TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 13

What an amazing fortnight we’ve had. The Eisteddfod was a highlight as the newsletter clearly demonstrates and yesterday four of our students: Nathan Jorgenson, Tylah O’Connor, William Cashin and Ryan Jones -Jacobson did an excellent job at the VICSPELL competition at Leongatha. The formality of the occasion and the high standard of spelling challenged our students but they demonstrated the You Can Do It! Keys to success and performed admirably. They should be proud of their achievements. Our students look great in our Toora Primary School jackets, and are clearly identifiable when representing our school at special events.

Classes have done some fantastic work on our school value “Respect yourself and others” with some of their posters on display in the foyer. When next in, please take some time to view these. Unfortunately our school community has been victim to a number of different health problems recently, for example gastro, conjunctivitis, colds and sore throats. I do hope everyone soon feels better and thank you for keeping your children home until they are well again.

Please remember to let us know what Club you would like to do so we can organise any materials you may need.

Regards, Barb Purvis.

AUGUST

14th School Council meeting 2:00pm
18th Prom Coast Soccer clinic at Toora PS
24th Advanced Life Photography fundraiser
25th PFA Meeting 9:00am
26th Phil Kettle Performance at Toora
28th Inter-school Basketball Tournament at Toora PS
29th CLUBS Program commences for 3 weeks

SEPTEMBER

1st Grade 6 students - Second Orientation Day
05th Father’s Day Stall
08th PFA Meeting 9:00am
11th Division Athletics Sports
19th Last Day Term 3

OCTOBER

06th School resumes Term 4
07th David Vincent—Sudanese refugee  Guest Speaker
07 - 15th Somers Camp
23rd Aquatic Ed. Program commences

NOVEMBER

4th Pupil Free Day
5th Public Holiday
10th-12th 3-6 School Camp
11th Junior School Long Day Excursion

School Office Hours
8.30am - 4.15pm

Absences - Phone the office or write in your Child’s communication book.

CLUBS PROGRAM - TERM 3

WHEN: Each Friday afternoon commencing Friday 29th August 2:15 - 3:15pm for three weeks
WHO: All students will participate in a club. Staff & Parents are invited to conduct a club.
WHERE: In different teaching & learning spaces within the school.
WHY: To engage students in their learning and strengthen our home/school relationships.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES: Tennis, Netball, Basketball, Cooking, Craft, Knitting, Games eg Scrabble/Chess, Construction, Lego - the possibilities are endless.

If you are a parent who would like to volunteer to conduct a club and you have Friday afternoons available please contact the School Admin by Wednesday 20th August with your suggested club activity.
Yarram Eisteddfod was an extremely successful experience for our students. Both the Verse Speaking and Drama Sections provided opportunity for students to learn and refine performance skills and demonstrate important Literacy and Personal Development AusVels Standards.

We received constructive feedback from the judges and received an Honorary Mention in the Verse Speaking and 1st and 2nd Place in the Drama Section.

Students performed their plays at Monday’s assembly. It was great to see parents in the audience at the Eisteddfod and also at our assembly.

Some parents travelled on the bus with us and helped out at the park which was much appreciated.

WELL DONE students of TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL!!
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On Monday we saw the bus stop outside our classroom. - Carly, Prep

On August the fourth we had to take a bus. I was nervous, we did a good job. After we came fourth, Mrs Purvis and Di took us to the park. - Thomas, Gr.1

We went on stage. I liked it. I was scared. I had fun. - Sophie, Prep

At the Eisteddfod we won a trophy and Mrs Prvis took us. - Brayden, Prep

We went on a bus. We went on the stage. - Jayden, Prep

At the Eisteddfod we won a trophy. We came fourth. Some of us got stage fright. There were flowers on the stage. There were lots of other schools. We did “In The Land of the Bumbley Boo” and then there was a second poem. We went to the park then we went back to school. - Elsie, Prep

On August the 4th we went to Yarram Eisteddfod and we went on the bus. When we got there we watched the other people sing until item 5. Number 5 was our one. After the schools did their poems it was our turn so we went up the stairs and sang our song. I felt great and it was fantastic. - Maddison, Gr.1

I was scared but it was fun. - Ava, Prep

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I didn’t go up on stage because I was too scared, but the other kids did very good. - Brydee, Prep
How do I notify the school that my child is absent?

- Phone the office after 8.30am for each day of absence
- Follow up with a message in your child’s communication book
- Come to the office and fill out student absence form (great if you are going away)

Always inform the office of all absences, each day that your child is away.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA) NEWS

The PFA will be holding a fundraising event
Family Portraits by Advancelife Photography - Sunday 24th August 9:00 - 1:00pm at Toora PS

Bargain Price of $15 (includes sitting and 8"x10" photo or A3 pencil Sketch, wallet size photo and keyring) with options to purchase more.
Get in quick as bookings are filling fast - (bookings essential).

Contact your PFA member Kathryn Brown for bookings on telephone: 56 862 730

FATHERS DAY STALL - Friday 5th September

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) will be holding a Fathers Day Stall on Friday 5th September. 
(Fathers Day is Sunday 7th September)

The stall will be set up in the Project Space, students will have the opportunity to go shopping with their grade and teacher in the morning.

We invite all families to donate a couple of items for the stall (ie. Handkerchief, golf tees, chocolates, biscuits, mugs, please no sharp objects like razors or Stanley knives) these can be left in the designated box in the Administration foyer.

