PFA FUNDRAISING NEWS
The recent Mothers Day Stall raised $205.00 and the raffle raised $146.00.
Congratulations to the Allott family who were the lucky recipients of the family day pass to Gumbuya Park.
Thank you to all those parents who sent along goods for the stall, the children enjoyed ‘shopping’ for their special person.

The Parents & Friends Association will meet on Monday 4th June at 9.00pm in the Multi-purpose hall kitchen.

LONG WEEKEND REMINDER
Parents, carers and Foster carers are reminded that Friday 8th June is a District School Closure Day when no students attend school. It is a Report Writing /Curriculum day off-site for Staff.
In addition there will be no school on the following Monday, June 11th, which is the Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Division Cross Country yesterday at Wonthaggi.
All students demonstrated great sportsmanship and competitiveness as they were pushed to their limits and gave either the 2 km or the 3km course their very best effort.
Congratulations to Ebony Jones who qualified for the next level of competition. We wish Ebony all the very best when she represents our school at the Regional level.

Our students should be extremely proud of themselves for representing our school so admirably.

2012 CALENDAR
May
25th Grade 5/6 Interschool Winter Sport
31st Jump Rope For Heart “Jump Off”

June
01st Grade 5/6 Interschool Winter Sport
04th PFA Meeting 9:00am in Multipurpose Hall
08th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free
11th Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
15th Grade 5/6 Interschool Winter Sport
19th Regional Cross Country
22nd Grade 5/6 Interschool Winter Sport
24th Working Bee 10:00am
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 - orders must be in by 9:15am
YEAR 7 2013 INFORMATION EVENING

Students and parents who are interested in finding out more about the Year 7 program at South Gippsland Secondary College are invited to an information evening on Wednesday 6th June at 7.00 pm. The venue for the evening is the College Music Centre, Pioneer St, Foster. The evening’s program will consist of:

- Hands on activities and displays of student work
- Information about the Year 7 program and College activities
- Opportunities to talk with staff about the Year 7 program and your child’s needs
- Performances by a student the intermediate band
- A presentation by the Year 7 Ambassadors
- Supper

If you have any questions or require additional information about the evening, please contact the Year 7 Program leaders: Amy Knee and Nicole Coates on 56822066.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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PARENTS VICTORIA ONLINE CONFERENCE
Parents and other interested participants are warmly invited to take part in the sixth annual online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet during Education Week, commencing at 6.00 a.m. on Sunday 20 May and finishing on 26 May, with discussion topics including:

- Celebrating Public Education  - Travel to School
- Multiculturalism   - Curriculum
- Bullying          - Mental Health
- School Payments and Funding

There is also the opportunity to comment on other Education issues that may concern you.

No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate are provided. There are prizes for schools for participation.

The conference is proudly sponsored by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

For further information, email: office@parents.victoria.asn.au
Telephone (03) 9380 2158 or visit: [www.parents.victoria.asn.au](http://www.parents.victoria.asn.au)

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FAMDA “DREAMBOATS” AUDITIONS - FOSTER

If you can sing, dance, act, juggle or would like to try, there could be a role for you in “Dreamboats”. There are four major roles for upper primary children, three roles for older children and several roles for adults.

Information afternoon - 2pm Sunday 27th May at the Foster Arts Centre.
Auditions will take place by appointment on Monday & Tuesday. For inquiries ph: 56 891 305
For more information log onto www.famda.org and search ‘dreamboats’.

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Berry Street Saver Plus

Would you like $500 to help pay for your child’s education expenses?

➢ Do you have a health care card?
➢ Do you have a regular household income?
➢ Are you 18 or over?
➢ Are you willing to attend 4 informal workshops?

If you answered yes to these four questions then you will be eligible for the Saver Plus Program. Berry Street is now able to offer this to residents who live in Sale and surrounds. Participation in the Saver Plus will earn you matched savings of up to $500 to be spent on items like uniforms, camps etc. To find out more about this exciting program, contact Col Robson on ph: 51443255

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Dyspraxia

Does your child have Verbal Dyspraxia or Motor Dyspraxia? Would you be interested in meeting other parents whose children have verbal or motor dyspraxia? Interested in current information and informal support through participating in a parent support group?

You are warmly invited to attend the next meeting for families who have a child with verbal or motor dyspraxia. The aim of this group will be to provide support and information to its membership. Should you be interested but unable to attend, please contact us and register your interest. We’ll keep you up to date with happenings!

Where: 11 Lansdowne Road Traralgon. In the rooms of Central Gippsland Speech Pathology
call 51 747 585 for directions
When: Thursday May 31st from 10am – 12noon
Cost: Free, and a cuppa will be provided

All welcome - Children welcome to attend as well
For more information contact Yvonne at Parent To Parent Gippsland on 51 353 131 or
yvonne.waite@noahsarkinc.org.au
Or Tracey on 51 924 116 or call or text on 0409 200 872

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Save this date: 24th JUNE
WORKING BEE - Workers needed.
Chickens

The chickens are cute and the Mum is fluffy. Les got two more chickens and the two chickens hopped into the hen house so they can get warm. They can lay eggs and we can go over to get them. If we get eggs we can use the eggs for cooking at school. We can grind pellets for them to eat.
By Kurtis

