



TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

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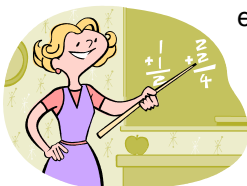
CALENDAR

Wednesday 7 th February	-	Swimming for Grade 3 & 4
Wednesday 12 th 14 th 19 th 20 th February	-	Beach Program Grade 3 & 4
Tuesday 13 th February	-	Tootgarook House Swimming Sports
Wednesday 21 st February	-	Iron Person Event
Tuesday 27 th February	-	Sporting Schools Life Saving Program
Wednesday 28 th February	-	District Swimming Sports
Monday 12 th March	-	Labour Day Public Holiday

WELCOME TO 2018

A very warm welcome to all students, staff & parents as we get the 2018 school year underway.

Our 262 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: Mr Billy Morrison – Grade 3/4B, Miss Jess Bell – Grade 1B, Ms Patricia Gibson – Grade 2GD and Miss Rebecca Broomfield returns one day a week in Foundation.

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

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 to 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.

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 ripstic 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 \$88.00 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) 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 will commence next 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.

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Lunch Orders have commenced and are available Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday 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.

Lunch For Everyone  **will begin next Wednesday 7th February with Tuna Wraps on the menu**

– order forms were sent home today and need to be returned with \$2 by 9.00am Tuesday 6th February 2018.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Reminder to parents and students- There are NO shop lunch orders on Wednesdays!

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 25th 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 will be starting next 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 starting next 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 13th 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.

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WANTED

Large Sandpit Toys



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 **29th 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



ROSEBUD SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION DAY 2018



WHEN: SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
10.00am – 4.00pm

All enquiries / online registrations:
Secretary.rosebudsoccerclub@hotmail.com

WHERE: Olympic Park – Besgrove Street, ROSEBUD

All ages and abilities warmly welcomed.
Cash/Credit Card/ EFTPOS + Direct Deposit available.
www.facebook.com/rosebudsoccerclub

SENIOR MEN (FFV METRO) SENIOR LADIES (FFV STATE) JUNIOR BOYS + GIRLS (BAYSIDE/FFV TBC	SENIOR MEN \$275 REGISTRATION FEE INCL. OFFICIAL CLUB TRAING/CASUAL APPARAL	LADIES/STUDENTS \$185 REGISTRATION FEES INCL OFFICIAL CLUB TRAINING/CASUAL APPAREL	JUNIORS (12/13/14) \$185 REGISTRATION FEES INCL. SHORTS, SOCKS, SHIN PADS AND DRINK BOTTLE	MINI ROOS (7-11) \$150 REGISTRATION FEE INCL. SHORTS, SOCKS, SHIN PADS & DRINK BOTTLE
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