Australia Day
March 2nd is the school clean-up day and Sunday 4th is the official Clean up Australia day. Please come and support your school. PFA Members will be at school from 1pm onwards on Friday (TOMORROW) and with the help of interested children will be collecting rubbish from in and around our school grounds.
Those not able to attend on Friday are welcome to join a small group meeting from 10am-12noon Sunday. If you are unable to attend either day Clean up Australia day kits are available from the school admin for those that would like to clean-up other local areas. Rubbish will be collected for disposal on Monday 5th, at 9am at the school. A small prize will be drawn on both days for those in attendance.

Morning tea Monday 5th March 9:00am in the school Staffroom
There will be a morning tea held in the school staffroom on Monday the 5th March to welcome parents and friends at 9:00am. Dinah Brownfield, Student Welfare worker and Barb Purvis — Principal will be in attendance for those wishing to have an informal chat. Pre-School children are welcome to come along under the supervision of their parents.
For those families new to the area this is a great way to meet your school community.