The Chickens

On Monday we saw our new chickens and we went into the pen. They are so cute. One minute later the mother started to build a spot to get worms. One of the baby chickens went to get a worm and it didn’t share the worm with the other chickens. The chickens are living in a pen near the football oval. Les brought the chickens to the school so we can look after the chickens. The chickens have hay so if they have eggs they don’t break and you won’t have to wait to get more eggs. The baby chickens are yellow. They have grinded pellets because if the baby chickens have non grinded pellets they won’t be able to swallow the pellets. The chickens will choke if the baby chickens swallow the pellets. On Wednesday Mrs Corcoran checked the chickens and there was a hole outside of the wire and that’s bad because if foxes come, they might get in and kill them and we won’t have any more chickens. If the foxes dig under the fence and kill them Les will have to give us new chickens and it might take a long time. The mother is protective so you have to be careful because if you go to get a baby chicken the mother chicken will peck at you and it might hurt you so be careful. The place where the chickens sleep is made out of wood but the big cage is made out of wire and there’s a padlock to keep the door closed and the frame is made out of metal. The wire is joined to the frame and the wire is strong. The chickens tweet a lot and it’s annoying I don’t like it at all. There’s long grass in the big fence and on the outside of the fence. On the top of the frame there’s a hole and that’s not good because a bird could come in and kill one of the chickens and leave the guts and some feathers. The teachers will not want to clean up the mess because there will chicken’s skin, feathers, guts and that’s just gross. Two of the chickens didn’t get out of the pen for a day. The chickens are real fast.
By Riley

The Chickens

Yesterday we got some new chickens at school. We got three babies and one mother. They’re so cute. Then some of us got to hold them. Then Les was so impressed he gave us two more new chickens. They were chasing Lachlan and Xavier and I all over the place. Then we all got a picture taken with a chicken so it was fair.
By Makayla
MY TRANSITION DAY AT SOUTH GIPPSLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE
On Tuesday 22nd of May the Grade 6 students went to South Gippsland Secondary College for an Orientation day.

In the morning I hopped on the bus not knowing what to expect of the day ahead. We arrived at the College, to find Mr Vaudrey and some of our classmates waiting for all of us to arrive. The weather was freezing.

Once we had all arrived we introduced ourselves to the Welshpool Grade 6’s; Chloe, Kealee, Ebony H, Joe and Oscar, who were waiting there.

Suddenly the bell rang and we all rushed inside because it was so cold. First we had a tour of the College and then we went inside and talked about the school. The day went really fast.

Near lunchtime we all went into the Music room and played some guitar. It was awesome and I also learnt a new song to play “Eye of the Tiger”. We also played the drums. We were asked to play a specific pattern. Only a few of us could play it and I was one who could.

South Gippsland Secondary College was so much fun! I can’t wait until the next Transition day. By Leah Ross

TRANSITION DAY
As I waited at the bus stop I wondered how many people I knew at the College and if I would make new friends. When the bus finally arrived I saw Ashley waving at me through the tinted windows. I hopped on the bus and went and sat next to Ashley. There was only one stop from Toora to Foster.

Our bus was the first to arrive at the Secondary College. When we got off the bus we waited for the other Grade 6s to arrive.

For our first period we had a tour of the school followed by a Quiz. The next period we were in B2 with Mr Vaudrey and Mrs Boyd talking about the school.

Third period was my favourite because we had music with Mr Jackson. We played a bit of Guitar and some Brass instrument. After music my eardrums ached, my lips were numb and I felt really really dizzy.

Our last period was PE with Mr Hawking. We played games like Terminator, Dodge Ball and Soccer.

When it was home time, people flooded out of the classrooms. I felt so tired when I got on the bus.

By Cody Migliorisi
We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program again. Commencing Monday 9th May until Sunday 1st July 2012. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding purchases of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you can collect stickers that fill a special sticker card (attached to today’s newsletter), once the card is completed simply bring it to school and place in the allocated collection box in the foyer. Additional sticker cards can be collected from the school administration office.

Thanks to our parents and families that assisted last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned. The more points we earn, the more choices we have to redeem from over 7,000 educational resources. e.g. Mathematic & English, Art & Craft materials and much, much more.

Thank you for supporting Toora Primary School.

SCABIES
Please be aware, we have had one reported incident of Scabies in our school. The main symptoms of Scabies are:

- pimple-like irritations, burrows or rash of the skin, especially the webbing between the fingers; the skin folds on the wrist, elbow, or knee; or shoulder blades.
- intense itching, especially at night and over most of the body.
- sores on the body caused by scratching. These sores can sometimes become infected by bacteria.


Families without internet access may collect an information sheet if required from the school office.

PAUL’S COLLECT A CAP
Please keep collecting your Paul’s milk caps and bring them along to place in the collection bin in the office.

Toora Playgroup
meets every Tuesday during the school term at the Kinder in Gray Street from 10.30am til 12 noon.

Come and join us for a play and a chat in a relaxed, safe and happy environment.

For more info, contact Kirsty 5686 2406 or Lou 5686 2260

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BLUE LIGHT
FOR GRADE 3 TO 6 STUDENTS OF
Foster Primary School
Toora Primary School
Fish Creek Primary School
Welshpool Primary School
AT
FOSTER SCOUT HALL
Pioneer Street, Foster
ON
Friday 25th May 2012.
5 PM - 7 PM
TICKETS AT DOOR ONLY - $4
Refreshments and Glow Sticks available to be purchased on the night

“WE DON’T JUST DANCE”

NO ALCOHOL - NO DRUGS - NO PASSOUTS
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

“Jump Off” Thursday 31st May
2:30 - 3:30pm Wear RED

(Sponsorship money may be brought in on this day)

- Rotation / Skipping activities
- Class Skipping performances
- Parent / Student combined
  Free Skipping

All Welcome