

TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

We're now 3 weeks into 2020 and it has been really pleasing to see how well the students have settled into the new school year. I have been really proud of how our current students have welcomed and supported the transition of our 11 new preps into school - what an amazing bunch of kids we have here at Toora PS!

Parent Reading Session – Tuesday 18th Feb

Next Tuesday morning from 9 -10am Mrs G and Elissa will be holding a parent information session based on supporting your child with reading at home. This will be pitched at supporting beginning readers (preps) however parents of Grade 1 students are more than welcome to attend also.



How to support your child with reading at home

February 18 • Tuesday • 9AM-10AM
Prep/1 Classroom

We hope you can join us
Loise Gilbertson & Elissa Jackson

Working Bee - Friday 21st Feb

We will be having a working bee on Friday 21st February in order to get our grounds looking tip top for the Colour Run.

Jobs we will be focusing on will be carting away the large pile of branches, collecting up loose sticks, whipper

snipping edges, removing photos from the gym walls and digging holes to put the tractor tyres in the ground. We are hoping we can get as many families here as possible for this working bee.

Parent Student Teacher Conferences (Interviews)

- Thursday 27th Feb

Just a reminder that Parent Student Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday 27th February. These are a great opportunity for you to have a chat to your child/ren's teacher about how they have started, ask any questions about how the class will be run this year and share any information that may help the teacher work with your child. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to book a conference through **Compass**.



Colour Run - Friday 28th Feb

Please see the attached flyer for the colour run. Please spread the word and encourage friends and family from outside of Toora to come along to help make this a great event. Please contact Tara Hollier if you have any questions or if you would like to help out on the day.

Pear Party – Sunday 8th March

The Grades 3-6 students have their first REAL gig! Any Grades 3-6 students around Toora on the Sunday of the Labour Day weekend are encouraged to come and be part of our first live music gig on stage at the Pear Party. I have to work out the finer details with the organisers, however Mr Whittle is currently working with the students during music time to prepare them for the day. Once I have all of the info I'll put a news item on Compass.

Reader Bags

We ask students to use book bags for their readers to protect them from damage. All prep students have received a blue take home reader bag since beginning school along with a reader journal. Students can change their readers any day and Mr H will check journals on a Friday afternoon. All other students received a free reader bag last year. If your child has lost their reader bag a replacement can be purchased from the office for \$7.50.

Regards,
Luke



Having Trouble accessing you COMPASS Account?

Pop into the school Admin Mon, Tues or Thursday and Di will assist with set-up, log-ins or how to use the Compass App. The Compass app can be installed on any Smart phone Android/Iphone and on tablets/ipads.



Compass is the primary means of communicating important information to our families, reporting to families on student data and an easy means of recording your child's absence.

Supervision

Just a reminder that we provide 20 min. supervision in the yard before school each day, from 8:40am. Please ensure children are not arriving at school prior to 8:40am. *(Bus students are the exception)*

Parent Payment - (formerly known as School fees)

In 2019 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 2020 Parent payment has been set at \$150 per student

School Council Nominations

Thank you to all of our School Council members for their tremendous effort working on behalf of our school community maintaining a watchful eye on the finances, policy development and educational programs at the school. School Council nominations are now being taken for 2020/21. **Nomination forms can be obtained from the school Administration office.** Please see Luke Haustorfer if you would like to know more about School Council.



Peter really enjoyed his Maths session. He is pictured here counting.



Sharing time during mini Writing workshops



Respectful Relationships Buddy sessions for all students have commenced. All students have been placed in a Buddy group & will remain in these groupings for the entire year.







