



TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

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

Respect

Integrity

Celebration

Honesty

CALENDAR

BREAKFAST CLUB & LUNCH FOR EVERYONE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE REST OF TERM 1



Yr 1/2 SWIMMING WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE REST OF THE TERM

Tuesday 24th March

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Curriculum day (no students required at school)

ALL ASSEMBLIES WILL BE CANCELLED UNTILL NEXT TERM

**LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE
Wednesday until the end of term**

In my previous communication to families, I emphasised two priorities for our community. Firstly, health and safety and secondly the need to maintain as much normality as possible for our students.

We understand that at some point school closure will be inevitable. As such, we would like to announce that we have a solid plan in place to teach the children from home.

Remote and Online Learning Program

We will move to remote and online learning in the event of school closure. Staff have been very busy planning for this eventuation.

- Students from Foundation to Year 2 will be provided with materials to complete at home either in hard copy or via daily posts on Compass. This will include class work and suggestions from specialist staff as to games and activities you can do at home with your child.
- Students in Years 3 - 6 will be encouraged to use their laptops and involve themselves in an online learning experience. Each day will run similarly to a school day and may involve live classes.

Additionally, to ensure our community remains connected we have made plans to use Office 365, an online video conferencing platform. Each school day, year levels will be invited to an online 'TEAMS' at designated times. This will be important to connect our community if we are isolated at home.

We intend using our final week of term to transition our community to this possibility. For some students already at home, we will post lessons plans to class pages on Compass. All students in Years 3-6 will be trained in how to use Office 365.

We understand that, due to differing care arrangements, students may not be able to take part in our full offsite educational program and during these times of disruption, we will be doing all we can to support our families. We ask that you endeavour to maintain a routine day for the children as this is an important coping strategy.

I encourage you to see this as an opportunity to further extend our students and to foster the development of **independence and resilience** in times of challenge. There will be hiccups and there will be things that do not go to plan but work with us and we encourage you to remain connected.

In saying this, I ask that you respect the **working day** for our staff is **8:45am to 3:30pm**. Whilst we work online, I ask that you respect that staff will also have children and family to care for at home.

Further Communication

Further communication regarding the more specific details of our remote and online learning program will be communicated via Compass.

Should we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our community, or should the Government issue a school closure directive, we will communicate with you directly via Compass.

Dear Families,

As we potentially head into a period of distance learning, I wanted to share some thoughts that I have been mulling over to keep our students safe online. We are so lucky to have the resources and digital wherewithal to **continue to provide learning opportunities** through this challenging time. Our staff have been relentless in their endeavours to plan and prepare for distance learning.

This, however, highlights the importance of a strong **family/school partnership** and the need to **set some boundaries**, particularly **around screen time and use**.

As a result, I wanted to clearly spell out our **guidelines** so that we are in sync at school and at home:

- Set up a student workstation or learning space that is in a **public area** of the house so that an **adult is supervising your child's technology use**.
- During the 'virtual' school day from 9a.m. - 3.30p.m, please remember that the **School's Technology Guidelines apply**.
- We ask that your child/children **do not engage in any Social Media apps**, including but not exclusive to: *TikTok, Facetime, Snapchat, Instagram, House Party* etc. If your child has any of these apps on a device, I trust that you will **delete these** as per our School's expectations and the recommendations of cyber safety experts.
- If students have any questions about tasks, **please contact the teacher via Compass**. **Students are not to set up 'Group Chats' or use any other social media chat platforms** throughout the 'virtual' school day. There will be, however, a daily situation where our educators set up an online forum through Office 365 to provide a collaborative experience for the students where they can appropriately discuss learning, led by the teacher.
- Your child is **not expected to be 'on-line' from 9a.m. - 3.30p.m.** If the children are online for more than 30 mins at a time, please ask to see what they are doing. Children should be having a **screen break after every 30mins** or so.
- Whilst students will need to **access Compass for task instructions**, many tasks will be completed **'off-line'**.

I appreciate that navigating the world of online learning from home with children, while juggling work and other commitments will be challenging for us all. I thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support.

THERE WILL BE NO MARKET ON IN MARCH



ANZAC Badges are available at the office. Gold coin donation.



Please return raffle tickets on the 26th March – tickets 50c or \$5.00 per book of 10.



Teddy Bears Picnic



Last Wednesday, the Foundation students and their Year

5 buddies had the Teddy Bears Picnic. We spent an hour outside measuring objects and measuring our teddy bears as well as having a special buddy photo. After our Mathematics activities we all got together and ate our lunch. It was very nice to see so many smiles.

RUNNING CLUB – We would like to thank Julie Woulfe for a great

Running Club Term 1!



Running club will start in the first week of Term 2 every Tuesday and Thursday morning 8- 8.45am Last year we had lots of children, younger siblings and parents attend. This valuable community service can only run with the assistance of parent helpers and volunteers. If you could assist on a Tuesday and/or Thursday morning from 8-9am please see Julie Woulfe.



Breakfast club- We would like to thank Kelly Driver and helpers for running this program for our students. You do a wonderful job every week. Breakfast club will resume in Term 2



**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WILL BE
28TH APRIL 2020**



Working With Children Cards

Cardholders who have their WWCC will need to supply the school office with a copy. In order for you to do help with reading with your child in the classroom or go on excursion. The school must have an up to date copy of their WWCC.

LOCAL EXCURSION CONSENT IS ON COMPASS - At the start of each year we require parents to consent a Local Excursion and a Bus consent on Compass. The Internet Agreement and Photo Permission forms signed by parents last year will be carried over to this year however if circumstances have changed and you do not wish your child to be photographed for the newsletter or newspaper or you do not wish your child to go on the Internet please let the office know in writing.



