Dear Parents,
What wild and windy weather we’re having. We’ve had a number of “wet day timetables” recently where our children have had to play inside as the conditions outside were shocking. On the whole they’ve coped well and used their inside time to play games with friends and catch up on the quiet things in life. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful facility where we have plenty of space to stretch out in when the weather turns bad.

Mrs Corcoran with Mr Tyson

MRS CORCORAN IS RETIRING
After 35 years with the Education Department, Mrs Corcoran is to retire. Having had a break on Bereavement Leave, Mrs Corcoran appreciated the time to consider her future. After much deliberation she has chosen to leave the department and begin the next stage of her life. She made this announcement to her class yesterday in a special Circle Time session in the morning. They were the first to know and demonstrates the respect and consideration she has for the children under her care. Mr Tyson will continue in her place and is an excellent replacement.

Having retired myself I appreciate how difficult such a decision is. It’s hard to let go completely (I do enjoy occasional returns to schools such as this) and I’m sure we’ll see Mrs Corcoran out and about, but not necessarily in the school or classroom.

We hope to have a small celebration to recognise and thank her for the many, many years of service and commitment she’s made to our school. We will keep you informed and invite you at that time.

BOOK WEEK - August 17th - August 23rd
This year’s book week theme is “Read across the Universe”
On Tuesday 20th August we will be having a Book Week Dress Up Parade/Share Time.

The parade will be held at 9:00am, we invite parents to be our audience.
Students and staff are invited to come along dressed as their favourite Book character and to bring along their favourite book to share with their class.

HAVE YOU RETURNED TO SCHOOL:
- Cultural Performance note and money
- 3-6 Camp notice and deposit
- Father’s Day Stall donation
URGENT:
GRADE 3-6 WILSONS PROMONTORY CAMP
At this stage we have received 12 responses with deposits back for the Wilsons Promontory Camp to be held on November 13th-15th November 2013.
The cost of the camp is $175, a deposit of $25.00 was called for by the end of Term 2.
We extend a call for deposits to be in by Friday 23rd August before we consider cancelling this camp. We must have 20 students participating to enable planning to proceed. Please find a camp notice attached to this newsletter.
Families who have already paid their child's deposit do not need to complete a new form.

GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE KIDS AT TOORA

The happy box has turned out to be a successful tool for highlighting the good behaviours of our children – this is (again) a sampling of what staff have noticed:

- Greeting staff with a genuine “good morning” and a smile
- Staying on the paths
- Helping others with creative play
- Including others in a game
- Cheerfully following directions
- Collecting the bus book for Mr Vaudrey
- Helping Mr Bee cutting sticks for the P/1/2 Gods Eyes
- Helping set up the carpet bowls for Clubs
- Speaking respectfully to staff and other students
- Creating a game for all to play
- Eating with consideration to others by using a quiet voice in the lunch area
- Avoiding muddy spots in the school yard
- Helping stack chairs at the end of the day

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Student of the Week Awards
Resilience  Persistence  Organisation  Confidence  Getting Along

Lachlan Lewis: For showing great Leadership skills during Clubs.
Stephanie Storr: For showing great Leadership skills in getting the girls to play well together.
Charli Rees: For continuing to always try her best in the classroom.
Sophie Allott: For always willingly helping her younger peers.
Tyler Underwood: For demonstrating some excellent listening skills, which has seen more learning tasks completed.
“OUR SCHOOL RAFFLE”

Don’t forget our “Our School” raffle, only three weeks to go before tickets and money is due back. This is a great prize and any funds raised will go towards purchasing much needed outdoor seating and tables to be used by our students. Thank you to the families who have already sold and returned ticket stubs and money. Anyone wishing additional raffle books, please drop by the office. Thank you to the school Community for your continued support. Please send along your completed Raffle Ticket stubs and money.

WINTER MISHAPS

A reminder to make sure that your child has a change of clothes in their bag at all times. With wet weather, muddy ground, puddles and fast moving children, anyone can get wet. Having a change of clothes at the ready saves a huge amount of hassle for everyone.

Valanga Koza - “OUT OF AFRICA”

Valanga Koza will present his show “Out of Africa” here at our school on Monday, September 2 at 11:00. He is a wonderful story-teller and musician. “Bringing Africa to life through stories, song and dance, Valanga’s solo performance Out Of Africa has toured schools throughout Australia to the enthusiastic acclaim of students and teachers in primary and secondary schools. Valanga was born in South Africa and spent his youth in Alexandra, a black township in Johannesburg, and in rural Transvaal. Growing up in a community where many could neither read or write, music and dance and storytelling were an integral part of the culture of his people.”

