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An ANZAC day service will be held at the Toora Cenotaph at dawn and at 11:00am.

PFA MOTHERS’ DAY STALL – Friday 11th May
With Mothers’ Day fast approaching (Sunday 13th May) it’s time to be looking out for items for our Mothers’ day stall.

Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 11th May

We invite all families to donate one or two gifts. Suitable gifts include; cookbooks, kitchen utensils, magazines, socks, vases, jewellery, cosmetics, hand and body lotions, shower gels, soap, tea & coffee mugs, candles, chocolates, aprons, stationery, scarves, frames, etc. Donations can be left in the specially marked box in the Admin foyer.

Student spending for the Mothers’ Day stall is limited to $5:00. All items will be priced up to $5 in value.

PFA will also be asking for parent assistance during the pre-stall wrap on Thursday 10th May and also on the day of the stall, so please keep these dates in mind as it is such a lovely event to be part of and the children love seeing you there.

CONGRATULATIONS
We had nine students participate in the Central Division Prom Coast team qualifier today at Foster.

We are extremely proud of our students who showed exceptional sportsmanship during their events.
Aron - 2nd Sprints, 2nd Hurdles
Ebony J - 1st Sprints, 3rd Hurdles
Tayla - 3rd Triple Jump
Rochelle - 2nd Sprints, 2nd Hurdles,
Stephanie - 3rd Hurdles
Lexi - 3rd 1500mtrs
Mikayla, Elli and Nikki well done on an outstanding effort and good sportsmanship.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
The ‘Buy-A-Brick’ order has arrived and we are keen to lay the pavers along the fence-line at the main entrance.

If you are able to assist in a voluntary capacity with laying the bricks please let us know at school. We would also appreciate advice on the best way to do the job (if there are any concreter/paving experts out there), and of course we will provide the concrete/sand etc for the job.
The bricks could be laid at a scheduled working bee or a time that best suits the small group who volunteer to take on this long awaited project.

Girls, ask your mum
To put your hair in a bun
To stop the head lice
And it will look nice
by Britanny

Seriously
GOOD idea!!

Pictured back L-R: Elli, Nikki, Stephanie, Mikayla
Front L-R: Tayla, Rochelle, Aron, Ebony and Lexi
Students in Grades Prep to 3 participated in an Auskick footy clinic this morning run by Rob Reid of AFL Victoria and Scott Rathjen our local Auskick coordinator. The sessions began with warm-ups and then went through the various skills required for football including Tackling, Hand Balling, Marking and Bumping.

I had fun doing the “Bump” - Brodie
I liked trying to get through the Bumping Bags. - Aaron

I took a great Mark. - Jodie
I had fun learning to tackle. - Erin

I enjoyed all the skills - Gracie
I like “Marking” - Jai
The Tackling Bags were fun. - Django

I made it through the Bumping Bags and it was fun. - Holley

I liked catching the Footy - Tannah
I liked learning how to tackle - Jasper

The Tackling Bags were lots of fun - Olivia
I almost scored a 10 in the Hand Balling - Reghan

The warm-up was fantastic - Lukas
I liked practising hand balling through the targets. - Chelsea

AUSKICK FOOTY CLINIC
Auskick Clinic - Thursday 18th April

I had the best morning because Scott and Rob came for Auskick. Scott and Rob taught us to handball and tackle the bag. I picked a daisy and threw it like an umpire would do with a football. We also got the football and put it around our waist, knees and neck. We threw the ball and then tried to clap as many times as we can before it was caught. I want Scott and Rob back next year.

- By Lexi Elmore
STUDENT ATTENDANCE: ‘IT’S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL!’

In order for students to maximise their learning opportunities at school, they need to attend on a regular basis.

We are fully aware that there are times when students will be occasionally absent due to illness or unavoidable family commitments but hopefully, these would be rare events and that our students will be in attendance every other school day.

Slogans such as “It’s Cool to be at School” and “It’s not OK to be Away” will be enforced in schools in 2012.

At Toora Primary school we ask that parents notify the school via phone, email, a note or in person confirming your child’s absence on any given day so that we know that the absence is approved as well as reassuring the school that your child is safe and in your care on a normal school day.

The school will be following up on all unexplained absences and we ask that parents support this approach by communicating clearly with the school when your child is going to be absent.

KITCHEN GARDEN REPORT - 17th April 2012

Today we picked tomatoes, for the cooks tomorrow. We dug in compost and put soil back over and planted
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