



TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

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

Respect

Integrity

Celebration

Honesty

CALENDAR

Swimming each Wednesday Term 3 – Grade 5/6- 24th July – 18th September (no swimming 4th Sept)

Friday 16th Aug House Athletics **BASS FLINDERS COOK TASMAN**

9.30am to 1.30 – years 3-6 and 2.30pm 3-6 800m - Foundation to year 2

Wednesday 21st Aug - VSSS Melbourne

Sunday 25th 26th Aug- 30th - **Ski Camp**

Friday 30th August - Fathers day stall Gifts range from \$1-5

Wednesday September 4th - District Athletics

Thursday September 5th - Literacy/ Numeracy Celebration Day (Book Week)

A reminder there are NO lunch orders on Wednesdays.

There will be no HOT CHIPS ON FRIDAYS.

Parent Opinion Survey

A big thank you to the families who have so far completed the 2019 Parent Opinion Survey. We are extremely grateful for the time undertaken to provide this important feedback. Access to the survey will close this weekend, for any families who would still like to undertake this survey.

Mobile Phone

It has been very interesting to follow the recent commentary in the media in regards to mobile phones at school. The Department of Education & Training (DET) has undertaken extensive consultation on this matter and recently issued updated advice to all government schools in Victoria to ensure a consistent approach across the state. It has indeed been reassuring to see that DET's position on this matter, is consistent with our school's existing Mobile Device Policy. In summary, students ARE able to bring mobile phones to school, on the condition that these phones remain safely stored at the office. Students are not to access/check their phones during the school day. If a parent needs to make contact with their child through the school day, this would need to be undertaken through the school's main office. At the end of the school day, students may access their phones to send messages or make calls to parents. Further to this, at no stage are students to use their phones to take unsolicited photos of other students on the school site. We hope that all students and parents can see that the school has a 'common sense' approach on this matter that ensures our learning environment is not adversely affected, whilst also recognising that mobile phones are an important communication mechanism for many of our students.

Lockdown Procedures

As part of the school's extensive risk management procedures, a lockdown was rehearsed this term whilst the students were in classes. It was indeed reassuring to know, that the entire school site could be locked down with all 240 students accounted for in just over 4 minutes. Lock downs and evacuations are practised regularly, to ensure the safety of all students and staff during potentially challenging circumstances. Please be assured of the school's vigilance on any safety matters for our students, whether it be a minor infraction in the playground or a major school emergency. Later this term we will be rehearsing an Off-Site evacuation. Details will follow in the coming weeks.

STAFFING 2020

In 2020 Brent Kitchin will be moving on from Tootgarook Primary School as he has received a promotion and will be taking on the role of a Learning Specialist at Rosebud Secondary College. **Congratulations Brent!**

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2020 Foundation Enrolments

At the end of this week, all Principals in Victorian Government schools will be asked to forward their 2020 enrolments to the Department of Education & Training (DET). A key part of this process requires schools to try and predict as closely as possible, their new Foundation students who will begin their schooling next year. Over the last week, there has been some confusion for existing school families about the enrolment process for siblings. It is therefore important to understand that each child in the family must be enrolled separately with their own enrolment form. Siblings are not automatically enrolled. We currently have 15 students enrolled for our Foundation classes in 2020 and are now planning for the resources that will be needed for this cohort. Pending further enrolment applications, we will definitely be planning for one class at this level. If you haven't yet lodged your Foundation enrolment form for next year, we would be very grateful to receive the remainder of these forms by the end of this week. If you have any queries about this process, please don't hesitate to contact the school's main office on 59852864.

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Tootgarook PS House Athletics will be held on **Friday 16th August** for 3 – 6 with events beginning at 10.00am – 3.30pm. F-2 will be competing from 2.30 to 3.30pm. Dress up in your house colours!! **BASS FLINDERS COOK TASMAN** Athletics will be held on the School Oval. **We are in need of Parent Helpers who can assist on the day - please see Miss Boyd if you can help out.**



FATHER'S DAY STALL



FRIDAY 31st AUGUST from 9-11AM

Gifts available from .50c to \$5.00

If anyone is available to lend a hand with children in deciding their gifts – thankyou and we'll see you at 9.00am.

Tootgarook Community Market is on **Saturday 24th**

August with 3/4H being rostered on however more helpers are needed. If you can spare an hour or so – please let the office know – thankyou!





5/6 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Term 3 2019

This timetable is the same for each swimming day.
Swimming will run in Weeks 2,3,4,5,6,7,9 & 10 (No week 8)

Please remember to send your child with the bathers and towel.

Class Group:	Bus leaves school:	Start lesson:	Finish lesson:	Bus leaves Pool
Group 1-5/6M	12.40pm –	1:00pm	1:30pm	1.50pm
Group 2-5/6K	1:10pm	1:30pm	2:00pm	2:00pm
Group- 3 – 5/6A	1.40pm	2.00pm	2.30pm	3.00pm
Group 4-Mixed- LB	1:40pm	2:00pm	3:30pm	2:45pm

**A reminder for parents to please label all your child's belongings i.e. drink bottles, lunch boxes, jumpers etc. so they can be returned if misplaced.
Thankyou**

Lunch For Everyone  - Wednesday 21st August



TACO BOATS

**ORDERS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY EVENING
CONTACT THE OFFICE TUESDAY MORNING
UNTILL 9.15AM**

LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



Last rehearsal at Melbourne Town Hall (if you look closely you can see us 😊)

State School Spectacular is coming around quickly: our next rehearsal at Melbourne Town Hall is next Wednesday 21st August.

Then we have the rehearsals at Melbourne Arena on the 12th and 13th of September and the it's Showtime on September 14th.

Community Care

We are open every Friday between 12-3pm to provide emergency food relief for those on the southern end of the peninsula.

Commencing on the 2nd August

No appointment necessary, identification is required. Pantry Staples are available monthly and fresh produce weekly.



Location : Peninsula Life Church ,154 Browns Rd Boneo

ATTENDANCE: All attendance must be entered onto Compass. Please ensure that if your child is absent or going to be late. That you record this on Compass prior to 9.00am

Bendigo Bank: School Banking
Bring your bankbook on **TUESDAYS**. If your new you can enrol at the Rye branch.



Coming Events



August				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12	13	14 Lunch for everyone	15	16 School House Athletics day
19	20	21 Lunch for everyone	22	23
26	27	28 Lunch for everyone	29	30
2 SEPTEMBER	3	4 Lunch for everyone District Athletics	5 Literacy and Numeracy Celebration	6 Year 6's City/Art & Music day