Welshpool Primary School will join us for a show that will provide our children with a unique cultural and musical experience. There is a small charge for this performance - cost per student is $3.00.

Student (s) Name: ____________________________________________

I enclose $3 per child for my child to participate in this Cultural and Musical experience.

Total enclosed $__________

Almost everything you do with technology leaves a trace:

Something called a digital footprint.

- Your digital footprint is a map of everywhere you’ve been with your technology - everyone you’ve spoken to, every image, chat or comment you’ve posted, and every file you’ve downloaded.
- Digital footprints are almost impossible to erase.
- Text messages, photos and emails can be saved by the person you sent them to, and then forwarded to many more people than you ever intended.
- You can delete a blog, a comment or image you’ve put online, but many people may have downloaded and saved it before you delete it – and a copy is always saved in the site’s archive.
- Even a one-on-one IM chat can go public if the person you’re talking to decides to record or copy it.
Community ~ get involved

PROM COAST SOCCER CLUB
Come and Try Game
Sunday 18th August 10:00am kick off.
Welshpool Recreation Reserve.
All welcome any skill level 5 years and up.
Stay and watch the under 13 match between Prom Coast v Mirboo North at 11:00am.
Register your interest for next season, contact Nicole 0425732285

WORKING BEE at AGNES FALLS RESCHEDULED
The members of the “Friends of Agnes Falls”, under the auspices of Parks Victoria, invite you to join us at the Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve on **Saturday 17 August 2013**, from 10:00am weather-permitting, for a Working Bee to help tidy up the picnic area, and possibly undertake some planting.
BYO Refreshments, gardening gloves, sturdy shoes, and a rake, if possible. Children welcome under supervision of an adult.
Parks Victoria will supply tools and a BBQ Lunch so, for catering purposes, please contact Kathy on kathleencw@dcsi.net.au if you intend to come along.
If a postponement is necessary, due to a wet weather forecast, it will be posted on our facebook page: facebook.com/FriendsOfAGnesFAlls.

Friends of TOORA HERITAGE PEAR ORCHARD Inc.
Grafting Day 18th August commencing 10:45am
This day will entail a demonstration of grafting by Neal Barradlough and an informative talk by Mark Brammer.

Toora Heritage Pear Orchard - Annual General Meeting - 11th September commencing 7:30pm at the Royal Standard Hotel, Toora. For any further information regarding the Toora Heritage Pear Orchard please contact Meryl ph:0428864520 or 56816335 colmera@skymesh.com.au

LOOKING for a NIGHT OUT? Come to the CAFE CULTURE night at the TOORA HALL Sept 1st. Seated by 7.30 pm. “Irwell Street String Band” Sweet sentimental & sassy songs. Guaranteed to have you tapping your feet. Make up a table or come & meet new friends. BYO Nibbles. drinks & Glasses.
Tea & Coffee supplied. Adults. $20 Concession $17.
Bookings. Ph. Mary 56862443

NEW EXERCISE CLASSES & PERSONAL TRAINING SESSIONS

**BOXING FOR FITNESS** WHEN: Thursday @ 2PM – 3PM STARTING: August 22
WHERE: TOORA HALL COST: $10 per session (pay for 5 at once, get 6th free)

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS CLASS!!**

This is NOT a learn how to box class, it is a boxing based exercise session. So we still do the traditional exercises paired with a great upper body boxing workout. This class is for anyone who wants to try something a little different.

**EXERCISE CIRCUIT** - WHEN: Wednesday @ 9AM – 10AM STARTING: August 21
WHERE: PORT WELSHPOOL FERRY TERMINAL COST: $10 per session (pay for 5 at once, get 6th free)

**NO NEED TO BOOK JUST TURN UP!!**

This class is for all fitness levels and ages. Exercise stations are conducted on a time basis, so you can work as much or as little as you want.

**THIS CLASS ALSO CURRENTLY RUNS ON FRIDAYS @ 9AM AT THE SAME VENUE, ALL WELCOME!**

**PERSONAL TRAINING SESSIONS**
I NOW HAVE SOME NEW SESSION TIMES AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS DURING BUSINESS HOURS.
THESE SESSIONS RUN FOR 55MINS @$20 PER SESSION.
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