



TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Thursday 21st December - Grade 6 Graduation/ Raffle tickets due

Friday 22nd December – Final Assembly 12.45pm

Friday 22nd December - Last Day Term 4- 1.30pm Dismissal

2018

Monday 29th January - Bookselling Day 2018

Tuesday 30th January – Curriculum Day

Wednesday 31st January – First Day back for Grades 1-6

Thursday 1st February – Preps start until 1.30pm

Tuesday 6th February – Breakfast Club resumes



PRINCIPAL REFLECTIONS & THANKS

As another school year draws to an end, I continue to reflect on how fortunate I am to lead such a dynamic, inclusive and vibrant learning community.

It is a joy coming to work each day, where teachers are so committed to their students. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our hard working teachers and our education support staff, for the extra yards they put in every day of the school year to nurture and support the individual needs of all of our students.

Throughout 2017, I have continued to be wonderfully supported by a fantastic office team, who all help to keep me so organised! My sincere thanks to Fran Parsons, Judy Stephens, Justine Beagley, Tabbatha Glossop, Mandy Norton, Fran Sheperd, Jeanette Cray, Colleen Norton and Stella White who have continued to ensure that all administrative aspects of the school have been managed so professionally.

I would also like to thank the highly talented members of the school leadership team for their unequivocal support throughout the year. Our overall student achievement levels have continued to climb throughout 2017, and as a high performing school I can't thank our leaders enough for the countless hours they have put into supporting the strategic direction of the school.

In regards to the policy direction of the school, our School Council, under the prudent leadership of Gary Barrett as President, has done a fabulous job once again in harnessing the collective aspirations of our school community. My sincere thanks to all of our school councillors for the countless hours they have contributed in support of the school.

To our school community and wonderful parents, deep thanks for the support you have extended to the school throughout 2017. A key ingredient to our success as a school is the strong home-school partnerships they we have been able to forge again this year. We understand that you as parents are all very busy, but we thank you for the time you have been able to prioritise in support of the school.

Tootgarook PS will continue to go from strength to strength. Over the break we will continue to work hard to ensure that our students have access to the best facilities and resources possible. In 2018 our class size average of 20.2 will be one of the lowest in the state of Victoria.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and I hope that the time you spend with the family over the coming weeks is filled with much happiness and joy.

There will be NO lunch orders on Friday 22nd December due to students' early dismissal @ 1.30pm

Updated Staffing for 2018 as follows:

Gr 6 Donna Johnstone

Gr 6 Brent Kitchin

Gr 5 Alicia Perkins

Gr 5 Franki Houston

Gr 3/4 Chelsea McGhee

Gr 3/4 Catherine Hone

Gr 3/4 Billy Morrison

Specialist Program Staff

Intervention-Mandy Bos

Teaching Support-Sandra Walton

Music - Christine Young

Physical Education - Nat Burns

Art - Amelia Davey

Gr 2 Amelia Davey/Patricia Gibson

Gr 2 Madeline Boyd

Gr 1 Skie Arnold

Gr 1 Jessica Bell

Foundation Merryn Perkin/ Rebecca Broomfield

Foundation Adele Read

Administrative Staff

Principal- Wayne Whitworth

Assistant Principal- Paul King

Business Manager-Stella White

Office Assistant- Judy Stephens

Educational Support

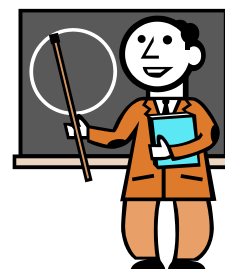
Carolyn Jenkins,

Jackie Waycott,

Melanie Turner

Justine Beagley

Graham Sharrock



Book Selling Day

Monday 29th January 2017

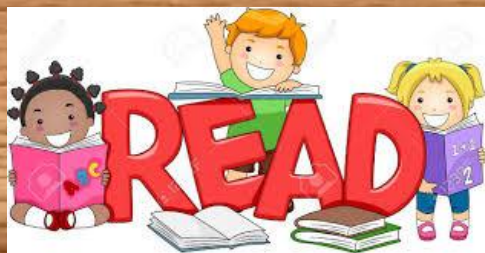
Please come to the school office

Students Booklists cost \$220

The school **DOES NOT** have Eftpos facilities so please endeavour to have the correct money!



Could all students who have medication stored in the First Aid Room please take it home next Friday (the last day of term 4) Thank you!!



Congratulations to Trilby Carroll, Stephanie Lawry & Callum Woulfe. Each of these students got to choose a book from our Book Fair.

