Happy Easter & a safe relaxing break to all School Community

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SCHOOL COUNCIL
The First Meeting of the 2013 School Council was held on Wednesday 13th March. Tracey Van Kuyk is continuing in the role of School Council President. With the rest of the Council members being Tania Cook, Kathryn Brown, Kelly Packham, Kerry Corcoran and Barbara Purvis. We look forward to working with each of these people throughout 2013 and I encourage all members of our school community to make contact with these council members or myself if you have anything you would like raised in this forum. We are required to continually update our policies and your input is valued. School Council relates to the administration of the school and that anything in regard to students and staffing may be addressed through this forum. We are still following up a co-opted community member to join school council, hopefully we can announce who this member is at our next meeting. School Council will meet next on Thursday 18th April at 2:00pm in the school staffroom.

END OF TERM 1
A reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm on Thursday 28th March due to the 29th being Good Friday. All buses will run at this earlier time in the afternoon. We will be holding an assembly at 2:00pm with the drawing of the Student Leadership fundraising raffle drawn and dismissal, everyone is welcome to attend. School resumes on Monday 15th April.

THANK YOU
A big thank you to Suzie Green and her helpers from Corner Inlet Little Athletics who did a fantastic job helping us with our recent Athletic sports last Thursday. (A full Athletics report and photos will be published in the next newsletter)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP NEWS
Could all raffle books, with or without money, please be returned by THURSDAY morning.
PLEASE HELP: We still need lots more Easter eggs to make into hampers for prizes. Thank you to the families and staff members who have already donated items. Raffle will be drawn this Thursday 28th March.

Thank you - Student Leadership Members
On Thursday 26th March 2013 a horse named Subzero came to our school. The lady that accompanied the horse told us a thing or two about the horse and then allowed us to ask a bunch of questions.
Later we were allowed to pat the horse. When it was my turn to pat the horse it felt like I was touching a silky material which looked sublime. Shortly after that the horse was getting ready to leave and so, to show our appreciation we gave the horse a bunch of cookies. We said good-bye to Subzero and went back to class. One more thing, the name of the horses owner was Graham Sailsbury.
Subzero was a famous racehorse who won the Melbourne Cup in 1992. He is now 24 years old. Subzero is a retired racehorse and unfortunately has arthritis. I was excited when I heard Subzero was coming.  

By Angus Clarke Gr 5

Have you ever seen Subzero? Well he is quite splendid and super tall. Ask me how I know all this? Because I saw him today, the real Subzero, the horse! Subzero is sixteen point two hands high and that’s really tall. He is even about a hand taller than his owner Graham Sailsbury.
You might not know why Subzero is famous. I’ll tell you why. Well, he used to be a really fast racehorse. Subzero won the Melbourne cup in 1992. Subzero has his very own swimming pool even though he is a bit docile, its good for his muscles to keep him in good shape. Subzero knows how to travel in style because he has a radio in his horse float so when he goes on a long trip he can listen to some horse-tastic tunes.
Subzero is infinitely silky and smooth. He is grey with white parts all over him like he is a pale butterfly.
Subzeros jockey was Greg Hall. Greg had to be really light and so did the saddle. Greg had special boots that were light but didn’t rub on Subzero’s leg. Subzero had to wear blinkers when racing to keep his eyes directed forward and to keep him concentrated. I really hope Subzero comes back soon.  
By Monique Koolen Gr 5

Subzero is coming up to second place, he’s just come up the inside and he’s coming first and there it is folks, Subzero wins the Melbourne Cup. Nah... that was twenty years ago and believe it or not Subzero just came to my school about two hours ago. It was amazing how well he was groomed. Subzero may be just a little bit spoilit, he has his own pool that is 60 metres long by 40 metres deep. 
By Seth Tanner Gr 6
Student of the Week Certificates

Resilience  Persistence  Organisation  Confidence  Getting Along

Sophie Allott - for including everyone in her games.
Lachie Lewis - for offering to help the teacher and doing the job responsibly when we were playing Blue Earth games.
Kaleb Hood - for improving his running skills and for listening carefully in Blue Earth.
Calum Ross - for explaining clearly why he loves reading.
Seth Tanner - for making intelligent responses and participating with enthusiasm during the Japanese Drumming Performance.
Mikayla Lewis - for giving her all at the Athletics Carnival.

Sunday Plowright - for developing an increasing knowledge of letters and their corresponding sounds.
Tyler Koolen - for demonstrating excellent knowledge of numbers 1—20 and for always having a go, showing persistence when challenged.

Lachie Lewis - for persistence and high quality work throughout poetry sessions.
Brodie Shanks - for including details into his drawings and willingly sharing his ideas.
Nikki Allott - for helping others by clearly explaining the process but not “doing” for them.
Aron Rhodes, Jacob Cecchini, Brittany Viney-Walker and Nathan Jorgensen - for demonstrating outstanding teamwork skills and play as a team was excellent.
Grade 3/4 - for an outstanding effort in Physical Education last week. You all demonstrated excellent teamwork skills and getting along skills and your ability to compete as one yourselves!

Aron Rhodes, Jacob Cecchini, Brittany Viney-Walker and Nathan Jorgensen - for demonstrating outstanding teamwork skills during Physical Education last week. Your persistence, encouragement, getting along skills and your ability to compete as one and play as a team was excellent.

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 2013 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.

Direct Deposit details:
Toora Primary School BSB 633-000 Acc:124311424
Please use your “family name” as Reference.

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.

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Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2013 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program again. Commencing Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding purchases of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you can collect stickers that fill a special sticker card (available from School Admin counter), once the card is completed simply bring it to school and place in the allocated collection box in the foyer. Additional sticker cards can be collected from the school administration office. Thanks to our parents and families that assisted last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned. The more points we earn, the more choices we have to redeem from over 7,000 educational resources. eg Mathematic & English, Art & Craft materials and much, much more. Thank you for supporting Toora Primary School.