The new publication ‘Putting Faces on Data’ by Lyn Sharrat and Michael Fullan provide the research mechanisms for our staff to consolidate the use of data for all students at Tootgarook Primary School. This Friday Louise Bruin, Hat Quintin, Cheryl Hughes and Alicia Perkins will facilitate the Professional Development day. The above mentioned staff will share with Tootgarook staff the concepts developed with Lyn Sharrat last week in an all day conference.

The staff at Tootgarook are intent on ensuring that all students in every class have an opportunity to learn. A key mechanism every teacher has available to assure that every child is learning is up to date data on each child’s performance. Whether standardized, large-scale or in-class generated, the data can provide critical insights to the teacher who is professionally sure how to use it and confident in proceeding.

We have been provided with permission from Lyn to utilise her powerpoint in the assistance of unpacking the following 14 parameters. The parameters will be the Key Performance Indicators for success in Literacy and other curriculum areas.

Shared Beliefs Understandings Among all Staff

1. Designated Staff Member for Literacy
2. Daily, Sustained, Focused Literacy Instruction
3. Principal as Literacy Leader
4. Early and On-going Intervention
5. A Case Management Approach to Monitoring Student Progress
6. Job-embedded Literacy PD
7. In-school grade team meetings as an example of collaborative examination of student work
8. Literacy Resources Located in a Designated Area
9. Commitment of School Budget to Literacy
10. Action Research: Staff Commitment to Learning
11. Parental Involvement in Supporting Literacy
12. Appropriate Literacy Instruction in all Areas of the Curriculum
13. Shared Responsibility and Accountability

The afternoon session will see The Pelican Learning Center focus on Brain Gym.

Brain Gym® is an educational, movement based program which uses simple movements to integrate the whole brain, senses and body, preparing the person with the physical skills they need to learn effectively. Incorporating 26 easy and enjoyable targeted activities, Brain Gym® develops the brain’s neural pathways the way nature does – through movement - and can be used to improve a wide range of learning, attention and behaviour skills. Educational Kinesiology and Brain Gym® are the result of many years of research into learning and brain function by American educationalist, Dr. Paul Dennison PhD. It is now used in over 80 countries and is recognised as a safe, effective and innovative educational and self-development tool which integrates body and mind to bring about rapid and often dramatic improvements in concentration, memory, reading, writing, organizing, listening, physical coordination and more.
Who does Brain Gym® help?
Originally created to help children and adults with learning challenges, for example dyslexia, dyspraxia and ADHD, Brain Gym® is now used to improve functioning and life quality by people from all walks of life from education to the arts, business, healthcare, sport and personal development. The movements can be safely used by people of almost any age and mobility, from babies upwards.

What does it help?
The improvement in whole brain function that can result from use of the Brain Gym® movements has benefits such as:

- academic skills – for example, reading, writing, spelling and maths
- memory, concentration and focus
- physical co-ordination and balance
- communication skills and language development
- self-development and personal stress management
- the achievement of goals, both professional and personal

The Senior Learning Centre during the afternoon will focus on the E-Smart program throughout the school.

E-Smart is a whole-school system for Cyber Safety and Wellbeing

Developed for Australian schools, eSmart is an easy-to-use, evidence-based and tested system to help schools manage cyber safety and deal with cyber bullying and bullying.

The eSmart system provides a framework for schools to implement whole-school culture and behaviour change relevant to the smart, safe and responsible use of digital technologies.

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation developed the initiative with RMIT School of Education and many cyber safety and education experts.

Registration provides schools and their communities with assurance that they are accessing evidence-informed practice, policies and activities.

The staff at Tootgarook will have a very informative Friday leading into the long weekend. The programs once embedded into our school programs will provide students the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

Eva went to Sydney – it was great fun. She entered a competition for “Are We There Yet” where you had to write about somewhere you had been. Eva won $100 book voucher. The author of the children’s book – Alison Lester said her story was delightful. The competition was with the Literacy Library. Eva delighted the children with her story at last Monday’s assembly.

16th – 24th March Cultural Diversity Week
To coincide with this Week and Easter Celebrations we will be holding an Out of Uniform Day on Monday 18th March – Children may dress up in costume or the colours of a different culture - an Easter item for the Easter Baskets is required.

Easter Raffle tickets should have come home with this newsletter and are 50 cents each. – please return by Wednesday 27th March – so the raffle can be drawn on Thursday 28th March and prizes distributed.

1/2H 25 nights reading awards

Taj
Taylah
Lacey
Ella
Jackson

Eloise
Bella
Summer
Jack O
Student of the Week

Students will be presented with certificates at Monday morning assembly.

Prep B – Mrs Bos –
Prep P – Mrs Prossor – Stephanie George – for the great effort she is making to speak more audibly when sharing her news.

2/3B – Mrs Baird – Nakeeta Buck – for her excellent listening skills and work habits. She always follows the RICH Values.

1/2H – Mrs Hughes – Taj Smale – for trying so hard to stay on task and concentrating so well. He is listening carefully and following instructions accurately.

1/2P – Miss Perkins – Kira Boyle-Vella – for her wonderful start to grade 1. She has embraced our expectations and listens carefully to instructions. Kira is a wonderful Friend to all. Well done!