All items will be priced from 50c - $5.00
Student spending limit is $5.00

If you are able to help out on the stall on Friday please leave your name at the school Office or contact your PFA Representatives: Sharon Jones or Sam Dale.

Grade 3 - 6 Sovereign Hill & Melbourne City Camp 2014 Payment Reminder

The full amount payable for the Grade 3 - 6 Camp, 2014 is $180.00.
The due date for payment in full is FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER 2014.
Payment may be made in full by that date or you may wish to pay by instalments. The table below is a suggestion. You may make instalment payments of any amount on different dates.

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FOSTER AUSSIE HOOPS

Commencing on Wednesday August 20th for 8 weeks from 4:00—4:45pm (excluding school holidays) at the Foster Basketball Stadium, Foster Showgrounds.
Register online at the Aussie Hoops website.
$40 for returning participants (no starter pack)
$65 for new participants (with starter pack)
The starter pack includes a backpack, basketball & singlet.
Go to the Aussie Hoops website and search for Foster,
Www.aussiehoops.com.au/find-a-program
The court will be open from 3:30pm on August 20th to assist with registrations or other inquiries.
For further information please call Lisa Lemchens on 0428 821518
Student Welfare Report

The beginning of Term 3 has been a busy time for me, as Student Welfare Officer, helping our teachers to balance the needs of individual students and their class as a whole. I am proud and pleased to see that there have been some definite shifts in terms of student attitude, self-confidence and general wellbeing in the last year. Students are stepping up and taking responsibility for their own behaviour, ignoring negative behaviours from others, and reaching out to care for other students in need. We can be very proud of these children!

Our whole school approach to behaviour and attitudes is the You Can Do It! Program – we have been implementing this program through classroom practice and also through the student behaviour goals (which students in the middle and senior classes have chosen for themselves). The You Can Do It! themes fit well with our school-wide values, as you can see here.

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Our teachers are using these themes in their classrooms, encouraging students to think about their behaviour and the behaviour of the whole class (and whole school). As a result, students from Prep to Grade 6 are able to explain what it means to “get along” or to show “respect”. In the next month, we will be making a photo-story book based on “Respect for self and others”. It will be interesting to see what our students create.

We are also still talking about our emotional buckets – which can be filled (and emptied) by the behaviour and attitudes of others. We ask students, “does our behaviour dip into other student’s buckets?” “What could we do to help fill their bucket?” We also remind students that they are allowed to put the lid on their own bucket, protecting it from other students when necessary.

Another important idea we are teaching our students is that all emotions are ok. Sadness, anxiety, fear and anger should not be kept inside. We need to share our worries and concerns with a friend, a teacher or with me – the welfare officer. However, even though all emotions are ok, some behaviours are ok and some behaviours are not ok. For example, it is ok to feel angry, but it is not ok to kick someone else because you are angry. Students who are aware of their emotions, and can talk about those emotions, are on the way to growing up into strong, confident and happy adults.

In addition to my work at school, I have been attending the Toora Playgroup at the kindergarten each Friday. I really enjoy chatting with parents and building lego creations with the kids. We even visited Foster Library for storytime a few weeks ago. It is certainly true that it takes a whole village to raise a child, and I am proud that Toora Primary School, Toora Kindergarten, Toora Playgroup and the wider community can talk and work together for the benefit of our children.

- Sara Janssen, Student Welfare Officer

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<th>PREP / GRADE 1 PARENT READING HELPERS</th>
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Our school has a School Council endorsed compulsory uniform policy as well as a Sun Smart policy. All students are required to wear a brimmed hat in the yard during Term 1 and Term 4; if students do not have their hat at school they are required to remain under the shade of the building visible to yard duty staff.

Reminder: All students are required to wear school uniform as per our School Uniform Policy below.

**TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL  UNIFORM POLICY**

**Purpose:**
All students are required to wear the Toora Primary School uniform to:

- Promote connected identity
- Demonstrate pride in themselves and their school
- Support the safety of students, particularly when on excursions
- Promote comfort and full participation in all school activities

**Implementation:**
- The school has a designated Uniform Co-ordinator
- Parents may purchase uniform items through the school
- Costs are kept to the minimum
- Polo shirts will be phased out and will be replaced by “Sports Polo” with school name and student name printed on them. (student name is optional)
- Students out of uniform will be loaned items for the days except for sun hats.
- Students without sun hats will be required to sit in a designated shaded space during breaks.
- All uniform items need to be labelled with the child’s name.
- Items in lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term.
- Students are required to be in full uniform to participate in all excursions. Students may be asked to change into spare clothing from our lost property if not in school uniform for an excursion/activity.
- Crocs and sandals are not suitable school wear.
- State School Relief provides uniform items to families if required.

**Toora Primary School Uniform:**
- Navy Bucket-hats, wide brimmed or legionnaire hats are to be worn 1st and 4th Terms.
- School shoes and/or runners
- Navy with white trim Sports Polo with school emblem on front left breast
- Navy pants, shorts and shorts
- Blue and white checked school dress (recommended that basketball shorts be worn underneath to promote full participation in all activities eg: sport/playing on monkey bars
- Navy Windcheater (we have a number of different styles including a showerproof/fleecy lined vest & a showerproof sports jacket)
SKOOLBAG APP

We are trialling the Toora Primary School - Skoolbag App for the next 30 days - so we invite families to download the app (free) to your phones/ipads etc and have a look at it. Your input would be appreciated about the useability of the app and if you think our school community would use it?

**How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone**

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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