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No:2253

POP ME ON YOUR FRIDGE

February 2020









| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 10 Assembly 3:00pm School Council | 11 MARC Library  | 12 No Prep Students | 13 Pie Warmer Lunch Swimming PFA Meeting 3:00pm | 14 Student Lunch Orders Valentines Day  |
| 17 Assembly 3:00pm | 18 Breakfast Club MARC Library  | 19 No Prep Students District Swimming | 20 Swimming Pie Warmer Lunch | 21 WORKING BEE from 3:20pm |
| 24 Assembly 3:00pm | 25 Breakfast Club MARC Library  | 26 No Prep Students | 27 Swimming Pie Warmer Lunch Parent/Teacher Interviews | 28 Division Swim Student Lunch Orders Student Colour Run |

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



March 2020

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| 2 School Photos Assembly 3:00pm | 3 Breakfast Club MARC Library  | 4 | 5 Swimming Pie Warmer Lunch | 6 |
| 9 Labour Day PUBLIC Holiday | 10 Breakfast Club MARC Library  | 11 3-6 Athletics Sports | 12 Pie Warmer Lunch Swimming REGIONAL - Swimming | 13 Student Lunch Orders |
| 16 Assembly 3:00pm School Council | 17 Breakfast Club MARC Library  | 18 | 19 Swimming Pie Warmer Lunch | 20 Musical Futures Assembly 3:00pm |
| 23 | 24 Breakfast Club MARC Library  Responsible Pet Ownership Program  | 25 District Aths | 26 Whole School Excursion to Arts Centre Melbourne | 27 Student Lunch Orders Swimming LAST DAY TERM 1 early dismissal 2:20pm  |

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



My Big Chop

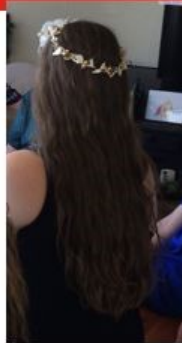
15th February 2020 – 11am-12pm – Latte Dah Cafe

My name is Sarah and I will be shaving off all of my hair on February 15th, 2020 and donating it to the charity Variety to make a wig.

Wigs cost families up to \$6,000, lasting 1-2 years, meaning families can spend tens of thousands of dollars on the purchase of wigs throughout a child's youth. By making a donation to Variety - the Children's Charity, you can help provide a wig or other vital equipment to a child in need. Thank you so very, very much for helping kids in need!!!

All are welcome to come along on the day to show their support of the cause whether that be bringing a smile or small donation, both will be very much appreciated!

A big thank you to Nancy and the team at Latte



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FEBRUARY

28.2020

FROM 4PM

COLOUR EXPLOSION + OBSTACLE COURSE

SUITABLE FOR AGES 4-12

EVERYONE WELCOME
FOR A FANTASTIC
FAMILY EVENT

PLEASE WEAR WHITE CLOTHING THAT YOU DON'T
MIND GETTING STAINED

MUSIC

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FAIRY FLOSS

SLUSHIES

\$10 PER RUNNER
\$20 PER FAMILY

TOORA PS STUDENTS WHO RAISE
SPONSORSHIP MONEY RUN FOR FREE

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT TARA - 0438533446



*This Saturday why not head up to
Latte Dah café and support Miss Lind
as she loses her locks for charity.*

11:00am—12:00pm

*We may need to offer Miss Lind one of
our school beanies on Monday to keep
her head warm.*

*Prep/1 Classroom enjoyed some
feathery visitors on Tuesday when Mrs
Gilbertson brought her chicks in for the
children to meet and hold.*

*The biggest chick is called 'Lucky',
Prep/1 students are trying to decide on
the names for the other two.*

STINGRAYS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Information & Training Day

When: Wednesday 20th February 2019 @ 4:30pm

Where: Foster Football Club

UNDER 10's , UNDER 12'S & UNDER 14'S

COME FOR A KICK, CATCH UP WITH OTHER STINGRAY PLAYERS, MUM & DAD CAN GATHER ALL THE
INFORMATION THEY NEED. ALL WELCOME, BOYS AND GIRLS

Meet the Coaches U/10—Adam Bright, U/12—Robby Lewis , U/14—Steve Vuillermin

Registration \$110 PER PLAYER (Discount for Siblings)

Register online now <http://bit.ly/2Fobo2b>

