DATES
18th Mar: Crazy Hair Day
Student fundraiser

01st April: Prom Coast Athletics Sports

04th April: Aths Sports Back-up day

06th April: Sea Change Performance
1:00pm “Bubblewrap & Boxes”
@ Foster $2 charge per student

8th April: Last day - Term 1

TERM 2
25th April: School ANZAC Day Service
27th April: First Day - Term 2
02nd June: P-2 Long Day Excursion
28th June: Last Day Term 2

TERM 3
18th July: First Day - Term 3
23rd Sept: Last Day - Term 4

Term 4
10th Oct: First Day - Term 4
16—18th Nov: 3-6 Prom Camp
16th Nov: P-2 Long Day Excursion
22nd Dec: Last Day - Term 4

REMINDER: Bus Students are Supervised from 8:15am until 3:50pm – All other students are supervised between 8:40am and 3:30pm.

Crazy Hair Day

On Friday the 18th of March (TOMORROW) we will be having a crazy hair /out of uniform day it will be raising money for world vision and the Lions Club Cancer foundation. It will be a gold coin donation please take part in this fun event. - Abbie Cook, Student Fundraising leader

HEAD LICE
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We ask that all families check student hair today as lice are currently active. Students are not permitted to attend school with lice – it must be treated. Crazy Hair day provides opportunity to have a really good look at your child’s hair.

We will attempt hair checks tomorrow (Crazy Hair designs will make this difficult). We will certainly have a head check of the whole school on Monday.

PLANT-IN FRIDAY AFTERNOON – YES TOMORROW

Sorry about the short notice, but the plants were such a good price at the Foster Market on the long weekend that we purchased some for the school garden. Our Environmental Leaders, Ebony Nicholls and Taylah Hillis, will accompany staff to collect donated plants from Anne Holland on Friday morning. Sadly, Anne’s husband John passed away about six weeks ago. John propagated plants and was keen to help the school establish its new gardens. Anne knows John would be very pleased to have his plants growing here. We want to give these plants the best chance of thriving so they need to be planted straight away. We invite you to join us on Friday from 2 o’clock to do some planting, weeding, collection of garden refuse for tip runs. Thank you to Sharon Jones who has volunteered to take on the job of spraying the fence line of the multi-purpose site. (Spraying will be done at a different time.) We may even have time to shape our winding path through the sensory/wilderness garden. Thank you Prep/1 students for working very hard with Les and Barb to move some of our pebbles to complete the dry river bed and clear the way for more planting. Thank you also to the 2/3/4 helpers who finalised that particular job.

Would anyone have any “Gazania” plants they can donate to the school garden? If so please bring them along to tomorrow’s planting or let us know if you any available.

TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY PROUD TO RECEIVE NEW BOOK

Congratulations to Elli Clavarino, Taylah Hillis and exit students Bailee Pavlou and Tim Kennedy for having their stories published in “Word Express”. This new library book will soon be catalogued and ready for borrowing from our library.
MULTI-PURPOSE HALL ALMOST COMPLETE
The line marking was finalised this week. The sports floor cannot be walked on for a week but looks fantastic. Hand over is scheduled for the end of the month.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
We are pleased to welcome our new School Council member Kelly Koolen and thank her for taking on an important role in our school. This year Council meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except during term break). We hope to appoint our new Community member shortly. Any suggestions see Di or Barb at the office.

Council would like to thank Tracey van Kuyk for the amazing work she did whilst on School Council. The last couple of years have been particularly challenging with two building projects on top of the regular demands of school administration. Tracey’s organisational skills were particularly appreciated during the shifting process which included clearing sales and a lot of hard work. Council would also like to acknowledge and thank Ray Argento who is also leaving Council. Ray has been our Community member this year to see the building projects through to fruition. Ray has been a vital member of council for many years. Ray has been a wonderful president and Council member achieving positive outcomes in his ‘no fuss’ jovial fashion. Though Ray and Tracey are not on 2011 School Council we look forward to their continued support of our school.

WORKING BEE – SUNDAY MAY 1ST
School Council has scheduled a Working Bee for Sunday May 1st commencing 9:30 and finishing with a Sausage Sizzle. Please mark this date on your calendar.

