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*Bus Students are supervised from 8:15am until 3:50pm – All other students are supervised between 8:40am and 3:30pm.*

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### JUNE

**Friday 11th**  
**Pupil Free Day**

**Monday 14th**  
**QUEENS BIRTHDAY Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 15th**  
School Garden Meeting 9:00 am All Welcome to attend.

**Tuesday 15th**  
Active After School ‘Netball Skills’ Week 8 (last session)

**Wednesday 16th**  
Active After School ‘Fitness & Skills’ Week 8 (last session)

**Thursday 17th**  
School Photos

**Monday 21st**  
Footy clinic at Foster Grades 3-6 Carlton Football Club Clinic

**Tuesday 22nd**  
Parent / Teacher Interviews - Whole School Excursion to Foster

**Thursday 24th**  
Jump Rope for Heart / End of Term Celebration

**Friday 25th**  
Last Day Term 2

### JULY

**Monday 12th**  
First Day Term 3

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**SCHOOL GARDEN MEETING**

**When:** Tuesday 15th June  
**Where:** Staff room  
**Time:** 9:00am

All Welcome

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**PFA NEWS**

Our Parents & Friends Association (PFA) are planning a Cook Book fundraiser for later in the year. We invite families to send in their favourite recipes for delicious healthy food that is quick, easy and FUN to eat? There is a box in the Admin foyer for recipes to be left. Please make sure your name is on the recipe.

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Early next term Psychologist Terry Guilford will conduct an “Approaching Adolescence” session open to all parents, regardless of age of their children currently. We need to know who will attend and your preferences for times/days. Further sessions will be offered depending on parent interest. Topics covered may include: trauma, depression, stress, anxiety and panic attacks, obsessive compulsive disorder, weight management, eating disorders, parenting, relaxation skills. Please tick those of interest to you and return to school.

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**TERRY GUILFORD SESSIONS**

**Name:** ____________________________________________

“Approaching Adolescence” session  
Attending  YES / NO

**Future Sessions I would be interested in attending in relation to children:**

- Trauma
- Anxiety/Panic Attacks
- Eating Disorders
- Depression
- Obsessive Compulsive
- Parenting
- Stress
- Weight Management
- Relaxation skills

(please tick ✓)

**Preferred days of the week:**  
MON TUES WED THUR FRI  
(please circle)

**Preferred Time:**  
Morning Afternoon Evening  
(please circle)
STUDENT REPORTS / INTERVIEWS
Midyear reports will be distributed to parents on Friday June 18th. Parent / teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday June 22nd. We trust that you will make every effort to meet with your child’s classroom teacher and be updated on your child’s progress. This is an opportunity to share information regarding your child and to strengthen the home / school partnership. If you are unable to make time on the 22nd please inform the class teacher via your child’s communication book / student diary and state whether you wish to make an alternative arrangement. Finding a mutually suitable meeting time is quite difficult due to teacher yard duty and meeting schedules. Students will be participating in an excursion to Foster to view the Alpha production of Beauty and the Beast and to visit a number of points of interest in Foster, for example, Stockyard Gallery, Pearl Park, Foster Library. This is a CEP funded excursion and will be well supervised. (Barb Purvis will be the teacher in charge.) We are taking advantage of the opportunity the CEP funded excursion provides to free our teachers from teaching duties to participate in the parent / teacher interviews and to provide parent access to their child’s classroom for the interviews.

ALPHA THEATRE - “BEAUTY AND THE BEAST”
As part of our whole school excursion to Foster on Tuesday 22nd June, we will be attending the cultural performance of Beauty and the Beast. 
*The following is taken from Alpha’s website about the show:
Alpha’s Beauty and the Beast combines all that is loved about any version of the classic fairytale you could imagine. Alpha’s version is grounded in love through letting go of old beliefs, old rules and all that prevents us from loving others fully without fear.

It’s also incredibly funny and silly, as well as very touching and dramatic.

Beliefs and Self image
Outcome: To bring children back in line with their natural intuitive nature and to help all involved to create their life how they want it and to be a role model to everyone else

Information: The character of the Beast is a great lesson in how disempowering negative beliefs about people and ourselves can have undesired effects in our lives. Just like the Beast, instant transformation is also possible in all of us. We all have limiting beliefs that hold us back from our full potential, and it is possible to instantly destroy those beliefs and transform our lives for the better in a moment.

DO YOU USE McCAIN PRODUCTS AT HOME?
Primary schools around Australia are invited to build their own veggie patches and grow their own vegetables. To lend a helping hand, McCAIN is giving away over $500,000 worth of veggie patch equipment to primary schools during 2010.

