

TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Wednesday 13th February - Swimming for Grade 1 & 2 (see Compass)
Wednesday 13th February - Lunch For Everyone Chicken Wraps

Beach Program Grade 3 4 5 6 (see schedule)

Tuesday 19th February - Tootgarook House Swimming Sports

Wednesday 27th February - District Swimming Sports

Thursday 7th March - Iron Person Event

Monday 11th March - Labour Day Public Holiday

WELCOME TO 2019

A very warm welcome to all students, staff & parents as we get the 2019 school year underway. Our 240 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: Ms Amanda Lee – Grade 1, Miss Brooke Newton – Foundation and Miss Tegan Worrell Year 5/6 in combination with Miss Alicia Perkins.

Mrs Mandy Bos was successful attaining a teaching position on the last day of 2018 on the Bellarine Peninsula. Mandy had a 20 year dedicated career at Tootgarook P.S. in various roles. As a community we wish her all the best in her new role with the Department of Education.

If you get a chance, please pop into your child's class to introduce yourself to our wonderful new teachers.

UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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 2019/2020 Tootgarook PS School Council. Membership on the council is for a period of two years and meetings are held on 3rd Monday of each Month. Councillors will also become members of one of the following subcommittees 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 2019, we have three *parent vacancies* and two teacher vacancies and one community vacancy on School Council for a full period of two years. **Nominations for School Council will close at 4.00pm on Thursday 21st February**. Please contact the office for a nomination form if you are interested. If we receive more nominations that positions available, an election process will follow in the coming weeks.

Over the last 6 months the staff at Tootgarook Primary School have been working on our Wellbeing curriculum and procedures. As a part of this process we have committed to becoming a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support School.

Why do we teach School Wide Positive Behaviour expectations?

- Acknowledges that learning environment improvements may be part of the solution
- Adjusts the systems and settings and improves skills
- Identifies and teaches replacement skills and builds relationships
- Relies primarily on positive approaches, but does include logical consequences
- Has a goal of sustained results achieved over time
- Is developed collaboratively

Like academic skills that have been learned initially, social skills must be practised regularly and acknowledged/reinforced frequently for mastery, sustained use and generalised applications to be realised. If a student has firmly learned problem behaviour, then formally and continually promoting, practising, and reinforcing the desired alternative becomes especially important and necessary. Over the coming months all students will become familiar with the behaviours that are expected in a variety of settings throughout the school as outlined in the matrix below.

<TPS matrix Day 2.jpeg>

Foundation Year Teacher and Wellbeing Coordinator

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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) will be sent home next week— please sign and return asap. The Prep children and new students will bring home all three notices to be returned asap.

School Banking continues each Tuesday with The Rye Community Bendigo Bank in Rye. The Bendigo Bank have contacted the school and letters to families with Prep were sent home last year.

Lunch Orders have commenced and are available each day from Pippa's Café 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 9.15am.



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.



Book Club needs to be returned by Wednesday 13th February



Toolgarook Community Market Thankyou to our helpers at the December + January Markets !!

Julie, Callum and Andrew Woulfe, Gary Barrett, Carol Bavage, Kate Gaul, Ruth Underwood, Kelly Driver, Belinda de Bruyn, Billy Morrison, Rob Magnano, Kelly Butler, Kirsty Holbery, Maria Carey, Scott Gathercole, Alfred Tomakin-Barrett, Lily Gaul, Aidan Gathercole, Fred Johnson, Marley Johnson, Christine and Jason Young, Sophie, Jess and Dan Lazner, Nathan and Kayla Opie.

Our next market will be Saturday February 23rd 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.

RUNNING CLUB

Running Club started this week on 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 Julie Woulfe will continue to keep track of laps and write certificates. Thankyou Julie.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will be started this week on 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



Our annual **House Swimming Carnival** will be held on Tuesday 19th February - there is an expectation that children who participate are able to swim 25metres. There will be no free time swimming only children involved in the events will be attending the Carnival.

Lunch For Everyone will begin next Wednesday 13th February with CHICKEN WRAPS on the menu



- order forms were sent home today and need to be returned by 9.00am Tuesday 12th February '19.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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 **29**th **January** and successfully validated with Centrelink.

Please call at the school office with your Health Care Card to pick up an Application forms.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATON 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



BEACH PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR GRADES 3-4-5-6-

Wednesday 20 th February	5/6K	
Thursday 21 st February	5/6M	n ~ ~
Friday 22 nd February	5/6A	
Thursday 28 th February	3/4B	
Friday 1 st March	3/4H	2 Color
Wednesday 6 th March	3/4M	
Thursday 7 th March	Iron Person Event for Gr's 3-6	

Our **swimming program** for Grades 1 and 2 begins on Wednesday 13th February – children will travel via the Tootgarook Bus for eight weeks. Parents are required to give permission and pay via Compass. Please see the office if you wish to use CSEF for this event. Please note 28th February is a Thursday every other day will be a Wednesday.

This timetable is the same for each swimming day. The dates are as follows:					
13/02, 20/02, 28/02, 6/03, 13/03, 20/03. 27/03 and 03/04					
	Bus Leaves	Start of Lesson	Finish Lesson	Back to School	
	School				
Group 1: 1A	12.40pm	1.00pm	1.30pm	2.00pm	
Group 2: 1LJ	1.10pm	1.30pm	2.00pm	2.25pm	
Group 3: 2B	1.40pm	2.00pm	2.30pm	2.55pm	
Group 4: 2DB	2.00pm	2.30pm	3.00pm	3.25pm	



One of our Tootgarook Grade Five student Tarkyn performed very confidentially at The Sound Bar in Capel Sound for their "Open Mike". Well done Tarkyn.



We are extremely proud to be launching this brand new and exciting club and giving children in our community the opportunity to play netball locally in Tootgarook

Capel Sound Tootgarook Community Netball Club



ARE YOU
INTERESTED
IN PLAYING
NETBALL??

Available teams

* Net Set Go

* Under 9's * 11's

* 13's * 15's

REGISTRATION DAY
WHEN: THURSDAY 14TH OF FEBRUARY
5-7 PM

WHERE: TOOTGAROOK SPORTS RESERVE

SPECIAL GUEST

MWAI KUMWENDA



Sausage sizzle & uniform sizing available on the night \$50 registration fee to be paid on the night Boys & girls welcome

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Scott - presidentctcnc@gmail.com





For further information regarding registration or

payment please contact the club: info@ryejfc.com.au