RIDE TO SCHOOL was a great success! Thank you to everyone who made a special effort to ride or walk to school. Participants of the Walking Buses enjoyed the experience and looked great arriving in numbers. Bicycle Victoria was appreciative of our involvement and contacted local media to promote their health and safety message via Toora Primary School’s participation in the event. Bicycle Victoria is hoping that our example will inspire other schools to join in the next Ride to School event. Toora School was highlighted on ABC Sale radio on the morning of our Ride to School, as well as being featured in the local paper last week.

MYSCHOOL DATA PUTS TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE NEWS
We are very pleased to have our achievements acknowledged by the wider community. The MySchool website and media coverage promotes a lot of discussion about our schools. It was reported in the Herald/Sun on 5th March that “Government primary schools in Yarra Junction, Swifts Creek, Toora and Brunswick East were top-10 Victorian performers in various NAPLAN categories.”

Community members brought a copy of this article in to school and were happy to congratulate the school community. Our results are another example of students, staff and parents working together to ‘be the best we can be.’ Congratulations on a great outcome!

HAPPY 8TH SUNSMART BIRTHDAY TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL!
A certificate and congratulations were recently received from Cancer Victoria. Thank you for supporting the health and safety of our students by reinforcing the need for students to wear sun hats, sun glasses and sun screen lotion when UV is high, especially during first and fourth terms. Thank you also for helping us to establish shade areas for our students.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS
The following families have uniform items awaiting payment/collection from the office: Sharon Jones-Jacobson, Joy Allott, Hannah Tanner, Debra Hood, Nicky Pavlou and Kelly Koolen.

Our fingers are crossed that our printed polo tops will arrive tomorrow from the manufacturer.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Prom Coast Soccer Club—Small sided soccer Competition Wed 4-5pm until 13/4/2011 at South Gippsland Secondary College soccer pitches. No football boots, shin pads available, cost $30 per player for insurance.

Foster Golf Club - Free Junior Coaching Clinic (Primary School age) every Thursday 4.30-5.30. Contact the Foster Golf Club for more information 56 822272.

Town Netball Club—Invites players to join our 2011 season which starts on the 30th April at the Leongatha Netball Courts Registration Day is on the 19th March from 10am to 12 noon at the Leongatha Netball Pavilion. Enquiries to Pauline 56623694, Julie 56622695 or Andrea 56623995.

TOORA NETBALL CLUB - GOODS n SERVICES AUCTION
SUNDAY MARCH 27, 1pm start @ TOORA REC. RESERVE
$5.00 ENTRY INCLUDES:
Finger Foods
Ticket in Door Prize
First Glass of Bubbly

Some of the Items on offer:  *Accommodation Package for up to 9 people @ Grand Ridge Brewery*
*Melbourne Aquarium Family Passes  *Home Appliances  *A Family of Hair Cuts  *Car Washing*
*Electrician  *Plumber  *Massages  *Home Window Clean  *Lawn Mowing*
*Sporing Goods  *Enjo Products  *Body Shop  *Koonwarra Day Spa*
*Car Service  *Wheel Alignment  *Loo with a View Toilet Seats*
*Accommodation for up to 6 people @ Tyers Beach  *Mystery Boxes*

SPINNING WHEEL DRAWS AND MUCH MUCH MORE
COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON
FOR MORE INFORMATION: HELEN NICHOLLS 56881267 OR 0408 55 00 90

PFA NEEDS YOUR HELP!
Catering for Beloka Kelpie Stud Easter Dog Trials
Beloka Kelpie Stud, situated on the South Gippsland Hwy in Welshpool is holding dog trials on the 23rd(full day) and 24th(half day) of April. Toora Primary School has been approached to provide the catering for approximately 200 to 300 people attending the dog trials. Catering will include drinks, BBQ lunch, morning and afternoon tea. We will require helpers in the morning and afternoon for set up and packing away of BBQ, eskies and shade tents, and people to man the catering stall during the day. This will be a fun day and a great fundraiser for the school. If you cannot help during the two days, we will be looking for people to provide cakes and biscuits etc. for morning and afternoon tea.

In order to secure the catering fundraiser we require sufficient interest and support and would appreciate your reply by Wednesday 23rd of March.
Thank you,
Parents and Friends Association, Toora Primary School

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