Leadership Pledge

In my leadership role I will endeavour to be a good role model for all students at Tootgarook Primary School. I will demonstrate this by my attitude to learning and consistent working habits, my punctuality and commitment to regular attendance, good manners and by proudly wearing my school uniform.

I will aim to develop a high level of social and communication skills and am prepared to speak and make presentations at assemblies or in front of groups.

I will use my leadership qualities to assist my peers in making good choices and will build upon establishing a rapport with all children in our school.

I will accept the responsibility to represent, to the best of my ability, myself, my fellow students and our school to the whole community.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Many parents are surprised to learn that the Department of Education & Training (DET) does not provide any insurance/compensation if a child is involved in an accident at school and sustains an injury that requires medical attention. When this happens, parents unfortunately cover all costs associated with the injury.

In response to this, there are a number of companies that provide insurance for students whilst at school in the event of an injury. If you would like to find out further information about the types of policies available, one such provider can be found at www.studentcover.com.au
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Thank you to the many parents who have chatted to me over the last week in regards to being a School Councillor at Tootgarook. I’m delighted to report that we currently have sufficient nominations to fill all of the current vacancies. If this remains the case, pending the 4 o’clock deadline for the close of nominations, then no election process will be required.
I will confirm the outcome of the election process and/or the composition of our 2015 School Council in next week’s newsletter.

STUDENT ABSENCES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY
Just a quick reminder that parents need to come to the main office during the school day if they are wanting to remove a child from school. The sign out book needs to be completed before a child will be released.
If a student is to be removed on a regular basis, we ask that parents discuss this matter with the classroom teacher to ensure that these arrangements do not impact negatively on important learning blocks throughout the school day.

You may have read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents.
In response to the report’s findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy.
As a result of any changes to the Department’s policy, we will work with our school council to update our own policy at Tootgarook.

We don’t expect any changes until later in 2015 and we will let you know well in advance.
The Department’s parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year.
We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our school council, on a yearly basis and notify you of any changes through our newsletter.
Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents’ expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer.
Our policy sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child’s learning, such as books and stationery, and what we ask for optional extracurricular activities.
Our policy also sets out what we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to, and where these funds will be directed.
As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss how the school can support you in financial matters, please call the office on 59852864.

Cook House Chelsea Forster + Grant Wilson  Flinders House Zoii Cicirale-Velecinski + Max Royle

House Captains

Bass House - Alayha Roy + Kade May  Tasman House - Ellie Papadopoulos + Jacob Marthinussen
SCHOOL PROCEDURES RE PAYMENTS FOR CAMPS, EXCURSIONS ETC

When your child has to return permission notes and money to school, could all families please remember to follow these points:-

1 - Put correct money in envelope with child’s
   NAME, GRADE AND EXCURSION TITLE ON FRONT & HOW MUCH MONEY ENCLOSED.

2 – Envelope MUST be handed to the child’s teacher for recording in class cash book.

3 - Teachers then balance the cash books and forward to office for data entry.
The timeline to follow is:- All forms and/or money must be handed in first thing in the morning. After school is not acceptable as the banking for the day has been completed.

Also, even though we request correct money where possible, change WILL be sent home with the receipt with your child that day.

Many thanks to those families who already adhere to the above procedures. School Bursar.

Student of the Week
Students will be presented with certificates at Monday morning assembly.

Prep B – Mrs Bos – Noah Giarrusso – for preserving with School activities even when he was very tired.

Prep R – Mrs Read – Ella Carver – for being a happy and helpful member of our classroom. You always pack up after yourself. Well done!

1H – Mrs Hughes – Destany Watkins – for being a self-motivated learner who participates eagerly in all class activities. You are a pleasure to have in 1H.

1P – Miss Perkins – Eden Romeril – for being so enthusiastic about his learning. Eden is prepared for lessons and listens well. He is confident in answering questions in whole group discussions.

2B – Mrs Morssinkhof - Ike Taylor – listening so attentively in P.E. rotations. Well done Ike!

2J - Mrs Johnstone – Shelby McCormack – for great Integrity in her learning. Shelby completed great sentences at home demonstrating OK and WOW words.

3A – Miss Arnold – Ella Giarrusso – for being helpful with fellow peers during learning tasks and being an active learner.

3W – Ms Walton – Tyler White – for a fantastic start to the year in grade 3 at Tootgarook Primary School. You have settled in well and made good friends.

4S – Miss Staley – Jabriel Llewellyn – Welcome to Tootgarook Jabriel, you have settled in to Year 4 so well! Your effort at the beach program was outstanding, you snorkelled up a storm! Congratulations Jabriel.

5Q – Miss Quintin – You’ve been excellent sport equipment monitors whilst the grade 6’s were at the beach this week. Well done – you’re both very responsible Bailey German and Miah Taylor.

6W – Miss Withers – Cohen Baigent-Hughes – you have tried your hardest at the beach program and participated in all activities. Well done Cohen, you’re becoming more confident in the water each day.

Art/Craft – (Miss Davey) – Imogen Wiggett – 3A – for concentrating on the composition and colour matching of her artwork. Well done on a great lesson!

Music (Mrs Young) – Rafe Steadman – Prep R – you are a great listener, you are always focused and you try your very best at all times. What an excellent start to the year you have had in Music lessons. Keep it up!

P.E. – (Mr Kitchin) –

Indonesian – (Ms Lee) - Riley O’Brien- 1P - For his outstanding effort in pronouncing his first words in Indonesian “Nama saya” (My name is).
Victorian State School Spectacular 2015

I am so excited to announce, that Tootgarook Primary School is in the process of registering to participate in the Mass Choir in the Victorian State School Spectacular this year. It is the first time the school has been involved in this elaborate program and there is a lot of organising that needs to be done in a very short period of time, to secure our spot. We have been given a maximum of 20 spots and these will be offered in the 5-6 area. It will be a big commitment for the participants and their families and we will have to put a lot of time and effort in, to learn our parts for the 2-3 hour long show. The 12th of September 2015, we will be part of performing 2 shows at Hisense Arena in Melbourne and will get to experience what it is like to be part of a professional show on a massive scale! What a wonderful opportunity for both students and staff involved! The process of selecting participants has commenced today and will be finalised by the end of next week.

Christine Young, Music Teacher