

TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

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CALENDAR

Monday 13th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 21st March - Grade 3 & 4 Environment Week Excursion
Mon 20th - Wed 22nd March - 5/6 Urban Camp
Tuesday 28th March - School Photo Day

LABOUR DAY REMINDER



Please note that the school will be closed on **Monday 13th March** for the annual Labour Day holiday. I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the longer weekend! School will resume as normal on Tuesday 14th March.

PARENTS ASSISTING ON SCHOOL CAMPS


Thank you to the many parents who had recently expressed interest in attending the Years 5 & 6 Urban Camp. We are always so very grateful for the overwhelming offers of support for our major schools events.



In selecting the parents to attend, please be assured that this is given considerable consideration by teachers in consultation with the school's leadership team. Firstly, preference will be given to parents who may have a skill set that supports the camp program, or level of care that can be provided for the duration of the camp, such as a doctor/nurse, park ranger, outdoor instructor etc.

Once this has been determined, we aim to ensure that places are offered to parents who have not had the opportunity to attend previous camps, in order to ensure that this opportunity is one that is shared amongst all parents in our school community.

Camps are organised on a student/adult ratio of one adult to every ten students. For the remaining camps this year we look forward to parents assisting the educational experience for all students.

Thankyou to
the Lunch for
Everyone 
mum's Caz,
Cherie,
Lauren,
Eileen and Liz
who prepare
the yummy
lunches each
Wednesday.



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS Lunch For Everyone

notes will be sent home each Thursday
with every child in the school to be
returned by Monday 3.30pm.
This week orders need to be returned by
9.15am on Tuesday due to the
public holiday on Monday.
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED
Each lunch will cost \$2.00 in order to
sustain the program.

Next week on the menu:

Baked Potatoes





Student of the Week

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



Prep P – Mrs Perkin – Ollie Hamilton – *For being a kind and caring friend who always shows respect by listening carefully. Well done Ollie.*

Prep S – Mrs Read – Cooper Thomas - *For working independently and always trying his best. Cooper is a happy and helpful student who loves to learn.*

1A – Miss Arnold – Gabriel Stagni - *For his concentration during English Groups this week. Gabriel was able to answer questions about nouns and adjectives well and finished his work quickly.* -

1P – Miss Perkins – Kai Stubbings - *What a fantastic week you have had Kai! You are managing your impulsivities and making really good choices in the classroom during floor time and learning times. Great Job!*

2B – Miss Boyd –

2L - Mrs Baird –

3H – Mrs Houston – Kade Penzo- *For working extra hard this week and producing some outstanding work. Well done Kade!*

3WB – Ms Walton & Mrs Bos – Bradley Holliss – *For his enthusiasm and participation during Julie Davey's talk. Julie is the author of A is for Attitude.*

4H - Ms Hone – Abigail Hee – *for demonstrating great Integrity with your amazing homework effort this week. It was so beautifully presented and clear that you had taken great care! Well done Abby!*

4P – Miss Pittard – Michelle Muchai - *For acting with honesty inside and outside the classroom. You are a role model for your peers and we loved hearing about your integrity at the Hot Springs. Thankyou for coming to school everyday with a bright and positive attitude! Congratulations Michelle!*

5/6H – Mrs Haddad - Cooper Blewett – *for displaying Integrity in everything you do. Cooper you should be so proud of yourself. What a fantastic person you are!*

5/6 K – Mr Kitchin – Katelyn Lizio – *you are a gem!! I love how you volunteer to help out in the class and the way you focus on your work. You are a great example in our class!! Awesome work, Katelyn!! ☆*

5/6M – Miss McGhee -

Art / Craft – Miss Davey – Stephanie Lawry – 2B – *your art vocabulary is really developing Steph! I loved your contribution to our class reflection time this week. Well done!*

Music - Mrs Young – Austin Beagley – 5/6K – *welcome to band Austin. It is really exciting to have you playing the piano for the band and you are a great addition! Well done!*

P.E. – Mrs Burns – Katelyn Lizio- 5/6K- *Congratulations **Katelyn Lizio**. You were polite and listened attentively to our Sharks Basketball visitors during Phys. Ed. I can see that you have potential to join a local team and be an excellent player. Well done!*

Indonesian – Mrs Clements – Well done Makayla Oliver – *I am really pleased with your effort in Indonesian.*



Our school photo day is Tuesday 28th March 2017

Photo envelopes with your child's name on it were sent home yesterday and need to be returned together with payment on **Tuesday 28th March**.
Family Photo envelopes are available from the School office.