Primary schools across Australia can get involved through hands-on experience. They can grow their own veggies with equipment and advice from McCAIN when they purchase products from the McCAIN frozen vegetable and McCAIN Purely Potato range.

Like home-grown veggies, McCAIN frozen vegetables and the McCAIN Purely Potato range are harvested from the goodness of the earth and simply frozen to lock in the flavour.

Between now and the 31st October we would like all families to save the Barcodes from McCains products and send them to school. The more barcodes we collect the more points we earn.

If you use McCains frozen vegetables we would like the BARCODE from the packaging.
- All McCAIN frozen vegetable 1kg, 1.2kg and 2kg packs are worth 10 points.
- All McCAIN frozen vegetable and McCAIN Purely Potato 500g, 600g, 750g and 800g packs are worth 5 points.

The more points your school receives, the more veggie patch equipment you can redeem. Barcodes = Points!

FRIENDS OF TOORA HERIATEG PEAR ORCHARD
PRUNING DAY - JUNE 27TH 10:30am
Free Demonstration by a qualified horticulturalist.

How to Prune your fruit trees. 
We welcome everyone:-
- Members
- Experienced pruners
- Gardeners needing guidance
- Gardeners who want to learn.
Practice on the trees after demonstration (100 to be pruned)
Enjoy the social chitter chatter while pruning and over lunch.
Morning tea and lunch provided (our Thank you to you for helping!)
BYO chair if you wish to sit for lunch while chatting.
All inquiries to Meryl on 56 816 335
WINTER SPORT REPORT
On Friday the 4th of June grade 5/6 went to Mirbo North to play winter sports. We shared our bus with Welshpool and Foster; together we were the “Prom Coast” team. The bus trip was long and very foggy once we were up in the hills. Netball, Basketball, Soccer, Footy and Newcomb were the sports we played. I chose Netball along with Alanna and Ebony. In Soccer were Shelbie, Kyhell, Kourtney and Keegan. Their score was one to zero and they won. Footy was Bailee and Kyden and they lost. Newcomb was Bonnie, Taylah, Mason, Jayden and Tim they won two to three. Abbie did Basketball, they lost. I was in Netball B. We won thirty to two. I played WA and GA, afterwards we played Netball A because we had time leftover and I played GK.
On the 18th we will play at Inverloch. The point of winter sports is to teach us new skills, get us into sports we might not otherwise try, also as a new experience and best of all fun!

By Kate Jenkins

WINTER SPORT - ROUND 1
On Friday the 4th of June. Toora, Welshpool and Foster came together to be Prom Coast and went by bus to Mirboo North to have fun and experience the Winter Sports, let’s see how we went...
First we sat down and listened instructions then we were off. The great thing was it was all at one school together (no walking to far.) I played netball with 10 other girls in section ‘A’, sadly we lost but we all had heaps of fun and enjoyed our day.
The four other sports were; Footy, Basketball, Soccer and Newcomb.
Victory went to netball ‘B’ with an awesome effort, 30 to 2 with our Toora girls Alanna Dessent and Kate Jenkins. As well as the soccer with 1 goal 0, and Newcomb with 2 to 1, congratulations.
Over all everyone went really really well, even though we might have lost some games we are all winners!

By Kate Jenkins

I SEE I CARE
On Tuesday 8/6/2010 the “I See I Care” ambassadors Keegan and Kyden went to Fish Creek. We had a look around the Kindergarten garden so that we could get some ideas for our school garden. The kindergarten teacher, Kim Smith, showed us their dry river bed so we could get some ideas for our own dry river bed. Their river bed had rocks cemented in, there were also coloured stones. The water came out of three tubes. You could turn it off and on with a switch but if you turned the taps on manually you are able to pump the handle yourself.

By Keegan and Kyden

BUNNIES
On Tuesday this week, I brought in seven 3 week old baby bunnies of all different colours, to show the students of Toora Primary. First I showed the grades 5/6’s they enjoyed looking at them and thought they were very cute. They liked cuddling them and holding them. Mr Webster got some boxes and containers to make a little area they could run around in. We had a few escapees but we improved the area and that stopped them. Then I went to the P/1/2 and asked them if they would like to have a look at the baby bunnies, they said “Yes”. They loved the baby bunnies and enjoyed patting their soft beautiful fur. The 3/4’s got to have a look as well, they thought they were so cute! The best bit is they’re for SALE! Rabbits like to eat vegies, pellets, hay, grass weeds and more. Rabbits should be weaned from their mothers by about 5 to 6 weeks.

By Abbie Cook

RABBITS FOR SALE
SEVEN BABY BUNNIES
$12 each
For more information please call Tanya or Abbie on (03) 5686 2133 or 0427747250
Thank-you.