

TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL





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Vision: Achieving personal excellence, empowering students in a supportive community.

Respect Integrity Celebration Honesty

CALENDAR

Swimming Continues for Grades 3 & 4 - 14th, 21st & 28th March

Monday 12th March - Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 14th March - Lunch For Everyone Pasta Boats

Monday 19th March - Gr 3 & 4 Excursion to Briars Environment Week

Thursday 29th March - Last Day Term One – 2.30pm dismissal.

LABOUR DAY REMINDER



Please note that the school will be closed on **Monday 12th March** for the annual Labour Day holiday. I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the longer weekend! School will resume as normal on Tuesday 13th March.

Parent/Teacher/Student (P/T/S) Conferences

In response to past parent feedback and the school's new Vision statement, we will be trialling some new reporting practices in 2018 to provide you with a more comprehensive and ongoing picture of your child's progress throughout the academic year. On Wednesday 21st March the conferences will be of ten minutes duration and they will be scheduled from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

The focus of these conferences will be to provide you with a clear picture of your child's start in Term One, 2018. This will include <u>shared</u> commentary on your child's work habits, progress, learning goals and connectedness.

Thank you to those parents who have returned their Student Emergency Contact form if there are any changes to phone numbers, address, emergency contacts and work details – please make the changes and return the sheet to school asap

In case of an Emergency with your child we need these numbers to be correct – thank you for your co-operation.

Our school photo day is Tuesday 27th March 2018

Photo envelopes with your child's name on it have been sent home today and need to be returned together with payment on <u>Tuesday 27th March</u>.

Family Photo envelopes are available from the School office.

Lunch For Everyone Continues next Wednesday 14th MARCH with PASTA BOATS – shell pasta, mince meat, pasta sauce, cheese, taco boats – order forms were sent home today and need to be returned by 9.00am

Tuesday 13th March 2018.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THERE ARE NO SHOP LUNCHES ON WEDNESDAYS

The 5/6 Unit of Inquiry this Term has been focused on Ethics and Emotions. Students in 5H have been discussing the definition of Ethical Principles. Ethical Principles are morals, rules or beliefs that help you know what is right and wrong, they help influence us in making positive decisions in our lives. Students were placed in groups and given ethical dilemmas. They had to decide which six people they were going to send to our new planet (Earth 2), as Earth had been destroyed from years of pollution. It was great to see one particular student make the decision to sacrifice themselves for the greater good rather than take up a seat on the small aircraft. They believed the other group members would be able to contribute more to the new colony than they would.

The students in 5H have also spent time learning about how to communicate effectively, particularly in difficult situations. By using an 'I message' such as "I feel ... when you..." or "I would like it very much if you..." Students learnt that using statements like these allows the other person to not feel like they are being confronted and it becomes much easier to solve a disagreement or problem.

The Unit aims to bring a self-awareness to students. On the 27th of March, the year fives will be celebrating their achievements this term in Guided Inquiry through an 'Identity Expo.' Students will show case some of their hard work such as their identity t-shirts, personal traits crosswords and a poster of someone that they look up to and consider to have a positive influence in their life. We look forward to seeing you there.



OR PENSION CARD HOLDERS

The Department of Education + Training again this year offering the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund of \$125 per child which is to be used towards school camps, sports and excursions.

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pension Card being eligible on **29th January** and successfully validated with Centrelink.



Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Easter 2018 school holiday dates:

- Week 1: Tues 3rd Wed 4^h Thurs 5th Fri 6th April
- Week 2: Mon 9th Tues10th Wed 11th Thurs 12th Fri 13th April
- 10am-4pm

Cost: \$75.00 per day, or \$210 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale Phone 5978 7935

Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au Open daily between 10am and 5pm





GRADE 4 CATHOLIC FAMILIES

St Mary's Star of the Sea Parish is offering classes to Catholic students in GRADE 4, 2018, FOR THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION). Classes commence on Monday 23rd April at 3.45pm in St Joseph's School for First Holy Communion To register your child please ring 59844374 as soon as possible between 10and 4pm Tuesday-Friday and leave your name and phone number, or email re.eil@icloud.com with your details.