FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are fast approaching end of term and I’m sure we are all looking forward to the break. A reminder that I will be taking Long Service Leave for all of second term.

There has been a lot of interest in the position of Acting Principal and after careful deliberation the Regional Director has appointed Mrs Sharon Mitchell as our Principal for next term. Mrs Mitchell visited the school yesterday and was delighted to meet students, staff and our School Council President. Mrs Mitchell is looking forward to working at our wonderful school and I’m confident it will be an excellent experience for our school.

Year Six Student Leadership Team presentation assembly - thankyou to Senior Constable Delaney for addressing our school assembly on Monday and presenting our Year 6 students with their Leadership badges. Thank you also to parents and friends who were able to come along and support our students. Visitors, students and staff enjoyed sharing a celebratory morning tea after the presentation.

Congratulations to all staff, students and parents for making last Friday’s Athletics Sports so successful. What a fabulous outcome with Toora winning the Athletics Sports for 2014. This is an outstanding achievement and another example of the excellent teamwork of Toora students, parents and staff.

Thank you to Brodie and Brydee’s Nanna for making our class set of Art Smocks. They are colourful, wonderful and our students LOVE them.

- Barb Purvis

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following people who will make up our School Council for 2014 - Kelly Packham (President), Kathryn Brown, Deanna Brown, Tara Hollier, Brett Whittle, Barb Purvis, Tania Cook - community member (Finance), and Di Walker (Minutes)

School Council is working toward establishing a canteen and is pleased to announce that ViPlus are willing to support us financially to meet DEECD & Shire regulations.

GenED - PARENT IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Thank you to all the families who have supplied their email addresses for registration to access GenED. The teachers are busy putting regular observations up so you can keep up to date with your child’s learning. Attached to this newsletter is your Parent/Guardian Login Information and a ‘How To’ sheet on accessing your child’s information on GenED.

If you have not already registered or received your Welcome Letter please contact the school with your current email address. If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Wendie Walker (GenED Coach) will be available in the school next Tuesday 1st April between 10:00 - 12:00 to provide support to parents who are having difficulties logging in or finding their way around GenED. Please contact the school Admin office if you need help or are having problems logging in.
PFA NEWS

**COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS** will be arriving at school on **TUESDAY 1st APRIL between 9:00am - 2:00pm.** Families will be contacted once the delivery has arrived.

**PFA MEETINGS** - These are held fortnightly with the next meeting scheduled to run on **Tuesday 1st April at 9:00 am**

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHES** - PFA have been doing a fabulous job in their trial run of ‘Canteen” lunch on a Wednesday. Plans are afoot to get the Multi-Purpose Hall Kitchen functioning as a ‘Canteen Lunch’ preparation space.

Lunch will be offered next Wednesday 2nd April - with Lunch Order forms being distributed with students on Monday. Orders can be sent along in Bags with your child’s name and their $5.00 included.

**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, t alc, 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**

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**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 2014 Parent Supported Materials and Services Charge (formerly known as school fees) at **$140 per child**.

The Parent supported materials and services charge is **due now** from all families and can be paid at the school office. (We also accept payment plan).

We apologise to a number of families who have paid $150 per child. The additional $10 will be credited to your child’s account, and can be used to offset an excursion charge etc.

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**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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To be presented at Monday assembly

- **Aaron Tanner** - For always showing positive role model behaviour.
- **Jodie Allott** - For always having a go and trying her best.
- **Danielle Cashin** - For her excellent persistence and determination in overcoming a major challenge with her spelling words.
- **Riley Hewson** - For his excellent persistence and determination in all areas of his work. Always doing his best and getting better all the time!
END OF TERM REPORT FROM STUDENT WELFARE – SARAH JANSSEN – YOU CAN DO IT!

We follow the You Can Do It! Program here at Toora Primary School in all classrooms and across the school, even our Student of the Week awards link in. The YCDI! Program focuses on emotional well-being, success in school, positive relationships and social responsibility. It gives us a common vocabulary (words and ideas) that we can use when we talk about topics like getting along, organisation, persistence and resilience. It allows us to tell students exactly what we need them to do – such as “listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking” rather than just “being good”. These foundations have been shown to improve student attitude, happiness, relationships and academic achievement.

In preparation for Term 2, students in the middle and senior grades have been looking at behaviour goals from the You Can Do It! program. Each student will choose three or four goals that they will work on at school, for example, they may decide that they need to:

- Work tough – continuing to work even when schoolwork is hard
- Accept myself when I make a mistake
- Talk problems through rather than getting angry or sad
- Challenge myself to achieve the best that I can

Continuing into Term 2, students will aim to improve their behaviour related to their personal goals. Each week, students will be given time to stop and think about how they are going with regards to each goal. Students and teachers will discuss this progress, deciding when students have achieved their goals and where to go from there. As we work on this process, I have been impressed with the way that students have been honest and reflective, as they decide on which areas they need to improve. Students are taking responsibility for their own actions, rather than blaming other students for what goes in the classroom, and are seeing that when they make good choices they are in control of their behaviour and their learning.

REMINDER:

- 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.
Athletic Sports day on Friday. All the Primary schools went to Foster Secondary School to do sports. First I did the Hurdles. Then I did the High Jump and I did lots more. After I had done all the activities I got to go play in the playground. Finally it was home time. I felt really happy.

- Maddison (Gr.1)
Thank you to Kelly Packham, Bec Shanks & Deb Clavarino for photo contributions.