



TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Tuesday 14 th February	-	Tootgarook House Swimming Sports
Saturday 25 th February	-	Tootgarook Market
Monday 20 th – Wednesday 22 nd March	-	5/6 Urban Camp
Wednesday 28 th March	-	School Photo Day

We begin 2017 going into the last year of our Strategic Plan 2013 – 2017 which will be an important document to guide to reflect on the past four years and direct the decision making and resource allocation of the coming four years.

The entire plan is underpinned by the following Vision statement:

At Tootgarook Primary School we aim for all to achieve their personal best

Central to this plan, are the four Values that have been prioritised by our school community.

These include:

Respect	– Being tolerant, caring, supportive and valuing ourselves and each other
Integrity	– Being true to ourselves and each other and not betraying each other's confidences
Celebration	– Acknowledging our individuality and achievements
Honesty	– Having open communication and trust



Over the course of the year, we will aim to ensure these Values shape the behaviours and expectations we have for all students.

It would be great if parents could also make note of these Values and also use them as a reference point at home. The more congruent the alignment between school and home, the stronger the partnership we are able to forge.

UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging/engagement.

Each year, approximately half of the School Council retires to allow new members to become involved. To this end, we are now formally calling for nominations for the 2017/2018 Tootgarook PS School Council. Membership on the council is for a period of two years and regular meetings are held at 6pm on the third Monday of each month. Councillors will become involved in sub-committees of council: Education, Facilities & Finance and Community Engagement. ***If you would like to know more about being a councillor, don't hesitate to give me a call.***

*In 2017, we have **three parent vacancies** on School Council for a full period of two years. Nominations for School Council will close at 4.00pm on Friday 16th February. Please contact me for a nomination form if you are interested. If we receive more nominations than positions available, an election process will follow in the coming weeks.*



Grades 3/4/5/6 Water Safety Program was cancelled this week due to poor water quality as outlined by the EPA.

The Program has been rescheduled starting Monday 20th February.



Student of the Week

Students will be presented with certificates at next Thursday afternoon's assembly.



Prep P – Mrs Perkin – Olivia Golding – *for remembering to raise her hand before sharing her ideas. Well done Olivia for showing respect to our class.*

Prep S – Mrs Read – Angus Livesley – *I am impressed with the way you have settled into our Foundation classroom. You are a great friend to others and always follow our classroom routines. Well done Angus.*

1A – Miss Arnold – Travis Bowden - *What a fantastic start to Year One you have had Travis. You listen carefully to instructions and have tried your best with all of our activities.*

1P – Miss Perkins – Summer Rogers - *WOW Summer! We are super impressed with the integrity you have shown with your learning tasks this week! You take your time and work quietly.*

2B – Miss Boyd – Holly Thomas – *for challenging herself and peers with extended questions during Maths. Well done Holly!*

2L - Mrs Baird – Billy Wyhoon – *What a great start to the year! Billy has made a conscious effort to look at the speaker and to listen carefully. Well Done!*

3H – Mrs Houston - Makenzie Cooke – *for a great start to grade 3 and presenting his work to a high standard!*

3WB – Ms Walton & Mrs Bos – Baxta Penzo – *for sharing his Canada holiday photos. Everyone enjoyed seeing where he had been over Christmas. Thankyou Baxta!*

4H - Ms Hone – Charli Vis – *for always being ready to help her teacher and other students as we start the school year. Thankyou Charli for your wonderful initiative!*

4P – Miss Pittard - Hazel Read – *for learning and acting with the RICH School Values. You always act with Integrity and complete every task with enthusiasm and positivity. Well done Hazel!*

5/6H – Mrs Haddad – Zac Kent – *for establishing a fantastic homework routine by completing Maths and English holiday homework. What a great start to Grade 6!*

5/6 K – Mr Kitchin – Jake Bell – *What a fantastic start to 2017 you have had! You have applied yourself and achieved some great results. Keep up the great work Jake!*

5/6M – Miss McGhee - Leigh Rosowski - *For trying his best in every lesson this week. Leigh you have started Grade 5 off very dedicated and have produced some wonderful work. Keep it up Leigh!*