Jorja Burrowes wrote this persuasive piece about which charity she felt deserves the \$242.15 that was raised at our Bizarre Bazaar market. Students designed products from recycled items, made a prototype and worked out how to improve on them. They then produced enough to sell at the Bazaar. Some of the items were planters made from jars, friendship bracelets, lip scrub, slime and playdough. The money has been forwarded on to the Make a Wish Foundation. Well done to all involved.

Make a Wish Foundation is a charity which fulfills the dreams of many children across the globe, as they research on how to keep the poor kids with illnesses, such as cancer.

This charity sets up a meeting for many children to meet their idol. They spend a full day together and they do ordinary things such as going out for a nice meal. One kid met their favourite Youtuber. The kid had a Youtube channel and since the Youtuber recorded their day, the kid's channel sky-rocketed. He got over 300,000 subscribers in a week or so.

Not only do they meet their idols, they also have a day of their life doing their dream job. A kid's dream was to become famous and his wish was granted. He went into a party which was set up by Make a Wish and he was bombarded by "fans". He danced to "Can't Stop The Feeling" by Justin Timberlake from the movie Trolls. He was on many news channels like the Today Show on channel Nine.

This charity is worthy of a donation because they help kids feel better mentally, physically and socially as they try to make their dreams come true. They spend their full time on these kids for their good, and their reward isn't getting money, it is seeing the children's smiles stretch across their faces. Make a Wish is volunteer work.

The money would go to research, setting up parties, meet and greets or a full day with their with their idols, just what they want in general. These things are important because the sick kids may not be able to experience anything like it in their short lives so Make a Wish wants them to do everything they want to before their passing so they could live a happy life.

This charity helps others by making their wishes true and improving research for the future. Their job isn't a big personal gain, it is a gain for the community.

Therefore, I say the \$242.15 we raised at the Bizarre Bazaar shall go to Make a Wish Foundation for their incredible work over many years, possibly even decades of work. The Bizarre Bazaar relates to Make a Wish because we are giving to people to make them happy. In both Bizarre Bazaar and Make a Wish, everyone spends time to make things happen and giving to people, mainly kids.

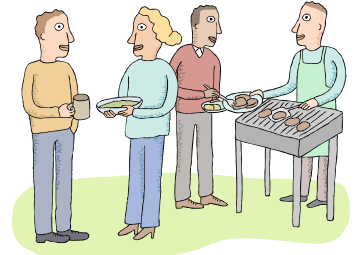
All of the reasons I have stated are why we should give the fundraised money to Make a Wish and the poor kids who are very ill.

- Torja Burrowes

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MARKET HELP NEEDED

Our last market for 2017 and first one for 2018 will be held on the 23rd December and 27th January respectively. As this is holiday time and we expect the markets to be very busy, we are asking for any parents who could come along to either or both of the markets to help out with the cooking, serving or early morning organisation. This is a fantastic fundraising activity for our school so any help would be greatly appreciated. Any queries please contact the school office. Please fill out the form below and return to school by **FRIDAY 22ND December 2017** if you can offer any assistance. Thank you.



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MARKET HELP DECEMBER & JANUARY

I can help with market organisation or Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 23rd DECEMBER, 2017

6am	{ }	7am	{ }
8am	{ }	9am	{ }
10am	{ }	11am	{ }
12pm	{ }	Other	{ }

I can help with market organisation or Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 27th JANUARY, 2018

6am	{ }	7am	{ }
8am	{ }	9am	{ }
10am	{ }	11am	{ }
12pm	{ }	Other	{ }

Name: Contact T/ph:

Child's Name: Grade:



Tootgarook Community Market is on this Saturday 23rd December with the whole school is rostered on but more helpers are needed. Thankyou to Julie & Andrew Woulfe, Janine & Andrew Wallace, Chuyen Hodgetts and Nathan Opie for offering to assist on the day. If you can spare an hour or so – please let the office know – thankyou.



A big thank you to Gordon's Harvest for your continued support of our Community Market.

Head on down and have a look!

Open Thursday/ Friday 12-6:00pm and Saturday / Sunday 8-3:00pm

2/15 Henry wilson Dr, Rosebud

Parents & Friends FREE Breakfast



Family Life & Rye Lions Club



Hey kids, come to school and have a sausage, sauce in bread with a parent, grandparent or adult friend

Where: Tootgarook Primary School,
Carmichael Street, Tootgarook

When: Friday 22nd December 2016 8:15am to 9am

Every student who **brings** a parent or friend with them for breakfast gets a free raffle ticket with a chance to win a \$30 meat voucher kindly donated by **Cliffex Meats**.
McDowell St Rosebud



We would like to thank Rye Lions Club for their support

For further information please contact Adam B from Family Life on 9784 0650 or
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