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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.

**August**

**Thursday 26th**  
Active After School - “Circus Skills” Week 4

**Monday 30th**  
Terry Guilford “Approaching Adolescence” Session  9:00-11:00am at the Toora CFA Meeting Room

**Monday 30th**  
No Active After school today - this session will be held Wednesday this week.

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**September**

**Wednesday 1st**  
Active After School - “Dance” Week 6

**Thursday 2nd**  
Tennis Clinic Gr 1 - 6 $3:00

**Thursday 2nd**  
Active After School - “Circus Skills” Week 5

**Monday 6th**  
Master-Chef Gr. 5/6  
Active After School - “Dance” Final Session Week 7

**Tuesday 7th**  
Master-Chef Gr. 3/4

**Thursday 9th**  
Active After School - “Circus Skills” Week 6

**Friday 10th**  
Master-Chef Gr. P,1,2

**Wednesday 15th**  
Whole School Indian Cultural Day - no lunch orders

**Thursday 16th**  
Active After School - “Circus Skills” Final Session Week 7

**Friday 17th**  
Last Day Term3

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**October**

**Monday 4th**  
School resumes Term 4

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**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

Each year we conduct a survey to all families to provide feedback to the school and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

The 2010 Parent Opinion Survey will run from 30th August until 10th September. Individual letters will be forwarded shortly to all families. As with any survey, the more people who take the time to complete the questions, the more valid the information. This survey compares our school with all schools in the state, so please keep this in mind when selecting your ‘best fit’ response. Summary results are published on ‘My School’ website and in the school’s Annual Report.

We encourage all families to take the time to fill it in and return it, despite the repetitive nature of the standardised survey questions. The survey is entirely anonymous, it does require you to record your child’s name and grade on the tab at the back of the envelope - this is ONLY for recording purposes at the school. The school does not get the opportunity to review individual responses. There will be a survey return box in the Admin foyer to deposit completed surveys.

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL - DANCE**

Due to Dinah Brownfield and Di Walker attending Professional Development on Monday 30th August there will be no “Dance with a Difference” Monday afternoon. This session will be conducted on **Wednesday 1st September**. We apologise for any inconvenience this change causes. Please note change of date on your calendars at home.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED?**

We need extra hands each Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-2:45pm to assist students with threading needles and blanket stitch. Can you help? If so, please contact Rachel Williams at school or write it in your child’s Communication book ASAP.

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**WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENT**

This week we have welcomed Daniel Brittin into our school. Daniel is in Year 10 at South Gippsland Secondary College and is with us for the week on Work Experience. Daniel has been based in Mr Webster’s 5/6 classroom but has also been involved in tasks across the school.

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**ORGANISATION IS:** coming to school on time every day. Remember: "IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY".

It is expected that all children attend school — 5 days every week, unless they are unwell.
COMMUNITY NEWS

$500 available to assist with education expenses - Places still available in Saver Plus program

Saver Plus provides up to $500 to families to help pay for school items including computers, books, uniforms, school camps and sports equipment.

Saver plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street and other Community Agencies. It aims to assist families to strengthen their financial skills and to save for education. The program provides financial training and support and ANZ rewards participants with one dollar for every one dollar they save (up to $500).

By joining Saver plus you will receive:
• Financial training and support.
• Ideas from other participants on how to stretch your dollars further

One extra dollar for every dollar you save (up to $500)

To be eligible you need:
• To be aged 18 or over, To be a parent or guardian of a child attending school this year or next year or to be enrolled in accredited vocational education yourself, To have a current healthcare card or pensioner card, To have some income from regular paid employment, Saver Plus is giving families a brighter future by providing an incentive to save for education. For more information contact Greg Patterson on 5662 6551 or gpatter-son@berrystreet.org.au

GRADE 3-6 BIKE EDUCATION

Our Bike Education program has started off successfully with the huge task of individually checking approximately 30 bikes for road worthiness. A big thank you to Ashton and Daniel for making time and performing the bicycle checks.

During the next two weeks grade 2-6 students will do the practical side of the Bike Ed program. It will run on the following days: Monday 30th August, Thursday 2nd September, Friday 3rd September, Monday 6th September, Thursday 9th September and Friday 10th September.