Art / Craft – Miss Davey – Lilah Hills 3H – *Well Done Lilah on your first Art lesson for the year. I loved the way you used your imagination when designing your visual diary front cover. Keep up the great work!*

Music - Mrs Young – Ryan Hardy- Prep R- *Well done Ryan on your first Music lesson at Primary School. You participated with enthusiasm and skill - well done!*

P.E. – Mrs Burns - Well done Billy Wyhoon – Grade 2L. *You listened attentively to instructions and encouraged your classmates during Phys. Ed. this week. Keep it up!*

Indonesian – Mrs Clements- Josh Sterling- *You were a star in Indonesian this week. Well done!!!*



BookClub Orders
are due back
Monday 13th February

I ♥
Book Club

ATTENTION HEALTH CARE CARD 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 **30th January** and successfully validated with Centrelink.

Application forms are available from the school office.

State Schools' Relief Prep CSEF uniform support is also available for Prep parents – a fact sheet is available from the office.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



EASTBOURNE VACATION CARE PROGRAM

**Monday 3rd April 2017 to Thursday
13th April 2017**

Eastbourne Primary School will conduct a Vacation Care Service during the forthcoming school holidays. **Activities will include excursion to PARC Swim Centre, Boneo Maze, Wheels Day and lots more.**

If you would like to enrol your children in the Holiday Program – please take note of the following:-

1. Bookings will be taken until **Friday 24th March 2017.**
2. **Cost is \$50.00 per child per day inclusive.** If you are eligible for a Centre-Link Child Care Rebate, this will continue to apply. As has been the case in the past, once the relevant calculations have been done taking your Centrelink rebate into account, you will only need to pay the balance owing. If you do not currently receive a Centrelink Childcare Rebate and are unsure as to your eligibility – please contact Centrelink direct on 136 150.
3. Eastbourne Primary School has an EFTPOS facility, phone payments or direct payment into the school's bank account for any parents who wish to use this method of payment.

Forms are available from the school by phoning 5986 4884 or collecting them from the school office:
Thankyou

Keeping up to date with the School App & Website

Our school now has an 'APP'....

Tiqbiz is an easy to use app designed to let us communicate directly to parents on their phones, tablets and computers. It will allow us to send the newsletter, messages, show calendar events and send updates such as the school excursion bus is running late.

Using the tiqbiz app will have the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less as well as keeping you fully informed and up-to-date with news and events.

Downloading is easy.....

iPhone and iPad - go to the Apple App Store and search tiqbiz.

Android smartphone and tablet - Go to Google play and search tiqbiz

Windows & Mac computers - Go to www.tiqbiz.com then click on the download button

There will be 4 easy steps:

Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.

Click the 'Find' icon and type our school name into the search bar

-you will now see all our school boxes.

Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you.

Click on the Inbox icon.

-This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletter, notices and calendar events.



Tootgarook Primary School Website can be found at:

www.tootps.vic.edu.au

Keep up to date with the School newsletters, "What's happening in your classroom", Events & school News. Register via the website for Newsletter notifications.

Rosebud Junior football club

Family Fun & Registration Day

Sunday February 19th
Olympic park, main oval
From 10am to 2pm



- AFL's "Footy Road show" will be in attendance for an action packed "inflatable" skills day! (Please note - no footy boots to be worn!)
- Please be at the club between 10am and 11:30am for your teams meeting- meet the coach, discuss training times etc...
- Grab lunch at our BBQ- (Sausages, Burgers, drinks etc..)
- Player registration for those not already registered. (Bring your smart phone for help with the online registration process)



CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR GR 5 AND GR 6 CHILDREN

St Mary's Star of the Sea will hold the Confirmation Ceremony on Wednesday 26th April at 7pm this year. Any Gr 5 or 6 child who is baptised Catholic and has received earlier Sacraments, is now eligible to make their Confirmation. Please contact 59844374 to register for after school classes.

Classes commence on Wednesday 8th March 3.45 - 4.45pm in St Joseph's School. Any queries please email Eileen: ewhite@sjorrento.catholic.edu.au