



# TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

*Weekly newsletter of*

**TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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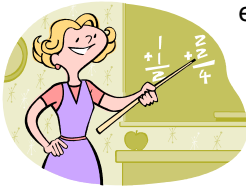
## CALENDAR

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Beach Program
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Iron Person Competition at Toot Beach
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Tootgarook House Swimming Sports
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Tootgarook Market
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	-	5/6 Urban Camp
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	-	School Photo Day

## WELCOME TO 2017

A very warm welcome to all students, staff & parents as we get the 2017 school year underway.

Our 270 students have had a very smooth start to the year with all classes settling in beautifully and quickly establishing their classroom routines and learning programs. I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome our new members of the Tootgarook staff who are all doing a great job in acquainting themselves with all of the school's operations: Mandy Haddad, Danika Pittard, Madeline Boyd and Catherine Hone. If you get a chance, please pop into your child's class to introduce yourself to our wonderful new teachers.



## Introducing our School Leaders for 2017

**School Captains**  
**Jarvis Swaby and Mia Goldberg**



**Tasman House Captains –**  
Sophie Papadopoulos and Cooper Strohfeldt



**Flinders House Captains –**  
Noah Davies and Amity Bickley



**Cook House Captains –**  
Niall Harbour and Jorja Burrowes



**Bass House Captains –**  
Scott Wilson and Eloise Read



**School Sports Captains –**  
Hunter Nicholas and Charli Kelly



**Band (Music) Captains –**  
Hailey May and Katelyn Lizio



**Library Captain –**  
Shelby Legh



**Congratulations**



**Student Safety** Please take the time to regularly remind your child/ren about safety, especially when going to and from school. Here are the important points to mention:

- Do not talk to strangers and never accept a ride from a stranger, or accept lollies or gifts from a stranger.
- Immediately report any issue or problem you may have when going to or from school, to your mum and dad, or to your teacher, the Principal, Assistant Principal or office staff.
- Always get permission from mum or dad before going to play with a friend after school and always let mum and dad know where you will be and what time you will be home.

We advise that, wherever possible, children should travel to or from school with an adult or with their friends, rather than travel alone.

**Early Release** All children collected from school before 3.30pm must be signed out at the Office. If a child is signed out at Recess or Lunch time, the Office staff will call the child to the Office.



**Bikes & Scooters** Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. It is recommended all bikes and scooters are locked up at the provided bike racks to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock. All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety. All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribtics and helmets must be labelled, with your child's name and class. **Children are reminded they must walk their bike, scooter, skateboard or ribstic to and from the school gates. No bikes are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that Scooters are also not walked through the building.**



**Working With Children Checks -** Cardholders who are required to renew their WWC Check will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. Cardholders will go to the WWC Check website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card. **The online renewal process** Cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWC Check is due to expire. It is important for cardholders to keep their contact details up to date so that they receive this important reminder.

After receiving a notification, individuals continuing to do child-related work should go to MyCheck on the WWC Check website and apply to renew their Check. Cardholders will be asked to register with MyCheck if they have not already done so. Once logged in to MyCheck, cardholders will be prompted to confirm or update their personal contact and work details, complete the online form and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable \$102.70 fee.

**More information**, an FAQ guide to online renewals will be available in 'Publications' under 'Resources' on the WWC Check website. Or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov>.

**LOCAL EXCURSION NOTES -** At the start of each year we require parents to sign a Local Excursion note and a Bus Note. 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. The Local Excursion note and bus note (on the reverse side) was sent home this week– please sign and return asap. The Prep children and new students will bring home all three notices to be returned asap.

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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 **30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



**School Banking** will commence with The Rye Community Bendigo Bank in Rye each Tuesday. Any parent wanting their child to open a Bendigo Piggy Bank please call at The Bendigo Bank in Rye for a form.

**Lunch Orders** will commence next Monday and are available each day from 'TJ's' in Rye. Orders must be written on a brown paper bag - a separate order for each child. Orders need to be at the school office by 9.30am. A Lunch order menu will be sent home with the eldest child tomorrow but are also available from the school office.

## Sunsmart

As a SunSmart school, it is school policy that our students wear their broad brimmed hats during first term as a protection against the rays of the sun. We would appreciate your support with this important life skill and ensure that your child brings their sun hat to school each day.



**Tootgarook Community Market**  
**Thankyou**  
**to our helpers at the December & January Markets!!**

**Our next market will be Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>** Again this year each grade will be rostered on to one market each month. A roster will be published in a later newsletter.

A note will go home to each student in the grade prior to their allocated market – please endeavour to assist at your child's allocated market as funds raised benefits all students. Thankyou to the wonderful helpers from our markets over the holidays: *Carol Ann Bavage, Nathan Opie, Kate Gaul, Belinda Brundell, Andrew Wallace, Elizabeth Taralaikov, Kelly Driver, Amanda Reeve, Julie, Andrew + Callum Woulfe, Janine and Andrew Wallace, Gary Barrett, Mandy Bos, Chloe Sharrock, Olivia Barrett and Scott Gathercole.*

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club begins next Tuesday and will be each Tuesday and Thursday morning. This program is open to all children who wish to have brekky with their friends. This valuable community service can only run with the assistance of parent and grandparent helpers and volunteers.

If you could assist on a Tuesday and/or Thursday morning from 8-9am could you please let the office or Paul King know. 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](http://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](http://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.





## Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Angie O'Toole or Terri Fallows, your local Saver Plus Coordinators:  
(03) 8781 5937  
angie.otoole@bsl.org.au / terri.fallows@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Frankston and Mornington Peninsula by the Brotherhood of St Laurence. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

# REGISTER NOW!

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**RYE AUSKICK**  
**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**  
**RYE FOOTBALL GROUND**  
**4:15pm - 5:30pm**

**CONTACT: SCOTT 0400 064 198**

**AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU**

**Come along and join in the fun!**

**Rosebud Heart Soccer Club presents...**

## JUNIOR SOCCER CLINICS

**Truemans Road Recreation Reserve Tootgarook** | **6 sessions commencing 6 February 2017**

**These clinics are a great way for new players to trial the exciting game of soccer and for existing players to hone their skills!**

**Learn some tips and techniques from our talented Junior Coaches Dino, Zac & Max.**

**Cost: \$90.00 (payable at 1st session)**

2017 CLINIC DATES - MONDAY'S	
6 February	AGE GROUP & SESSION TIMES 5 - 8 year olds 4.00pm to 5.15pm
13 February	
20 February	
27 February	
6 March	9 - 12 year olds 5.15pm to 6.30pm
13 March - NO CLINIC	
20 March - FINAL CLINIC	

**For more information or to register please contact Rob Vosjan at sponsorship@rosebudheart.com.au**