Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you for the stream of support and ideas at this time of change. I feel very confident and excited by the motivated and engaged parent body rallying behind the school at this time.

**Parent Meeting**

Following an expressions of concern from our Parents, our School Counselor President, Tara Hollier met with Education Department representative, Jane Mersey to discuss these concerns. From this meeting Jane has agreed to hold a meeting here at the school on **3:30pm Tuesday 19th April** to address any concerns or questions the community members may have about the current process and direction for the school. This is an opportunity for people to express their concerns and ask questions of a senior Education Department representative. All welcome to attend.

**Morning Activities and Circle Discussion**

Again following some suggestions and to encourage greater parent involvement, next week we shall trial having students move into the school ten minutes earlier for Morning activities and invite parents to stay for our morning circle discussions on Monday and Thursday. The morning circle time is a chance for us as a school to share and reflect on events, behaviours and general happening within the school. Again, all welcome.

**Student Leadership Conference**

On Tuesday 19th April I will be taking our Grade 6 leaders to the Korumburra Showground Complex to participate in a day led by Sydney company ‘Grip Leadership’ with other schools in the region. It will be an exciting day funded by the school where we will hear from Beau Vernon, the Leongatha Footballer who suffered spinal injuries in the field. His story is inspirational.

**Gardening**

Further to our requests for parent involvement if we have any avid gardeners who would like to spend an hour or so working in our garden. Again, all help is very much appreciated.

Brett Whittle
Acting Principal
RAFFLE TIME!
The Grade 6’s are raising money for their Grade 6 Hoodies.

We are running a raffle with some great prizes!

**Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2**

Our Raffle will be drawn on 22nd Friday at our school assembly.

1st prize is 3 metres of firewood (chopped and delivered, just in time for Winter!)
2nd prize is a full car wash
3rd prize is handmade art

We would like to acknowledge the generous donation of Wood for our Raffle prize from Craig & Hannah Tanner - that is so awesome!

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**PJ & Footy colours DAY!!**

We are trying to raise money for our Grade 6 jumpers!
We are inviting everyone to wear their favourite pyjamas/onesie or footy team colours to school for the day.
Bring a gold coin donation

Friday 22nd of April!

Love from the grade sixes
PFA NEWS

Uniform Swap Shop!
We are asking the parents to donate any old uniforms in good nick which will then be available to other parents to come and get FREE of charge!!! We would LOVE any old official TPS clothing with logos but also any plain navy blue tracksuit pants, plain navy t-shirts, plain navy jumpers/hoodies, blue checked dresses, shoes/runners and navy skirts or skorts. We ask for items in good used condition please. It will be located in the first aid room in the school foyer. Once we get a few items we will let you know in the newsletter or on our Facebook page!

Morning Tea
The PFA would like you to invite all of the parents for a social cuppa at the school stadium Wednesday the 20th April, from 8:50am!! Coffee and tea provided! Just bring yourself and stay for 10 mins or half an hr - up to you!! Positive discussion welcome!

Mother’s Day
We are busily organising some gifts in preparation for Mother’s Day! We also have another idea for Mother’s Day that will possibly involve all parents, so stay turned for that one!! DO YOU HAVE any nail polish that you aren’t using? We are looking for donations of nail polish for a special Art project! Please leave on the bench in the school Admin area.

Next Meeting after Tomorrows meeting
Our next meeting is on Friday the 29th April if anyone has any suggestions or ideas for the PFA, please let us know!! Please like and watch our Facebook page for regular updates! Parents & Friends Association - PFA Toora PS

Do you have a skill or passion that you would like to share with our students?

Whether its gardening, woodwork, cooking, craft, music, art, knitting or anything else imaginable we would love to hear from you. We are looking at beginning clubs from May onwards and would love some community involvement to run small group activities. Can you spare an hour a week to help our students experience hands on and creative learning? If so, please fill out the slip below and return it to Toora Primary School ASAP. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to pop in or call the school on 56862283.
Thank you in advance.

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Your name: ___________________    Phone: ___________________
As part of their commitment to support school communities in being safe, smart and responsible online, The Alannah and Madeline Foundation will be facilitating a parent seminar at Foster Primary School on April 26th 2016 at 6.30pm

Facilitated by the experts in their eSmart Schools team, parents will be presented with all the latest trends and research about cyber-safety and online behaviours. Strategies and guidelines will be discussed that relate to safe, smart and responsible uses of technology in the home.

The eSmart Schools program is a cultural change initiative developed by the Foundation in consultation with academic and industry experts. eSmart aims to create positive, respectful and inclusive cultures that reduce bullying, cyber bullying and increase cyber-safety.

Please contact Foster Primary School to book a place for this very informative session by April 15th so that our presenters know in advance. Phone: 03 56822370

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Drama at Toora Primary!

A high-light this week for the grade 2/3’s involved having the opportunity to present their individual plays to the prep/grade 1’s. Titled ‘When my Underpants Ran Away from Home’, the plays and the children’s enactment of them drew some good laughs from the prep/grade ones. In putting the plays together, the grade 2/3’s used not only their imaginations and creativity but also their literacy skills and team work through the support and respect they gave each other. The children were able to work at the standard of literacy they are currently achieving by either storyboarding their plays through drawing the scenes or writing them. The end results reflected the children’s great senses of humour, problem solving abilities, experiences of achievement and the specialness of the unique community evident in Toora Primary.

‘When my Underpants Ran Away from Home’
Corner Inlet District Sport

Due to a reduction from 2 to 1 lane for our District in Athletics at Division level, Corner Inlet District has had to review our sporting processes for 2016 and beyond.

After much consideration and deliberation Corner Inlet District (Welshpool, Toora, Foster, Tarwin Lower, Fish Creek and Tarwin Valley schools) has decided that we will run a Grade 3-6 District Athletics day instead of the usual Prom Coast and Waratah days.

Corner Inlet Athletics Day

When: Wednesday 27th April (Term 2, Week 3)
Where: South Gippsland Secondary College
Who: Students in Grades 3 to 6 from the 6 Corner Inlet District Schools
(Prep/1/2 students will have their own Athletics day later in the year)

We see this as a fantastic opportunity to create some new sporting traditions in our District. The 6 schools will compete for a District perpetual shield which is calculated by each school’s total score divided by the number of Grades 3-6 students who compete, from that school, on the day. We will also have male and female age champions across all age groups.

This year is transition year to a new structure and we are endeavouring to provide a great day of competition and sportsmanship. After the event we will be reflecting on the day, acknowledging what worked well and what can be improved for 2017 to make a great new sporting competition considering all schools and students.

We thank you all for your continued support of our schools and look forward to sharing this exciting new chapter in the history of Corner Inlet. Your feedback of the day, of course, will always be warmly welcomed.

If you require any information regarding the changes to our Athletics carnival please see your school Principal.