

TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal News

As parents and carers, you should all be proud of your children – they have made an amazing transition back to school from Remote Learning which will allow each of them to achieve the very best they can this Term.

It's an absolute delight to see the high level of engagement and collaboration across all classrooms

Thank you to the staff who have supported a smooth transition back to onsite learning by adjusting their programs, revisiting expectations and maintaining a wellbeing focus in the pursuit of excellence.

Today we welcomed our 2021 Prep students into our school as part of their Transitioning to School. Each Thursday for the next 7 weeks we have a fantastic Kinder program running in the school from 9-12pm with Mrs Amanda Mahomed. This program is in addition to their regular kinder hours, which is very exciting for our Kinder/School partnership.

If you know of any school age children who don't already attend Toora Kindergarten, but would be looking at Toora as their school of choice for 2021 please encourage them to contact the school for a tour and enrolment forms.

2021 Planning

Planning for 2021 is well underway so we would appreciate being notified immediately of any of the following situations:

- New enrolments (2021 Prep and other levels) – if you know of any new enrolments, please notify the office.
- Transfers out – if you are not returning to Toora Primary School in 2021 (Grade 6's excluded), please notify the office of your impending departure

Having insight about our 2021 enrolments early, allows us to prepare our staffing profile to best suit the needs of all of students.

Tomorrow - Friday 23rd
October is the AFL
Public Holiday

Bus Update

DET have rubber stamped our application for the bus to be re-routed and it has now been forwarded to PTV for final approval. It is still not a certainty; however, we remain confident that this application will be successful and made in time to begin at the beginning of 2021.

School Review

Our school Review has been scheduled for Term 1 next year. I have begun to complete the *Pre-Review Self Evaluation* and one of the early steps is to complete a *Summary of Highlights*. This section provides an opportunity for the school community to share highlights for the past four years. I would love to hear what you, as School Community see as being our highlights during this time.

Please forward your list of School highlights over the past 4 years to me at luke.haustorfer@education.vic.gov.au or drop your list into the office.

Water Bottles & School Hats

Parents are reminded that students are required to bring their own, clearly named, drink bottle to refill, as drinking from the water bubblers is prohibited at this time. Students also need to remember to wear hats this Term in line with our Sunsmart Policy.

Curriculum Day Last Day Term 4

For the last few years the last day of Term 4 has been 'clean-up day', however this year School Council has approved the use of that day for our fourth and final curriculum day of the year.

The plan for the day is to:

- Meet as a whole school staff
- Give teachers time with our Learning Specialist
- Give teachers time to move furniture/resources to their new classrooms for 2021.

This means that the last day for students is on **Thursday 17th December at 3:20pm**

Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend,
Regards, Luke H

REMINDER: Monday 2nd November is a CURRICULUM / PUPIL FREE day and
Tuesday 3rd November is MELBOURNE CUP Public Holiday

Meet Our Staff

What is your name? Durelle Lind

What do the kids call you? Durelle

Role at Toora PS? Education Support

What days do you mainly work? Tuesday & Thursday

When is your birthday? 18th May

What's your favourite:

- **Food:** Seafood
- **Colour:** Orange
- **Team:** Magpies

Do you have any pets? Roxy the Foxy & Monty the cat

If you could hop on a plane within an hour, where would you go? Anywhere Hot!

What song do you sing along to the loudest when no one is listening? Anything from Neil Diamond

If you had a super power what would it be? Flying

What trend do you secretly hope makes a comeback? Flared jeans

What's one thing you are really bad at? Being quiet when the television is on.

What's one hobby you'd love to get in to? Fishing



One Sad Day

I had a very sad day recently, my dog Tyson had to be put down at the vet. He was one year older than Jayden so he was 12. Mum got him when she was very young. He was just a puppy. He was always around from as young I can remember. He was a Chihuahua / Jack Russel. He loved chasing balls and playing soccer with us. Even though I would accidentally kick him sometimes, he still loved chasing the ball!

He would sleep in Mum and Dad's cupboard all the time except for when he was playing with Frankie, our other dog.

Mum and Dad took him to the Vet because he was very sick. When Mum and Dad got home we buried him near two big rocks where he liked to go and sit in the sun.

When we buried him I cried and Frankie come over and cheered me up by digging! He dug and dug and dug and helped Dad to bury Tyson.

I will miss Tyson helping me when I was sick or sad, he would come over and snuggle right next to me. Thank you for all the love you gave us Tyson.

By for now.

Lara Mellor Gr.3

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October 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5 Staff back at school for Term 4 NO STUDENTS	6 Students back at school for Term 4. MARC Library Van	7	8 Pie Warmer day	9 Newsletter
12	13 MARC Library Van	14	15 Pie Warmer day	16
19 School Council Mtg 4:45pm	20 MARC Library Van	21	22 Newsletter Mr H at Prin Mtg Pie Warmer day	23 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
26	27 MARC Library Van	28	29 Kinder Session 9-12pm at School	30

November 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 PUPIL FREE DAY	3 MELBOURNE CUP Public Holiday	4	5 Newsletter Pie Warmer day Kinder Session 9-12pm at School	6 Area Principal Forum Latte Dah Lunch Orders day
9	10 MARC Library Van	11	12 Pie Warmer day Swimming Session 1 for Yrs2-6 Kinder Session 9-12pm at School	13
16 School Council Mtg 4:45pm	17 MARC Library Van	18	19 Newsletter Kinder Session 9-12pm at School Pie Warmer day Swimming Session 2 for Yrs2-6	20 Latte Dah Lunch Orders day
23	24 MARC Library Van	25	26 Pie Warmer day Kinder Session 9-12pm at School Swimming Session 3 for Yrs2-6	27

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December 2020



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 Nov	1 MARC Library Van	2	3 Newsletter Kinder Session 9-12pm at School Pie Warmer day Swimming Session 4 for Yrs2-6	4 Latte Dah Lunch Orders day
7 Gr.6 Graduation Dinner TBC	8 MARC Library Van STATE-WIDE Transition Day TBC	9	10 Kinder Session 9-12pm at School Swimming Fun Session - whole school TBC	11
14	15	16	17 Newsletter Class Parties Last Day of Term for ALL STUDENTS normal 3:20pm dismissal	18 PUPIL FREE School Closure day

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



IT'S GRAND FINAL WEEKEND!
Whether you barrack for Geelong or the Tigers or the Melbourne Storm or Penrith Panthers
- we hope that your team wins!
We have had some very enthusiastic school community this week, getting into the Footy spirit!
GO CATS!

THE TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

Friday 30th October
Prizes:
Milkshake Gift Vouchers
Donated by the Toora Lions Club, South Gippsland Shire & TCAT

DRESS UP IN SOMETHING SPOOKTULAR FOR THE DAY