



4th June 2020

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 2, albeit in Week 8!

It was absolutely delightful to have the Prep – Grade 4 students back onsite this last fortnight, schools are much better places with kids around. I must commend these students on their wonderful transition back to on-site learning – as staff we discussed that we may have to spend some time resetting behaviour expectations etc after such a prolonged time away (9 weeks in total), however they have transitioned beautifully. Kids, give yourselves a pat on the back!

Of course we are eagerly awaiting the return of our Grade 5 and 6 students next Tuesday (no one more so than Miss Lind). With their return we will officially welcome a new Grade 6 student, Nathan, and his parents Gudrun and Andrew, who have been with us since the start of term. Please make Nathan, Gudrun and Andrew feel welcome.

I won't spend too much time talking about Remote Learning, however there are a couple of things I want to touch on. Firstly, I feel that it is important to acknowledge the adaptability that our students, their families and our staff demonstrated during this period. As Principal, I couldn't be more proud of the way that you all took Remote Learning in your stride and supported each other to ensure continuity of learning during these unprecedented times. A massive THANK YOU to each and everyone of you.

Secondly, I think everyone would agree that we learnt A LOT during Remote Learning and that there are probably some really important takeaways, some of which may be used to enhance our school when we return to 'normal' operation. As such, we would really appreciate your feedback - I will post a short survey in Compass early next week to allow you to share your thoughts.

Finally, just a reminder that DET have made it very clear that we are not allowed to have visitors on school grounds – please only come onto the grounds if you have a genuine reason to do so, and continue to observe the 1.5 mtr distancing rule when waiting outside school gates. I really appreciate your support with this over the last fortnight and will let you know as soon as this directive changes.

Have a great long weekend – see you Tuesday.  
Mr H

We have taken advantage of students not being onsite to complete some maintenance work that would otherwise be a bit tricky to coordinate. Works that we have undertaken include:

- Painting both bag areas and installed some extra hooks in the 2/3/4 area

- Painted the Jubilee gates
- Sold the old pavers so that we can tidy up the carpark
- Removed the old flying fox
- Moved the cubbies
- Concreted the outdoor classroom (rotunda)
- Moved some gravel to use as a base for the tepee
- Levelled the gravel for the fit pit area
- Built a mud kitchen

Once we are allowed visitors back onsite, we will be putting the call out for volunteers to:

- Paint the cubbies
- Sand and paint the big picnic table (*the one that used to be in Mrs G's bag area*) and relocate to the outdoor classroom



*Massive shout out to Anna, Dean and crew for shifting our cubbies on the weekend, and to Cody, Jerara and Tom for spreading mulch around them - they look superb!*



*The students of Toora Primary School can now take part in our kitchen garden program all year round! Our Outdoor Classroom is coming along beautifully.*



*Adventure playground for sale by expression of interest. Play ground is being sold due to age - it will require upgrades if you want it to comply with current standards.*





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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8  <b>QUEENS B'DAY PUBLIC Holiday</b>	9 School Council mtg 4:30pm MARC Library  Yr5 & Yr6 Students return to Face-to-Face Learning	10	11 Pie Warmer Lunch	12
15	16 MARC Library 	17	18 Pie Warmer Lunch	19
22	23 MARC Library 	24	25 Pie Warmer Lunch Student Reports go home	26 <b>LAST DAY TERM 2 early dismissal 2 :20pm</b>

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

## Haven't got a 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.

## Parent Payment Policy

Toora Primary School Council has 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 payment options available to you, please contact the school to make an appointment. **The 2020 Parent payment has been set at \$150 per student and is payable now.**

A reminder to all Year 5 & 6 students, please ensure that Laptops / iPads come back to school with you on Tuesday 9th June.