Toora Primary School - WOW!

Thanks to the children, staff and volunteers, of Toora Primary School, I have had a marvellous first week. And, it has been terrific to meet so many parents already – I hope to meet and talk with more of you in the coming weeks.

I have been impressed by so many things! Our children have so many wonderful opportunities to learn here and the support of high quality staff to assist them. Learning takes place in and out of the classroom – and great things are happening in both places!

I am looking forward to our ‘clubs’ program - A HUGE thankyou to the volunteers who have offered to assist us to run different activities.

Thank you for making my first week so welcoming.

- Andrea Penrose, Acting Principal

2016 CALENDAR
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

MAY
8th Mothers Day
13th PFA Meeting 8:30am
15th Toora School Variety Market
17th CLUBS Program begins

JUNE
5th Toora School Variety Market
8th School Photos
10th Report Writing Day - Pupil Free
13th Queens Birthday Public Holiday
24th Last Day Term 2

HAVE YOU RETURNED:
☐ Mothers Day money
☐ Toastie Lunch Order
☐ Grade 5/6 Winter Sports note

STICKS AND STONES - BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS
@ Foster 3rd May, 2016

Characters:
Jo - Counsellor
TJ – older school bully
Toby – Angry child
Toby’s dad

Dealing with aggression

- Understanding a person’s background – was there something that caused a person to develop into an angry person – Toby had a dad who’s solution to problems was to show others who is the best, and anger was central to his solutions. But Toby’s dad was a bit mixed up in life, and Toby’s actions at the beginning mirrored a similar muddled up life. Family traits.
- The high expectations of others may lead us to act in certain ways so we don’t let them down. Toby didn’t want to have to face his dad’s putdown if he didn’t act against the bully.
- Things may have happened in life that leads us to respond in certain ways. Toby didn’t live with his mum, and he was bullied when he started school.
- Physical bullying and words make us feel bad.
- Toby called people bad names, and left hurtful messages on their phones.
- Toby also had a habit of watching violent movies and playing violent video games. Jo explained that such concentration leads a person to become desensitised to the effects of violence – leading to a lack of care for others.
- Jo talked about the fact that using your anger against someone else was against the law, and that revenge always leads to bigger trouble. There needs to be safe ways to resolve a situation.
- Dealing with anger in the spur of the moment.
- Understanding what anger feels like inside of us. How adrenalin activates within us as a flight or fight mechanism when we are fearful.
  ♦ Fight no longer relevant in our day and age.
  ♦ Flow with the energy of the other person – we saw this in the interaction between Toby and TJ when they shared a common interest.
  ♦ Containing your anger – releasing the energy slowly – in a controlled sort of way. Remember the balloon – be in control of how you let the anger out. If it all gets let out all of a sudden it is full on and scary.
  ♦ Take a deep breath – count to 10 – hands in your pockets until you are calm again.
  ♦ Walk away.

Thank you to Gary Wentworth for taking great notes during the Sticks & Stones Performance.
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Sticks and Stones
Sticks and Stones was a play at Foster Community Hall. They had Vito which was playing Toby the bully. Toby was learning to not bully and Sam which was playing Joe was teaching Toby not to bully. We went to there to learn that bullying is not good.
I think the themes of the show were to help people when they get frustrated. I thought this because they showed this when Joe was teaching Toby to not fight.
I really enjoyed when they did the circus part because they worked as a team instead of fighting.
I learned that fighting is not the answer, because the play was demonstrating how we could be a better school.

Sticks and Stones
On Tuesday we went to Foster memorial hall and we had to watch 2 people who kept playing different characters. It was all about his dad who told him to bully, but Joe he said, “no don’t do that.”
When Toby went to punch, TJ clicked and Toby paused and it was really funny.
We went with the whole Foster School the whole Toora School and the whole Welshpool School.
We did it so we have a positive school. Not bully and what to do if you do get in the situation and not what to do. by Reghan

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On Tuesday we went to the Foster war Memorial Hall to watch the Sticks and Stones play, about how to control your feelings of anger. They taught us strategies to deal with anger, so you don’t go crazy and start fighting and bullying others, they also taught us about co-operation. I really enjoyed the part where they were juggling because it was skills that needed teamwork and cooperation.
By Scarlet

Sticks and Stones
Sticks and Stones is a performance about antibullying. The actors Vito played Toby, and Sam played Toby’s dad, J.T and Joe.
Toby’s dad taught Toby to be violent but Joe said to calm down put your hands in your pocket and blow all of your anger into a balloon. After that toby didn’t want to fight but his dad wanted him to.
J.T was a bully, he made his territory, trashed Toby’s pencils and made him want to fight. A while later toby stood up to himself and made friends with J.T. They showed that by working together rather than against each other you can achieve more.
Mother's Day Preparation