



TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

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

Respect

Integrity

Celebration

Honesty

CALENDAR

Friday 26th June

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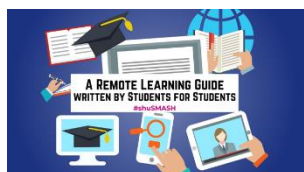
LAST DAY TERM 2-2.30pm dismissal

Monday 13th July

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FIRST DAY TERM 2 – 9.00am start

Remote Learning Survey Thanks



A huge thank you to the families who took the time to complete the remote learning survey. This information will be collated and analysed by our teaching staff. We will aim to provide an overview of this feedback in future newsletters. Further thanks are included in this Newsletter from DET to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of parents during the Remote Learning period.

Interim Operational Arrangements

A huge thank you once again to all families for the wonderful support over recent weeks as part of the transition back to school. We were delighted to welcome our Years 3 – 6 students this week and look forward to returning to normal operations over the coming weeks. Please note that the staggered start and finish times currently in operation will remain in place until the end of the term. We will provide updated details at the end of this term for these arrangements in Term 3.

Foundation – Year 2, will continue to be handed over directly to parents, whilst older students will exit from their relevant exit point. For families with multiple children, we suggest that you make a clear plan with your children as to which section of the school boundary you will aim to meet them at each afternoon. Under the current arrangements, students are not permitted to play in the grounds before or after school.

It is really important to note that students will need to continue to bring a drink bottle to school every day, as all external bubbler taps remain shut down. Students will be able to refill water bottles throughout the school day at designated points if required.



Student Reports

Over the last couple of weeks, our hard working teachers have been busy compiling Mid-year Reports for all students. Given the short and disrupted nature of Term 1 and the period of Remote Learning in Term 2, these upcoming Student Reports will look very different when released in the last week of term. Teachers will not be providing A – E ratings for students, as we simply have insufficient data sets on which to make these judgements from first semester. The reports will provide an overview of the learning focus from the Victorian Curriculum that was taught, a succinct descriptive assessment of student achievement so far this year, as well as a comment on how each student adjusted to the Remote and



Flexible learning environment. We understand that many parents are eager to ascertain their child/ren's learning progress to date this year, however we seek your patience on this matter as we begin to work through our assessment schedules and rebuild our current data sets for each student.

We must remember that the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for many students (as well as adults) and so we must continue to privilege a focus on the wellbeing of our students as they settle back into the routines of school. With most of our major school events now cancelled or postponed for the remainder of the school year, we are now in the unique position to have two relatively 'uninterrupted' terms of learning ahead. We are therefore very confident that any 'lost' learning gain that may have resulted from the period of remote learning, will be addressed into second semester so that we can work to get all students back on track and hopefully at their expected achievement levels by the end of the year (pending any future disruptions/restrictions etc.).



**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WILL BE
11TH AUGUST 2020**



**THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH FOR EVERYONE
NO BREAKFAST CLUB
AND NO RUNNING CLUB
THIS TERM**



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



**Heart
Foundation**

This year our school is participating in **Jump Rope for Heart** - a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program by the Heart Foundation that has been running for over 36 years.

Jump Rope for Heart is a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

To make fundraising fun and easy, you can create your own secure webpage at jumprope.org.au

Sign up to share your child's progress and let the funds roll in. Your child can earn virtual badges along the way and your page will highlight the prizes up for grabs.

Sign up here today: www.jumprope.org.au Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!



This week all the students have played the game 'Get out of my house' during their Mathematic Sessions as part of their number fluency. There are many different variations to the game and we would love to hear about families playing the game at home using their Maths Family Packs.



LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE

Monday – Friday

until the end of term

Please write your child's name on a brown paper bag and leave at the school office.