Social & Emotional Learning Time
How parents can help!

Promoting Independence

The main task for parents is to raise responsible, independent children - this can be tough because our natural instinct is to care for and nurture them. However, parents shouldn’t wait until children are ready to leave home before they give them responsibility. Training for independence needs to start from a young age and continue into teenage years. Encouraging independence in children is not just good training for adulthood. It is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence. When we teach children to do jobs for themselves we demonstrate our faith in them and send a powerful message that they are capable. Our actions definitely speak louder than words.

Ideas

- Encourage them to do routine household and family activities – e.g. tidying their bedrooms before school, clearing away dishes, preparing after-school snacks.
- Encourage them to take responsibility for their own homework tasks. Put young children in charge of their reading and get them to remind you that it is reading time.
- Children can do quite difficult tasks if we show them how. Break complex jobs like making a bed into simple tasks such as arranging teddies and the pillow, progressing to smoothing out a doona and so on.
- When children can tell the time teach them how to use an alarm clock so they can get themselves up and regulate their own morning routine.
- Be alert to children’s readiness and willingness to do things for themselves then consider letting your child take over. Ask yourself: ‘Is my child capable of doing ....?’
- Encourage them to prepare their own breakfast and put their own lunch in the school bag.
- Show older children how to operate the washing machine and microwave. These are two essential time savers for busy parents.
- The most effective way to promote responsibility is to give them responsibility.
Pumpkin Soup Day tomorrow – Friday 23rd August

Father’s Day Stall - Friday 30th August – Gifts from $1.00-$5.00.

Tootgarook’s Annual Music and Arts Festival
Tuesday 17th September from 3.30 to 5pm.

Students Art works can be viewed, but not purchased after school on Monday 16th and before school Tuesday 17th. Parents can vote for "People's Choice" award at these times. Sales will be between 3.30-4pm on Tuesday 17th. Art works will be on display and can be purchased for $2. All sales go towards buying the prizes. There will be one prize for each class level, judged by the Junior School Council, as well as the "People's Choice Award".
Instrumental performances begin at 4 pm. If your child is performing in the Festival please remind them to bring their instruments on the day.

Ms Lee and Mrs Young

Reminder re 3/4 Briars Camp – the 2nd Instalment of $70 is due on Friday 30th August.

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Fun for Tootgarook Families
As the school is not in the hinterland, T.P.S. is unable to be included in the Hinterland Scarecrow Trail. Many children have expressed an interest in making their own SCARECROWS so we would like to challenge families to make a scarecrow at home.
If you make a family scarecrow then see Mrs Baird about displaying them in our courtyard gardens.
Lynne Baird
**Students of the Week**

| Prep B - Mrs Bos – Daizy Grinter | for being a happy and friendly member of our class. |
| Prep P - Mrs. Prossor – Jasmine Stewart | for the happy way she involves herself in all our classroom activities. |
| 1/2B-Mrs Baird- Ben Carroll | has been working hard to improve his listening skills and his organisational skills. |
| 1/2H-Mrs. Hughes – Harry Taralaikov Drewett | for coming back from his holiday refreshed and ready to work – well done Harry!! |
| 01/2P-Miss Perkins – Haylee McLean | for always smiling and trying her best at all times. |
| 3/4T- Miss Withers – Lilly Gorton | for trying her best in Maths and always asking for help when she doesn’t understand something. Well done. Keep it up! |
| 3/4W-Ms. Walton - Emily Inglis | for her happy smile, working hard all week and being very helpful to me – Mrs Wilson. |
| 5/6B-Mrs. Bruin – Matthew Peterson | for your excellent work in the classroom and your desire to present your best work at all times. Keep it up!! |
| 5/6Q-Miss Quintin | I am so proud of you Sam Connelly, you did an outstanding job representing Tootgarook Primary school at the Loins Quiz last Wednesday. You were confident and polite, thinking carefully about every question before answering. Well Done! |
| Art / Craft – Gr Prep – 2 – Mrs Johnstone | |
| Music (Mrs Young) – Sophie Lazner | for your excellent participation playing the drums in band. You are a very important member and you always fulfil your role even when it becomes complicated. Well done! |
| P.E. / Sport – Mr King | |
| BERNIE WALSH ART AWARD | |

**Counting Jelly-Beans — Guessing Competition —**

*each lunchtime meet Aviaja and Leah in front of the 5/6 classrooms*  
*20 cents a guess!!*

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The Space Jump Incursion for the whole school Prep – Gr 6 will begin at 9:00am on Wednesday 28th August. Children will need to arrive on time to school otherwise they will miss some of the performance!!

The following CBC Shortlisted books will be featured in the Book Week production:

- **THE COAT** by Julie Hunt & Ron Brooks
- **TANGLEWOOD** by Margaret Wild & Vivienne Goodman
- **THE TERRIBLE SUITCASE** by Emma Allen & Freya Blackwood
- **CHILDREN OF THE KING** by Sonya Hartnett

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**Thankyou to the Dog Obedience Club for donating a Chess set to Chess Club.**
ATTENTION PARENTS

If your child comes home with clothing from sick bay please wash and return to school! You have any spare size 4 – 6 or 8 tracks pants that your child has grown out of the school would be grateful for the donation. Thanks!!

Market Day
Saturday 24th August
Thank you to the parents who have offered their help
More Helpers are always welcomed

WANTED FOR TOOTSTARS RACV CHALLENGE

A donation of
7 pairs of cycling shoes ranging between size 7 + 9
2 sets of gloves
1 used school bag

If you can assist with any of these items please see Nat Quintin or Tace Withers

Thankyou!!!!

House Athletics Day
Tuesday 27th August
Grades 3-6
Starting at 11.30am
On the school oval
Children may come dressed in House colours
Parents welcome!!!