



14th February 2019



Principal News

With the weather we have had this week you could be mistaken for thinking that we are 3 weeks into Term 3, not 3 weeks into Term 1! While the rain has been very much welcomed for our gardens, it has meant that we have had to have a few wet day timetables already. As a teacher, the thought of repeated days of wet day timetables can send a shiver down the spine (*all those kids being couped up inside all day and not being able to get out and burn off some energy*), however it has been really nice to see the kids so settled and playing beautifully with each other – well done to you all on displaying our High 5 values!

Reader Bags

All students should have received a blue take-home reader bag since returning to school along with a reader journal. All teachers are going to be asking students to change their readers during Task Board time, so can you please make sure that your child/ren have their reader bag with them each day – thanks!

Head Lice

Yesterday I sent home a letter to notify families that we have had reports of head lice this year. Unfortunately for humans head lice are super adaptable and resilient little critters and are often hard to eradicate once an outbreak occurs. One of the best strategies for managing head lice is to regularly check for them (at least once a week) - the school has a commitment to supporting our families in managing head lice however it is completely impractical for us to perform head lice checks this frequently. Therefore we ask that parents conduct these regular checks at home, and when lice are found, notify the school and treat your child/ren before they return to school.

It also important to remember that unfortunately there is stigma attached to head lice and that it can be a sensitive issue – please be mindful of this when broaching the topic with others members of our school community.

Assembly

Due to a number of planned absences tomorrow please note that there will be **NO ASSEMBLY tomorrow (15th Feb)**. This weeks awards will be presented at next weeks assembly.

2019 Parent Payment

In 2018 Toora Primary School Council passed the School policy in line with the Department of Education's guidelines. The policy includes a number of payment options to support parents to access the materials and services associated with their child's education. The school-level parent payment policy is available on the school website. If you have any queries or wish to discuss your circumstances and the options available to you, please contact the school to make an appointment. **The 2019 Parent payment has been set at \$150 per student.**

Grades 3/4/5/6 Camp - Forest Lodge

Notes and Medical forms were sent home last week for Forest Lodge Camp - We do need permission forms returned along with a deposit of \$35 for your child to attend, please return these asap. Full payment can be paid off over the next few months - please pop in and see Di in the office to arrange this. Direct Deposit details to set up fortnightly payments are as follows:

BSB: 633-000 Account No: 124311424
Account Name: Toora Primary School
Reference: Childs name Camp

Dental Visit

The Royal Flying Doctor Dental van visited on Tuesday and Wednesday. All students received a dental check-up, a dental calendar and a new toothbrush. Parents should have received a dental report for each child.



Have a great weekend!

Mr H

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

Indonesian classes have started at Toora Primary and after the initial shock of having their teacher speak entirely in another language! ... students are beginning to embrace the challenge of understanding and engaging with the language. It involves a lot of charades at this stage but learning how much we can glean from non-verbal communication.



Goats – Nibbles and Mash survived the holiday break. Mash has largely recovered from the dog attack. His top gum is now permanently exposed however, he is in good spirits and enjoys the company of the children.

Reader pouches – Students have all been given the new Toora Primary take home reader pouches. In order to encourage the routine of taking home their readers and completing some home reading, I'm requesting students bring them in each day and have them with them when they line up, with their piece of fruit in hand, ready to start each day!

Our new students have made a terrific start to the new year. Our classroom has a terrific vibe and it is a joy to start the year on such a positive note!



Mr Whittle
Grade 3/4

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GRADE Prep-2 NEWS

The Junior room have been working hard these last two weeks- becoming great members of our classroom team!

Swimming is two weeks in too, and it is great to see everyone returning to the water and remembering all of their fishy skills from the last years program (and the new preps giving it their all!)



STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) challenges have been pondered and explored by both Junior and Senior students and everyone has worked very well!



And Better Buddies is also giving older and younger students time to get to know each other better and work on Social and Emotional Learning! It has been a fantastic start to the year!

Mrs Gilbertson
Grade P-2



PFA News

The PFA [Parents & Friends Association] meets regularly and works to complement and enhance the education experience of students.

Snow trips, beach camps, the Kitchen/Garden Program and weekly lunch orders are just some examples of PFA contributions.

Everyone is welcome at PFA meetings. For more info contact PFA President; Kerry Duroux on 0429 832 547.

Fundraising is integral to the PFA achieving our goals.



PFA Request for Ingredients

The PFA will be hosting a stall this year at the fantastic annual **"Toora Pear Party"** on the **10th of March** selling hand-made, baked goodies.

We're asking for donations of ingredients, then we'll do the hard work. There'll be a list in the school foyer area of exactly what is needed. Simply write your name against one or more of the items, then bring the item in by **8th March**. Easy!

The donations are completely optional but we are grateful for any contribution you can make. A big thank you from the PFA (*and all the students at Toora Primary School*).

School Working Bee

The PFA are holding a whole school Working Bee on Friday 22nd February from 3:30pm.

There will be a sausage sizzle provided to workers after the Working Bee.

We look forward to seeing you there.

REMINDER:

- All visitors to the school **MUST** sign in at the office before entering the classroom area.
- Students are Supervised from 8: 40 am until 3:20pm.



TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY FROM 3:30PM

FOLLOWED BY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Toora Primary School

No:2253

NOTES WE NEED RETURNED:

- Forest Lodge Camp deposit
- Forest Lodge Camp Medical form
- CSEF application
- Parent Payment \$150 per child



February 2019



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
11	12 Flying Doctors Dental Van Visit MARC Library	13 No Prep Students	14 Swimming Valentines Day	15 Lunch Order Assembly 3:00pm
18	19 Breakfast Club MARC Library	20 No Prep Students	21 Swimming DISTRICT SWIMMING	22 Assembly 3:00pm PFA Working Bee
25	26 Breakfast Club MARC Library	27 No Prep Students 	28 Swimming Responsible Pet ownership Session	March 1 DIVISION Swimming Lunch Order Assembly 3:00pm

Grade 3-6 Forest Lodge Camp

March 2019

Welcome to our PREP students who now come to school every day

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	5 Breakfast Club Bacon & Eggs MARC Library	6	7 School Photos Swimming	8 Assembly 3:00pm
11 Labour Day PUBLIC Holiday	12 Breakfast Club MARC Library	13	14 P-2 Performance in Foster Swimming REGIONAL - Swimming	15 LUNCH ORDER Assembly 3:00pm
18 SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM 4:45pm	19 Breakfast Club MARC Library	20	21 Swimming	22 Assembly 3:00pm
25	26 Breakfast Club MARC Library	27	28 Swimming Musical Futures	30 LUNCH ORDER Assembly 3:00pm
April 1	2 Pancake Breakfast Breakfast Club MARC Library	3	4	5 Assembly 2:00pm LAST DAY TERM 1 early dismissal 2:20pm

Our School VALUES are: Be Safe, Be Fair, Think, Learn & Care