Dear Families,

We thank and congratulate Nikki and Sophie Allott and Tylah O’Connor for representing Toora Primary School and for doing their very best in their sporting events today at the Division Athletics Sports in Leongatha. Thank you also to Ali Wogan-Browne for being the teacher in charge, preparing, supervising and transporting our students.

We have achieved a great deal over the past few weeks and we have a lot to be proud of. Thank you to our staff and volunteers who have contributed to the Clubs program.

Please join us on Wednesday 17th September at 9:00am to celebrate student achievements at a special assembly. All classes will participate in Verse Speaking with Prep/1 and 4/5/6 performing their Eisteddfod poems and Grade 2/3 presenting a poem they have learnt especially for the assembly. Students have incorporated new elements into their Verse Speaking based on feedback from the adjudicator and from their own observations as members of an audience.

The Photography Club will show selected works via a slide shown on the interactive whiteboard. We look forward to your attendance.

Thank you to our parents and community members who have volunteered their time this term to support our Reading Program. We greatly appreciate your assistance and our students have benefited from the regular one-on-one reading time. We hope this can continue for term 4, though we appreciate how busy the final months of the year become.

I’d also like to thank parents for supporting their grade 4/5/6 students with their search for a recipe to share as part of our Food Preparation Unit of Study; Durelle for supervising small groups of students to shop for ingredients and prepare specific dishes; and Jake Nicholls who is currently volunteering his time to assist us with the computer publication of a Grade 4/5/6 Recipe Book. The unit finale will be our Junior Chef Bake Off!

As our term break quickly approaches I wish you a safe and happy two week holiday and look forward to working with you in term 4. It is a good time to remind students to bring home uniform items that have found their way into the lost property pile. These will be on display in the foyer.

Cheers, Barb Purvis.
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.

Instalments Date Due Amount
1. (Deposit – already paid) $30.00
2. 23rd May 2014 $30.00
3. 20th June 2014 $30.00
4. 25th July 2014 $30.00
5. 28th August 2014 $30.00
6. 19th September 2014 $30.00
7. 31st October 2014 $30.00

Please Note:
If you have not paid a deposit your child is not eligible to attend. The 24 seater bus has been booked and can only accommodate the 21 students who have paid plus staff (Brett Whittle, Louise Chalmers and Deb Clavarino).

Students attending SOMERS Camp
SOMERS Camp payment must be received in full by THURSDAY 18th September to be eligible to attend.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND CARERS
South Gippsland Carers is a group of carers and families of people with additional needs and frail aged. We are there for all carers who live in the South Gippsland region, and we provide support, social get togethers, information sharing and regular meetings. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month during school Term 10am – 12 noon Memorial Hall Meeting Room 2 Michael Place Leongatha (opposite the Post Office) Next meeting: September 23rd For more information please contact Heather: 56 689 243

Practical Parenting Tips
PARENTING TIPS FOR IPADS AND COMPUTERS
1. Locate the computer / iPad in a shared or visible place in the home.
2. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.
3. Set a technology curfew—you’re the parent, you’re in control, take the iPad and computer away at a set time.
4. Be aware of what your child is doing online.
5. Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens.

Friday January 23 - Monday February 16 2015
BBQ Sunday - 8th Feb starting 12 Midday

“Impressions of coastal life in South Gippsland”
An Annual small canvas competition and exhibition

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SEPTEMBER WELLBEING REPORT - SARA JANSSEN, STUDENT WELFARE OFFICER

Working together – Students, Parents/Families and Teachers – a community of learning
It can be a daunting experience sending our children to school, especially on their first day in Prep. Did you shed a few tears as you handed over your precious child to their new teacher? Well I am here to remind you that you are still your child’s main teacher. At school we have plenty to teach your child, but it is you – the parent/carer/grandparent/aunty/uncle – who gets your child ready to learn. And, as you’ll read in the next section, that’s why I encourage all families to go to playgroup. Parents are a child’s first teachers. From the moment a baby is born, they are ready and willing to learn. Young babies learn from every smile, every conversation they listen to and everything around them – be it the feel of a leaf, the sound of a song or the taste of a new type of food. Children who come to school ready to learn (who have been read to, taken for walks, sung songs with and who have shared games with their parents), will learn once they get here. And this doesn’t stop when children are old enough to come to school. So I encourage you to keep talking and laughing, and playing games with your children. They need you. At school, we can only build on the foundation which you create a home.

Creating a strong community – Toora Playgroup – 10am to 11.30am
Toora Playgroup is run by a friendly group of local families, with children aged from newborn to preschool. Located in Toora Kindergarten, there are plenty of toys for the children to play with and a kitchen so that parents can enjoy a cuppa. The outside area is safe and engaging, with bikes, swings, climbing equipment and a sandpit.

As a teacher and regular playgroup attender, I can see that children who go to playgroup do better in kindergarten. Children who go to kindergarten do better in school. Children need to learn how to make friends and how to share. They need to gain confidence to try new games or toys, and to see what is expected of them in different circumstances. It also helps children to see that their parents are having conversations and making new friends too. Children do what they see. Playgroup gives children a place to practice all these skills, with their parents beside them to help and guide them.

The playgroup committee members are Sue, Mandy, Jenni, Jacqui and Katie. Feel free to call Sue on 0413 144 943 – new members are always welcome.
COMMUNITY NEWS

TOORA PLAYGROUP 2014

Runs every Friday during School Term from 10 to 11:30am at Toora Kindergarten, cnr Gray & Dutton Streets.

Come and join us at the Toora Playgroup for a play and a chat in a relaxed, safe and happy environment.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Sue on 0413 144 943 for enquiries

What: Primary aged children, Holiday Program
Where: Anglican Church in Foster
When: 25th 26th & 27th of September (Thursday to Saturday) 9:30-12-15am (Saturday BBQ sausages lunch)
Who: Tim Fletcher 5682 2412 or Bill Watson 5686 2248 transport is available from Welshpool & Toora

Be Enchanted Art & Craft Centre
60 Ameys Track Foster, VIC 3960
Phone 0417 491 5371
www.beenchanted.com.au

Monday 22nd September through to Friday 3rd October
All Craft Session are $25.00 per person - Bookings Essential
To make a booking please call Sandey on 0417 491 537 or Kaycie on 0477 045 845 or go online and book at www.beenchanted.com.au

Our programs cater for everyone 4 years or older. Adults, don't be afraid to join in the fun!
You can choose what you would like to make from sun catchers, bracelets and necklaces, mini gem tress, rock critters, fairy wands, hair tie or bracelet stands, your own masterpiece painting and many other options.

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