3/4T – Miss Withers – Chelsea Conduit – for being a fantastic role model, demonstrating great listening skills and ALWAYS doing her best.

3/W – Ms Walton – Jyden Coffey – for his achievements. He is working really well in all areas of the curriculum and making good choices in the yard.

5/6B – Mrs Bruin – Eva Costanzo – for an excellent presentation of your story at assembly. You spoke clearly and with confidence. Well done!

5/6Q – Miss Quintin – Leah Johnston – What a fabulous project on your chosen explorer-Ludwig Leichardt, it was interesting and well presented to the class. I look forward to seeing your Melbourne Project- Keep up the good work!

Art/Craft (Ms Lee) - Mace Harris - Prep P - For displaying the RICH school values; working well in the artroom, following instructions, and always being delightful. Your artwork is fantastic!

Bernie Walsh Art Award - Prep P - for your beautiful enthusiasm; your work is so good because you follow instructions so well and you have amazing creativity! Well done Prep P

Music – (Mrs Young) – Samantha McLeod – Welcome to the band! It has taken a while to convince you to join us. I am really pleased to have you in band.

P.E. – (Mr King) –

**Active After School - Hockey**

**Running Club:** Congratulations to Leah who has achieved 20 k.ms and to the following running club participants who have already achieved 10 K.ms this year.

5/6Q
Leah 20

5/6B
Mikayla 10
Olivia 10
Jett 10
Jarrod 10

Family
Michelle G 10

**REMINDER to all parents**

**CURRICULUM DAY TOMORROW**
FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
+ LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – MONDAY 11TH MARCH
NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL ON EITHER DAY
Art News

This term we have been learning about....

Amedeo Clemente Modigliani (July 12, 1884 – January 24, 1920) was an Italian painter and sculptor who worked mainly in France. Primarily a figurative artist, he became known for paintings and sculptures in a modern style, characterized by mask-like faces and elongation of form. He died at age 35 in Paris of tubercular meningitis.

The children in grades ½ have been studying patterns and colours. They have created 3D artworks using patterns they have painted. They loved making 3D art, and their work was fantastic!

The Prep children have continued creating fabulous fish, in all sorts of shapes and sizes. We have been looking at Lucy Cousin’s Hooray for Fish for inspiration.
Neighbour Day 2013

Sunday 17th March

WOW!

10.00 am — Open, Trash & Treasure & Plant Stall
10.30 am — Tai Chi with audience participation
11.00 am — Eastbourne Primary School Band
12 noon — Pet Parade with prizes for: ‘So Ugly it’s Cute’, ‘Most Outstanding Trick’, & more
1.00 pm — Presentation of Good Neighbour Awards plus Scarecrow & Garden Decoration Awards
1.30 pm — Close

FREE DELICIOUS FOOD AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Information from local services:
* Play activities for pre-schoolers and parents
* Information on early learning & child development
* Diabetes risk assessments
* Life assessment and information on services available at Community Health
* Advice on available Exercise programs
* Information on the SHINE programs

GARDEN GNOMES, FAIRIES
AND OTHER DECORATIONS

Make a garden or other decoration which is suitable to give to your favourite neighbour for Neighbour Day which will be held at: Rosebud West, Vern Wright Reserve, off Swans Way, from 10am to 1:30pm on Sunday 17th March 2013.

Entries can be made of paper mache, wood or any material.

Each entry should have a tag with the maker’s name and contact detail on one side, and the name of the neighbour you wish to give it to, and why, on the other side.

Prizes will be presented at Neighbour Day for the gnomes, fairies or decorations which best illustrate the “Good Neighbour” theme. If you would like to, invite your “Good Neighbour” along to share a cuppa!

Entries can be left at:
Rosebud West Community Renewal,
c/- Seawinds Community Hub,
11a Allambie Ave, Rosebud West
[next to Eastbourne Primary School] up to 12noon Thursday 14th March, or, brought to Rosebud West Hall, Vern Wright Reserve between 10am and 12noon on Saturday 16th March.

Winners will be announced at Neighbour Day on Sunday 17th March.

For Information contact Rosebud West Community Renewal on: 9986 5478

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Scarecrow Competition

Local residents of all ages are invited to make scarecrows for display at Neighbour Day on Sunday 27th March 2013.

They must be no taller than 70cm and be attached to a stake suitable for planting in a garden bed.

Each scarecrow should be given a name and attached to a card hung around its neck with the maker’s name and contact number on the reverse side...

Prizes will be awarded for the Scarecrow:
* Which best suits its name
* Best representing the Mornington Peninsula
* “people’s choice” scarecrow

Entries Can be left at:
Rosebud West Community Renewal,
c/- Seawinds Community Hub,
11a Allambie Ave, Rosebud West (next to Eastbourne Primary School) up to 210000
Thursday 24th March, or, brought to Rosebud West Hall, Vern Wright Reserve (off Swans Way) between 10am and 12noon on Saturday 16th March.

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Join in the Fun and Games at Neighbour Day

Let us know what you think makes up a Good Community

* Write a story or a poem about your favourite neighbour

* About what makes a good community

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