Shrove Tuesday

The Year One students enjoyed making pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday this week. We learnt about why we eat pancakes on this day, the ingredients that are used and also took part in measuring out a 15m long pancake!



The biggest pancake
in the world measured
over 15 metres

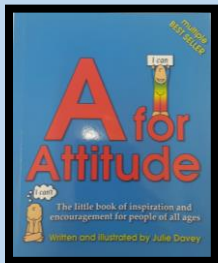
ATTENTION HEALTH CARE CARD OR PENSION CARD HOLDERS

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.

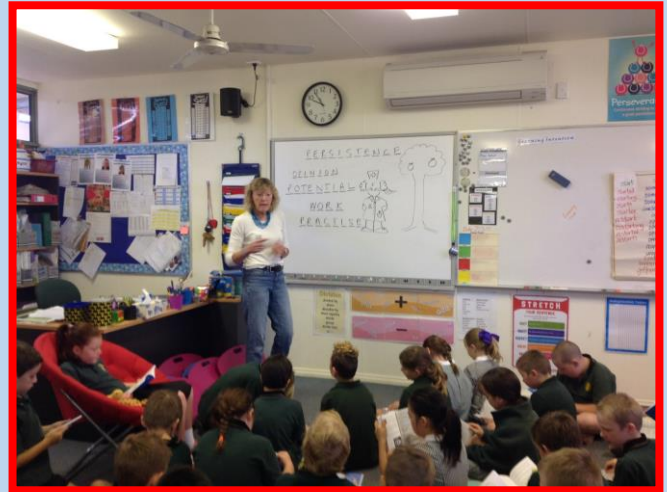
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pension Card being eligible on **30th January** and successfully validated with Centrelink.

Application forms are available from the school office.

State Schools' Relief Prep CSEF uniform support is also available for Prep parents – an order form will be sent home to parents next week.



The students in Grade 3 had a visit from Julie Davey, author and illustrator of "A is for Attitude."



Southern Peninsula Sharks Basketballers Clinic



School Market
Saturday 25th March
2B & 2L rostered on.

Neighbour Day 2017

FREE!

Everyone Welcome!

FREE
Devonshire Tea
and Sausage
Sizzle

Face Painting
Boomerang
Painting

Collect your free copy
of 'Stories of
Rosebud West'

Free Sporting
Activities -
Local Clubs

1pm - Represent your
school and join in our
friendly Interschool
Soccer Game

Fun Activities to
share with your
Friends and
Neighbours

Prizes for the
most creative 'Get
Active' costume.
Parade at 12pm



Neighbour Day 2017

'Let's Get Active'

Sunday 19th March 2017 - 10am until 2pm

Tootgarook Primary School, Carmichael Street, Tootgarook, 3941 Mel Ref: 169 D3



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In primary school, some
students **miss** on average
3 weeks of school
per year. That's
half a year of
school by the end
of **year 6.**



**EVERY
DAY
COUNTS**

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:
www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx



Department of Education and Training

**SCOUTS
AUSTRALIA**

JOEY SCOUTS



1st Tootgarook Scout Group are about to get our Joey Scout Mob up and running again!

We are holding an information evening for families of Joey Scouts (from Prep up to age 7). Parents will receive vital information from Leaders, while your potential Joey Scout can enjoy games and activities on the night.

When: 4.30—5:30pm, Wednesday 15th March
Where: Tootgarook Scout Hall, 26 Kevin Street
Contact: 0438 338 506

Come along on the night and be prepared to HOP into adventure!! (Help Other People)



We hope to see you there!!