**FEBRUARY / MARCH
TERM 1 2020**

Week 8	16 March	17	18	19	20
Week 9	23	24 Curriculum Day	25	26	27 END OF TERM 1 2.30 PM FINISH

Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly

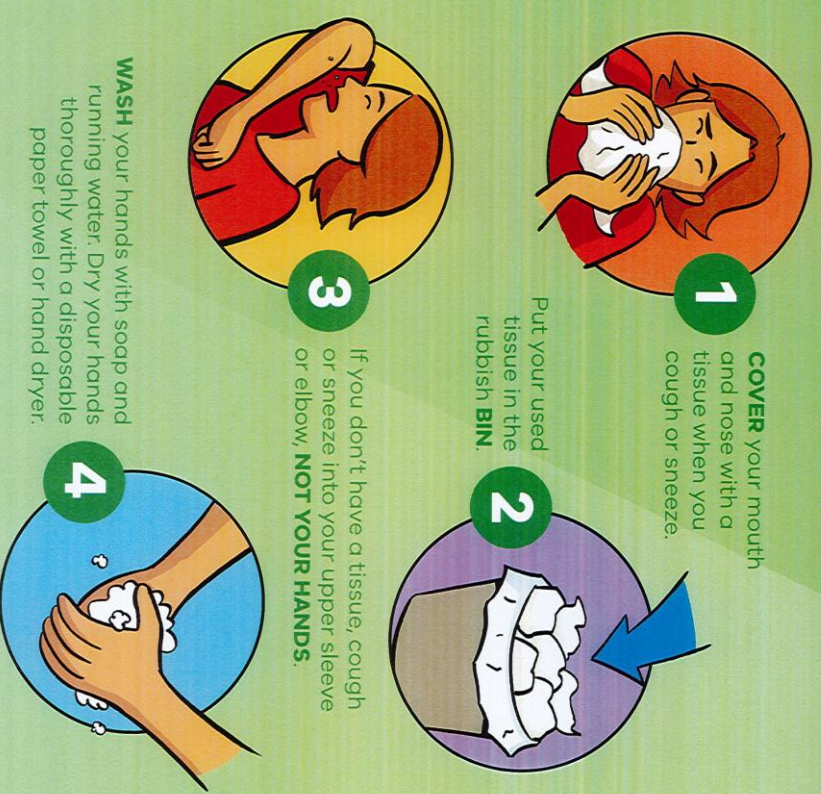


Stay germ free and healthy

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Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



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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 **29th January** and successfully validated with Centrelink. If your circumstances have changed you will need to call at the school office for a new form (ie: additional student attending school, Gr 6 student has left or you have become eligible for a Health Care Card)

CAPEL SOUND CHILDREN'S PROJECT

FREE PLAYGROUP

Where? **Seawinds Community Hub**
11a Allambi Avenue, Capel Sound 3940

When? **Mondays – 1pm – 3pm**

What's Different? This Play Group is different from others. The program applies the ground-breaking Abecedarian approach benefiting children and their families. Child-centred, 'talk' is central to the approach. Participants will learn the techniques that have been proven to improve their children's intellectual development, academic success and socio-economic and health outcomes.

Enquiries and To Book? Seawinds Community Hub 03 5982 2204



Why not
come and
give it a go?



Seawinds
Community Hub



MORNINGTON PENINSULA
SHIRE



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SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Reading Matters!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF
READING 10
MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

10:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
600,000
words per year

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year

Source: Cunningham and Stanovich (1998)

SCHOLASTIC

1st TOOTGAROOK SCOUT GROUP

26 Kevin Street Tootgarook, Contact: 0411 067 627

Hop over to try 3 free sessions as a Joey Scout!

Children aged 5 to 7 are eligible to become Joey Scouts, where they can join a group and get together once a week for some fun and adventures, but there are so many other benefits to Scouting:

- Building social skills and increasing self confidence
- Developing a sense of belonging
- Enhancing emotional wellbeing
- Fine and gross motor development through crafts and games
- Character building
- Learning team work and decision making skills
- Caring for the environment, our community and our nations heritage
- Having fun, fun, **FUN!**

Leaders are fantastic role models, who encourage participation, problem solving, commitment and inclusion, and help build confidence, a sense of duty and respect.

Joey Scouts meet: Wednesdays 4:30-5:30.

Children are eligible to attend 3 free sessions to 'give it a go'. This allows parents to witness the benefits of Scouting before making a commitment. Children can commence with us at any time during a term, and enquiries can be made to our Assistant Joey Scout Leader Noel (Puggie) on 0411 067 627.





PLATINUM TENNIS ACADEMY

For enquires and bookings
please contact

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- Junior & Adult Coaching
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- Cardio Tennis
- Holiday Clinics
- Tournaments
- Hot Shots Leagues
- Restringing

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EASTBOURNE VACATION CARE PROGRAM
Monday 30th March to Thursday 9th April 2020

Eastbourne Primary School will conduct a Vacation Care Service during the next school holidays.

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

- 1. Cost is \$55.00 per child per day. *Please make sure you have registered with Centrelink and have a copy of your new approved hours and percentage. If your approved hours are more than the number of hours you require you will be charged the full amount of \$55.00 for any additional hours. If you are unsure as to your eligibility or you have not yet registered your details please contact Centrelink direct on 136 150.***
- 2. 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.**
- 3. Activities include Scienceworks Excursion, Star Wars Day, Secret Spy School Day, Eastbourne Kitchen Rules and lots more.**

Forms are available from the schools website eastbourne.vic.edu.au or collecting them from the school office.

Thankyou