MAY

Friday 19th Inter-school Cross Country at Mirboo North
Thursday 25th Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea - 11:00 am ALL WELCOME
Friday 26th Healthy Breakfast with Pancakes
Monday 26th Round 1 - Winter Sport Round Robin

JUNE

Thursday 1st Protective Behaviours Professional Development (for some staff)
Friday 9th Healthy Breakfast
Wednesday 14th Cultural Performance - ‘Cinderella’ at the Toora Hall (No Clubs Program today)
Thursday 15th Reports given out

IT HAS BEEN A BIG WEEK AT TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL……..

The lovely autumnal weather contributed to what was a wonderful day last Friday – the cross country was very well supported with many parents and members of our local community coming along to cheer the kids on. From all accounts the children ‘had a red-hot go’ and got right into the spirit of both participation and competition. Congratulations to all participants and best wishes to those students who will now go on to represent our school at the inter-school cross-country to be held in Mirboo North tomorrow.

Mums, you may well have received a gift bought by your son or daughter at last Friday’s Mothers’ Day Stall. Thankyou to the Parents and Friends Association for running the stall and to the families who had donated gifts. I know many children also made cards and drew pictures for their mums in class during the week.

Our Art exhibition has now been removed from Stockyard Gallery (thankyou to the staff who managed this huge task). Notes written in the visitors’ book at the Gallery suggest that all visitors enjoyed seeing the students art work and were very impressed with their efforts and talents. The notes also praised the staff of the school who had worked with the students to develop ideas and bring together such high quality work. Much of this art work is now on display around our school.

Dark Blue House won the points competition for the fortnight. Students in this house had done a fantastic job completing all their responsibilities around the school and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Light Blue will be on duty next week and have a chance to ‘lift their game’!

I was really proud of the efforts of students and staff this week in cleaning up around the lunch area and keeping Toora Primary School beautiful. Well Done.

I have been wandering around the corridors this week and observing our students hard at work in class. Time spent on academic tasks is very important in developing good work habits, learning new concepts, practising new skills and reinforcing learning. Children are encouraged to discuss their learning with you at home, complete homework tasks when given and to spend at least 10 minutes every night reading their favourite book.

Thankyou for another great week at Toora Primary School.
Andrea Penrose

EMA CHEQUES have arrived at the School. These can be signed and collected from the office.
**AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

Thursday 25th May at recess for parents, teachers, students and community members. Please come along and support the work of the Cancer Council of Victoria. Gold coin donation. Donations of cakes, slices or biscuits for morning tea would be welcome.

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**HEALTHY BREAKFAST**

A reminder that the next Healthy Breakfast is a Pancake Breakfast on Friday 26th May. We will also have the usual breakfast ingredients but there will also be pancakes with lemon and sugar and fruit toppings. Also if anyone can help on the day can they contact Rachel Brown on 56 862 257.

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**PFA NEWS**

Thank you to Durelle Lind, Heather Naylor and Sandra Jenkins for organising the Mothers Day Stall. A total of $226.00 was raised from the stall.

Thank you to all the families who donated such wonderful goodies for the stall. We trust you all had a lovely Mother’s Day.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING**

Wednesday 24th May - School Council Training (for interested school councillors) to be held at the Leongatha Primary School staffroom commencing at 5:30pm. This session will run for approximately 45 minutes and then question and answer time.

For catering purposes, if you are interested in attending please contact Di in the Toora school office no later than Monday morning.

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**SOUTH GIPPSLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**GRADE 6 INFORMATION EVENING**

at the College MUSIC CENTRE at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 24th May 2006

- A variety of activities where you can actually experience the sorts of things done by students at our school
- Smiling students and teachers on hand to answer any questions you may have about College and its programs
- A tour of the College
- Delightful music provided by a student ensemble
- A scrumptious supper at the evenings conclusion

If you've any queries, please contact the Transition Coordinators Tony Heys & Gis White on 56 822066.
To celebrate Education Week Prep/Grade One and parents enjoyed a process drama session. Drama can be a highly effective and important tool for learning. Process drama lets children explore a concept, theme or idea from a different perspective and in doing so enriches their learning. Drama enables children to use different intelligences and senses. The process drama problem for Education Week was inventing a child friendly car because parents were too busy and tired from taking children everywhere. Children were placed with partners or small groups and had to design a car that would allow them to drive. They had to think of the problems and solutions for their car. Prep and Grade One also practiced using the SCUMPS thinking tool. Some interesting inventions emerged: - a swimming pool on the back of the car; a car made of lollies; seats that could be adjusted from adult to child; horns all over the car to stop it rolling off the road; lots of seats; wheels in the shape of stars; auto refuelling hands; healthy fruit and dancing inside the car; a toilet inside the car and a fishing car with retractable wheels.