Students will need their bikes and helmets here on these days. Students can leave their bikes at school during this period if they have difficulty in getting their bikes home. They will be locked up in the school shed. Any concerns about the Bike Ed program please contact your child’s teacher. A big thank you to all parents who have volunteered their time to assist in the program.

EAST GIPPSLAND PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE

We wish our Toora Primary School Equestrian team the very best of luck when they head off to Bairnsdale to compete in the East Gippsland Interschool Equestrian Challenge on Wednesday 8th September.

The team will be competing using the newly purchased saddle blankets with school logo on them.

We thank Deb Clavarino for donating the lovely blankets and for sewing on the school logo. Thanks Deb, they look wonderful and will instil pride in our students as they perform in their events.

Pictured left: Our Equestrian Team
Back: Bailee Pavlou, Kourtney Brewer, Rochelle Storr.
Front: Stephanie Starr and Elli Clavarino

Please don’t miss our first parent workshop “APPROACHING ADOLESCENCE” with Terry Guilford for 2010. This will be held on Monday 30th August at 9:00am in the CFA rooms. An invitation is going home this afternoon and for catering purposes we would like your response by tomorrow.
Congratulations to our grade 5 and 6 Toora Primary School Spelling Champions: Abbie Cook, Kate Jenkins, Jayden Migliorisi and Bailee Pavlou.

On Tuesday we travelled to Korumburra Primary School for a 7 pm start. Students demonstrated spelling and public speaking skills using the microphone. Though a nerve racking, formal competition all students showed the “You Can Do It” skills of Organisation, Getting Along, Confidence, Resilience and Persistence. The competition tests much more than Spelling.

Congratulations to our 4 competitors and good luck to Bailee Pavlou who is South Gippsland’s Grade 6 CHAMPION who won a beautiful trophy. Bailee will compete at the next level at Traralgon next Wednesday morning. Congratulations and good luck Bailee!!!

WOOD BURNING WITH MR MURRAY
On the 20/8/10 Mr Murray came to school and we got to have a go at wood burning. First we had to design what we were going to have on it, and then we burned it with the burner. It was easy as, but it took a long time because all the kids in the class had to have a go. It was fun and I really enjoyed it because we got to make all of it. It was the best with a little class too. By Ashley

Today grade 3/4 went to the art room to burn wood with Mr Murray. We had the middle of the wood. We drew our hand on a piece of wood and burnt our patterns into it. It was pretty easy. Mr Murray is going to teach grade 5/6 and then he will teach grade prep/1/2. By Morgan

On the 20\8\10 at school we had a man named Mr. Murray he is a Koori Engagement Support Officer, visit our school. Last week he came to the school, and we learnt symbols told in a story, it was amazing what he showed us. Today we did something different, we did wood burning. We had to trace our hands and draw symbols in it. I did zigzag fingers and in my palm of my hand I did a star smiley face and my name. Mr Murray asked if someone would do a job for him, I said “yeah sure”. I cut out pieces of paper and stuck them on another piece, then I did some patterns on the background, they were zigzag. By Rochelle

When Mr. Murray came we told him our stories in symbols from last session. He really liked them. Then we went into the art room and started. We got to draw on a big bit of thin wood. We had to divide it into three sections. One section for each grade and then we traced our hand in our grade section. 3/4 had the first session, 5/6 had the second and Prep/1/2 had the last session.

We drew patterns in our hand. We got to burn it ourselves and it was fun. The wood burner felt weird to use but I got used to it. In the middle it said Toora P.S. The middle section was 3/4 and the other sides were 5/6 and Prep/1/2. The hands looked really good even though we didn’t finish them. Next time when Mr. Murray comes we will finish them. By Elli

On the 20/8/2010 Mr Murray came to the Toora P.S. He showed us how to do wood burning. We had to trace our hands and we had to draw patterns inside the tracing. Mr Murray showed us how to burn the patterns around the hands. Mr Murray also has the P/1/2 and 5/6 too. Mr Murray is going to show the P/1/2 and 5/6 the same thing that he showed us. Having Mr Murray is a lot of fun. By Stephanie