OUR STUDENTS OUT AND ABOUT

Prom View Visit
Last Friday afternoon grade 2/3, under the direction of Dinah Brownfield and the supervision of Barb Purvis, performed at Prom View Lodge. The residents and staff greatly enjoyed the grade’s animated singing and look forward to their next visit. The students sang “Happy Birthday” to Gladys who was celebrating her 107th birthday which made it even more special and memorable for us.

Clean-up Australia 2012
We detoured on our return to school and collected rubbish from the roadside and the main street of Toora as part of our contribution to “Clean up Australia Day.” Thank you to Sharon Jones and Kathryn Brown, from our Parents and Friends Association (PFA), who co-ordinated our involvement with Clean up Australia 2012. Thank you also to Leanne from South Gippsland Shire who provided extra bags, colouring books and miniature bins for our students.

World Day of Prayer
Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Toora World Day of Prayer service last Thursday at St Thomas’ church. Leah, Ebony J. and Rochelle performed a short play as part of the proceedings. The host country was Malaysia. Students returned to school with a little more knowledge of the country and language of Malaysia which they willingly shared with others. Thank you Mr Vaudrey for accompanying 5/6 to the church.

Red Cross Hoy Day at Welshpool Hall
Eight students; (Leah, Ebony J, Cody, Ashley, Monique, Tamzin, Ebony C and Mikayla) performed at Welshpool on Tuesday afternoon to a packed hall. Leah confidently introduced the choir items and Cody thoughtfully asked the audience to join them in singing “Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head”. The students did a fantastic job and were well received by the audience who were very generous with their positive feedback. It was wonderful to hear the delightful voices and to see the joy on the faces of our students as they sang and in faces of many in the audience. Our students were impressed to hear Peg sing and we all hope our students will still be singing so beautifully when they are in their nineties. The students were pleased to partake in a delicious afternoon tea. Dinah and Barb were presented with home-baked biscuits that were given to us as a thank you and enjoyed by all staff back at school.

Interschool Swimming Sports
Thank you to Ashley Hewson and Britanny Viney-Walker for representing our school as valuable members of the Prom Coast team. Prom Coast consists of students from Welshpool, Foster and Toora Primary Schools. This year we had only two students compete at Korumburra pool under the supervision of Prom Coast staff members Mr Tim Davis and Mr Zac Vanisittart. Thank you to our families who transported their children to the sports and cheered Ashley and Britanny on during their events.

Physical Education
Now swimming has concluded for this term students are participating in tennis activities for their Physical Education rotation classes for a couple of weeks. Thank you to Kim Ross who has made herself available to assist our teacher Mrs Wogan-Browne with the tennis sessions. Thank you also to the many students who were able to bring a tennis racket on Wednesday. It is wonderful that we are able to access high quality facilities such as the Toora pool and tennis courts. We will re-visit these curriculum areas again in fourth term. We will be commencing Aths and Cross Country learning and training next week.

Don’t forget to bring BULB Orders back on Tuesday 13th March!
2012 CALENDAR

March
12th Labour Day PUBLIC holiday
13th BULB Orders & Money due
13th Responsible Pet Ownership visit
14th School Council Annual General Meeting
16th Scholastic Book Club orders due
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

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

Garden Express Fundraising
ORDERS MUST BE BACK WITH MONEY ON TUESDAY 13th MARCH.
This is the absolute latest we can process orders and have the best chance of receiving our bulbs before the last day of Term, Friday 30th March.
Please find the Garden Express Leaflet attached to this newsletter, the order form is inside the leaflet - this is the page that needs to be returned on Tuesday 13th March.

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Grade 2/3 Classroom
Grade 2/3 has been enjoying the books by author / illustrator Alison Lester as part of their comprehensive literacy program. Mrs Corcoran will be taking her Grade to visit the Pear Orchard to take digital photographs which will be the basis of their artworks of mixed mediums that will be submitted for display at the Pair/Pear Day on March 18th at the Toora Heritage Pear Orchard. This is another example of school and community working together.

We are always very proud of our students, particularly when they represent our school and community so capably and enthusiastically.

School Homework Policy
We are currently reviewing our School Homework policy that was last set in 2009. We would appreciate your input. Please take a moment to complete the attached survey.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY
There are three vacancies for parent representatives on school council that need to be filled. If you would like to be involved in the school as a member of the School Council, please talk to a school councillor or Barbara Purvis for more information about this important fulfilling role. A Nomination form is attached to this newsletter. School Council plays a very important role in the success of the school so please consider this vacancy seriously.

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

The next uniform order form will go home in the first week of Term 2. Orders MUST be accompanied by payment before we can order items.

URGENT - Prep Questionnaire
The School Nursing Program has sent questionnaires to the Prep students we are still waiting on two families to return them. Please return to the school tomorrow if you have not already done so.

WE NEED:
• Clean empty tins  (*ie: washed tinned fruit, spaghetti tins etc*)
• Plastic Straps/handles  from boxes

These can be left in the Administration foyer or handed to your child’s teacher.
**Tomato Salsa - Yum!**

Pick the lovely juicy cherry tomatoes from the vegetable garden. 
Chop them in half and then half again. 
Finely chop the spring onions into very small rounds. 
Cut the parsley with kitchen scissors until it looks like tiny flakes. 
Place all these delicious ingredients in a pretty bowl and stir well. 
Add two tablespoons of olive oil and a very generous squeeze of lemon juice. 
Mix gently until all ingredients are combined. 
Set bowl on a plate and serve with crunchy biscuits.