To all the parents who currently volunteer their time, skills and efforts here at Tootgarook Primary School, we thank you.

There are numerous roles that parent volunteers can be involved in, to support the school in its core operation of improving learning outcomes of students.

Parent volunteers are one of the greatest resources a school can have – with numerous benefits for the school and for parents including:

**Benefits for school:**
1. To offer better prepared, more individualized programs to each student.
2. To offer better services and facilities (such as canteen on market day, variation of special lunch days, running and breakfast club).
3. An active parent body is an essential part of a vibrant, positive school climate.

**Benefits for our students:**
1. They see their parents and community members helping the school and they realise that it is important to all of us
2. They see adults working together effectively and interacting in friendly, positive ways and follow the example
3. They feel really special when their mum, dad or carer are helping in the school

**Benefits for parents:**
1. An opportunity to be actively involved in your child’s education
2. Build a strong, positive relationship with your child’s teacher
3. Learn the skills which can, in turn, assist you in helping your child
4. Well informed about what’s happening at the school and in your child’s class

**Guidelines**
To be a parent volunteer in the school, there are several guidelines to follow. These are set to help you understand how you can best help out, and to ensure that volunteering is a positive experience for everyone.

1. **The Working with Children (WWC) Check** creates a mandatory minimum checking standard across Victoria. The WWC Check helps to keep children safe by preventing those who pose a risk to the safety of children from working with them, in either paid or volunteer work. If you work or volunteer with children you may need to apply for a WWC Check. To be a parent volunteer in the school, you need to have a current WWC. A photocopy of the card needs to be submitted to the office prior to helping in the classrooms.

2. **Commitment** – Identify a particular morning or afternoon or day when you are available to help. Please negotiate with the class teacher about which time would be most useful. Even if you can only come in on an occasional basis or on alternate weeks, your help will still be very much appreciated. If you are unable to help at the agreed time, please let the classroom teacher know either by phone or a note.
3. **Use of mobile phones** is prohibited while you are helping in the classroom unless in the case of an emergency.

Refrain from talking to another parent volunteer who is also helping in the classroom as this may interrupt the flow of the activities which in turn affects the students’ attention.

Attend the parent volunteer briefing session(s) which will be conducted at the school.

4. **Sign in at the office** before and after attending a classroom as a volunteer.

This helps us keep track of all the helpers who work at our school, the amount of time you have spent helping us and for identification purposes. As part of the fire regulations, all visitors in the school must report to the office.

5. **Activities** – All activities in which the parent volunteer is involved must take place under the direct supervision of the teacher.

Due to the timings and needs of the students, you may be reassigned to help in another class.

6. **Confidentiality** – Working in the classrooms gives you the opportunity to learn a lot about the students in them. You will learn about their strengths and weaknesses, their behaviour in and outside the classrooms. It is very important that all parent volunteers maintain strict confidentiality of such information. It is therefore not appropriate to speak with other parents about their children and other children. Kindly refer such queries to the child’s teacher. Information gained from your experience at our school must not be shared with any other person(s), except the teacher with whom you are assisting. If confidentiality issues are compromised, the support provided by the parent volunteer will need to be reviewed.

If you find that parents who are friends ask about the progress or behaviour of their children in the classroom, this is a matter requiring a great deal of tact on your part and it is very important that you suggest that if they are worried in any way about their child, then they must discuss the matter themselves with the class teacher.

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**Tuesday June 25th** is set aside for our mid year parent/teacher discussion afternoon. This forum is an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss your child’s half yearly report and any other matters that you believe may impact upon your child’s education. A notice will be sent home next week - please return to school asap so times can be allotted.

**Half yearly reports will be sent home on Friday 21st June.**

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A BIG Thankyou to the following helpers who assisted at the market last Saturday: Mick Giarrusso, Colin Moorhouse, Sandra Code, Stefan Wycisk + Obelia, Darren Walker, Maria Samas, Gary Barrett, Samantha Brasier, Lynne Baird, Donna Thomson, Zoe Samas, Alicia Perkins, Dezi Samas, Jack Thomson, Marni Mears, Lisa Bateman, Alana Archer, Dakota White, Kirsty Ross, Chloe Sharrock, Sylvia Williams. Our next market is Saturday 22nd June – with Prep P rostered on.

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School Photos have been sent home this week - Special photo orders of our School Captains, School Leadership, House Captains, Junior School Council & Band may be viewed and ordered at the office. The cost per photo is $16.00 and needs to be ordered and paid for by Friday 14th June.

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**WANTED**

**Kitten**

Anyone who has a kitten they wish to give away to a good home - please let the office know - thanks!
**PJ day for the Tootgarook Wetlands**
On Thursday June 6th Tootgarook Primary will be having a PJ day to raise money to help native wildlife in the Tootgarook Wetlands. Each student in PJs needs to bring in a gold coin donation. Onesies are acceptable.

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**Student of the Week**

Students will be presented with certificates at Monday morning assembly.

- **Prep B** – Mrs Bos – Hani Mears – for being a switched on organised learner.
- **Prep P** – Mrs Prossor – Max Gorton – for being an interested learner and always assisting with packing up after directed play activities.
- **1/2B** – Mrs Baird – Dee-Jay Watkins – a very keen reader. Dee-Jay shows his integrity by always being the first to remember to change his reader each day.
- **1/2H** – Mrs Hughes – Diana Rando – for always trying her best and demonstrating our RICH School Values. You are a wonderful student and classmate.
- **1/2P** – Miss Perkins – Kaitlyn Lizio – for being a great role model. She always completes work to a high standard and is a friendly member of our class.
- **3/4T** – Miss Withers – Emma Campbell – welcome to 3/4T. It’s a pleasure to have you in our class. I can see you have settled in nicely.
- **3/W** – Ms Walton – Charlee Russell – a huge welcome to our school. You are already working very well and have made many new friends.
- **5/6B** – Mrs Bruin – Jack Campbell – welcome to 5/6B. You have settled in really well and made new friends with ease. It’s great to have you in our class.
- **5/6Q** – Miss Quintin – It’s fantastic to see you have a go at football for the lightning prem Robbie Holbery. It’s difficult to participate in a new sport, and you gave it ‘everything you’ve got’ in training. Can’t wait to see you be a superstar on the day!
- **Art/Craft** (Ms Lee / Mrs Campbell) – Liam Porter – 5/6B – for his intricate design of his Melbourne Landmark building.
- **Bernie Walsh Art Award** - 5/6B – for their perspective drawings of Landmark buildings of Melbourne.
- **Music** – (Mrs Young) –
- **PE** – (Mr King) – Caylem Gaskin – 5/6Q – for being a great sport, encouraging others and showing fantastic positive attitude.

**Breakfast club happy snaps**

Hazel spreading her fruit toast

**Kids mucking up with the washing up**

**Solving the world’s problems**

**A Magnificent Garden Party!**

McKenzie loved making her flowers
A cheeky grin Jack!

Healthy plant based treats

He doesn’t eat much

Sweet peas on the way

Mrs Baird and a group of children enjoyed planting various flower seedlings in one of the garden boats.