

Weekly newsletter of

FlexiBuzz

#### TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

Respect Integrity Celebration Honesty

#### CALENDAR

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Prep Swimming Commences

Lunch For Everyone – Quiche Boats

Grade 3 & 4 Somers Camp – Wednesday 31st October – Friday 2nd November

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - CURRICULUM DAY (no students required at school)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

#### Using social media to communicate about issues of concern

As the Principal of Tootgarook Primary School we work to ensure that we as a school community are doing the best for each and every one of our students, your children. Our staff work, both individually and in teams, to design engaging and challenging curriculum that feeds rich and authentic learning experiences so that we can equip your children with the skills and knowledge to be successful young adults. Our aim is to send our students off to secondary school with a broad set of social, emotional and academic competencies so that they can thrive in their secondary school environment. We understand that each and every child is unique and because of this, their needs vary. We aim to cater for the diverse needs of all students and know that the wellbeing of your children is the foundation to them being ready and able to access learning. This is not an easy job, but we do our very best and ask for you as parents to trust and work with us to help to create these preconditions for learning.

We are working towards building a virtuous community of resilient learners with a positive outlook and a growth mindset. 2015 PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) 'results show that 'students with a "growth mindset"—those who believe they can succeed if they work hard—performed 9 to 17 percent better than those with a "fixed mindset"—those who believe their capabilities are static.' Building resilience and a positive mindset cannot be achieved in isolation at school or only in the home. We need to work together to set your children up for success and also to safeguard them against future mental health issues.

We are all members of this school community and part of being in a community is having collective responsibility for the wellbeing of every member of this community, this includes students, parents and teachers. As a school, we make decisions that impact you and your children. These decisions are always made in the interest of the wellbeing of the majority of students. However, sometimes we get it wrong and also we know that we cannot please all of members of this community all of the time, but it is how we as members of this community react and interact that defines us and the community as a whole.

We ask that you bring this to our attention immediately via email or via phone. We aim to be responsive to parent concerns and will always attempt to resolve a problem or situation. However, we cannot work with you if you do not work with us and let us know your concerns.

It has come to our attention that parents have been taking to social media to vent their frustrations and complain about the school. This does nothing to solve the problem and only works to decay the fabric of our community and divide people. We encourage you to bring potential concerns or issues to our attention through proper channels and allow us to investigate the circumstances around your concern and give us time to respond. We ask that you do this in a respectful and calm manner.

Most importantly, contact us if you have concerns and trust that we also want the best for your child.

"As some of you may know, Bear, a much loved dog in our local area, was recently the victim of terrible animal cruelty. We as a community would like to put together a gift basket, as a gesture of support and goodwill. If you would like to donate, a tub will be set up in the school kitchen until Friday 26th October. Donations can include Dog treats, food, toys, cushions, blankets or vouchers. There will also be cards for students, teachers and parents to sign. Thank you for your kindness."



# THANKS TO OUR FOLOWING HELPERS FOR OUR LAST MARKET

**Parent Helpers** 

Carol Bavage
Kelly Butler
Garry Barrett
Sue Andrews
Scott Gathercole
Cindy Penzo
Robert Magnano
Belinda Debruyn
Nathan Opie
Donna Johnstone
Fred Johnson
Rilan Kennedy
Maria Carey



## **Student Helper**

Summer Dixon
Kayla Opie
Darcy Robertson
Noah Robertson
Skye Andrews
Alfred Tomakin
Koby Debruyn
Taya Walker
Marley Johnson
Kira
Aidan
Cheye
Baxta

#### **Compulsory Hats**

From the start of next term we will return to the wearing of a school approved hat. Our hat is green in colour and is designed to promote the protection of the neck and ears as well as the face. Compulsory hats are a School Council Policy, which will be strictly enforced.

Children who don't wear an approved hat will be required to stay in a sheltered area during school recess times. NO BASEBALL HAT IS OR WILL BE APPROVED. School hats with our school logo can be purchased from Beleza Uniform Shop in Rosebud.

Swimming for Prep children will begin in Term Four on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The cost will be \$60 for eight lessons. A notice explaining the details is on Compass

where you can give consent and pay. If eligible CSEF can used for these lessons.



Grade 3 & 4 Somers Camp is coming up in Term Four — Wednesday 31st October — Friday 2nd November at a cost of \$240 — CSEF can be used for this camp however you need to check at the school office for your balance. All relevant information re this camp is on Compass where

your can give consent and pay.

Our Annual School Concert will be held on Friday 26th OCTOBER 2018

Venue: Eastbourne Primary School
Time: 7pm
Our Theme this year is
"HALLOWEEN"



Costume details for each grade have been sent home today.

Tickets will be on sale from

Monday 15<sup>t</sup> October at a cost of \$8.00 each

### LUNCH FOR EVERYONE



Wednesday 17th October



#### Quiche Boats on the Menu

(Ingredients as follows: Taco boats, bacon, cheese, milk and eggs.)

Orders need to be returned to school by 9.30am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.



## **EVENTS COMING UP**



MUNDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDA	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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OCTOBER 8	9	10	11	12
<b>Return to School</b>			Lions Quiz	
Term 4				
15	16	17	18	19
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22	23	24	25	26
		Children's Week –		School Concert
		Family Life 3.30-5pm		<b>_</b>
29	30	31	NOVEMBER 1	2
		Grade 3/4	Grade 3/4	Grade 3/4
		Somers Camp	Somers Camp	Somers Camp
5	6	7	8	9
CURRICULUM	MELBOURNE CUP	Rugby Gala Day		Book fair
DAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Mugby dala bay		BOOK Tall
(NO STUDENTS REQUIRED	POBLIC HOLIDAY			BOOK FAIR
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