



TOOTGAROOK TELEGRAPH

Weekly newsletter of

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

Respect

Integrity

Celebration

Honesty

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7 th March	-	Lunch For Everyone ♥ Toasties with Options
Swimming Continues for Grades 3 & 4 – 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March		
Thursday 8 th March	-	OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – Easter Item
Monday 12 th March	-	Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 19 th March	-	Gr 3 & 4 Excursion to Briars Environment Week
Thursday 29 th March	-	Last Day Term One – 2.30pm dismissal.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I'm delighted to report that we have had sufficient nominations to fill all of the current vacancies. No election process will be required.

The members of School Council for the 2 year vacancies will be-

Nat Burns - Department of Education

Gary Barrett - Parent Representative

Belinda de Bruyn - Parent Representative



Professional Practice Days (PPD)

Later this term our hard working teachers will begin to take their first Professional Practice Days as part of the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017 (VSGA 2017). This agreement outlines that from the commencement of this year, each teacher is entitled to one day per term where they are released from their scheduled duties, to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning. The work undertaken on these days must be consistent with DET and school priorities and include areas such as: planning, preparation, assessment of student learning, collaboration, curriculum development, relevant professional learning and peer observation, feedback and reflection. Given the scale of our school, teachers will be undertaking their PPD's in their year level teams, so that we can organise groups of relief staff to cover these classes on a designated day. Please be assured that these new PPD's are being carefully structured to minimise any disruptions to our current programs and your child's class.

CENSUS Day

At the end of February each year, the Department of Education & Training (DET) undertakes a CENSUS of all school enrolments across Victoria. This CENSUS is crucial for schools as it is directly linked to the level of funding that schools then receive for the 2018 academic year. This funding is driven by a formula that apportions an allocation for each child based on which level of schooling that they are undertaking. As a result of our school's 2018 CENSUS, we have confirmed an enrolment of 267 students across 13 classes.

Swimming Thanks



We've been thrilled to have such high numbers of students participating in the Years 3 & 4 Swimming program over the last couple of weeks. Thank you to the many parents who have assisted with supervision and support during the program, we have really appreciated the extra hands. We have been able to see impressive growth in confidence, skill develop and endurance – which has undisputedly been an invaluable outcome for all students.

ATTENTION PARENTS - A Student Emergency Contact form will be sent home next week re *Updating* your contact details - if there are any changes to phone numbers, address, emergency contacts and work details – please make the changes and return the sheet to school asap

In case of an Emergency with your child we need these numbers to be correct – thank you for your co-operation.

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Thankyou to our market helpers from our February Market -

Sylvia Williams, Leeza + Ella Carver, Brett Lawry, Kate Gaul, Ruth Underwood, Chris Sullivan, Chelsea McGhee, Justine Beagley, Amanda Reeve, Amelia Reeve, Paige Reeve and Mel Zuccarini . Our next market will be Saturday 24th March with Prep P and Prep R rostered on.



Reminder to parents who purchased their own books that there is an **Essential Educational Items** amount of **\$100.00 owed to the school** – these items cover: Mathletics & Reading Eggs materials and subscriptions of which the school has already paid – Life Education – program, booklet and support materials and Subject Consumables: Art supplies, Library books, printing etc. – **as these fees were due on Book Selling Day – 29th January 2018 they are now overdue and payment is required to be finalised by Thursday 29th March 2018.** Please call at the office to arrange payment – thank you!



MOBILE PHONE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Several parents have inquired recently into the school's policy in regards to the use of mobile phones by students. We understand that many students make contact with parents at the end of the school day on their mobile phones and to this end we do allow students to bring their phones to school.



The only restriction we have to the use of the phones is that they are placed at the office during the school day and can only be used after 3:30pm. Phones will be removed from any student who chooses to access these during the school day, with these being returned to the student at the end of the day. Parents will be contacted if any students continue to breach this practice.

Please note that the school cannot accept any responsibility for the loss or damage to any mobile phone as per the Department of Education's guidelines on this matter.

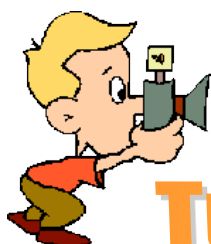
Lunch For Everyone ♡ continues next Wednesday 7th MARCH with Toasties with options: mild salami + cheese, ham + cheese, cheese – order forms were sent home today and need to be returned by 9.00am Tuesday 6th March 2018.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THERE ARE NO SHOP LUNCHES ON WEDNESDAYS



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School Photo Day

Tuesday 27th March 2018



Congratulations to Tarkyn Silvester who has progressed to the Zone Swimming Carnival in 'Backstroke' Congratulations Tarkyn and Good Luck!

House Swimming Sports





BASS TASMAN
FLINDERS COOK



**PREPS WILL BE PERFORMING
"ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"
AT ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY
MARCH 8TH**

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 come and join us to celebrate...

International Women's Day 2018

Coffee, tea and cakes

Free books and giveaways for kids

Meet and celebrate other women from your
community

Where: Family Life Community House
10 Carmichael Street, Tootgarook
When: Thursday 8th of March 9:30 - 11:00am
Cost: FREE
RSVP: Please RSVP to Kate via
tootgarook@familylife.com.au or 5985 1297
*Bookings are limited


International
Women's Day




Transforming
lives for stronger
communities

3/4H Social and Emotional Learning

Grade 3/4H have been practising 'Calm Down Yoga' at school every day. They have been taking time to breathe and feel calm and flexible before they start each day. We have all had a very busy schedule with Beach Program and Swimming lessons, so taking time to breathe and be in our bodies has been very helpful and minimised our stress.

When I start the day with yoga I feel relaxed and calm. I believe that Calm Down Yoga is an amazing way to calm down. I believe that it can work for everyone.

Jaimey 3/4H

Calm Down Yoga has expanded our brains and helped our bodies when we needed to be calm and has helped 3/4s learning. **Hannah 3/4H**



Some of the children have begun to create their own pose with a positive statement.

We have been doing some Calm Down Yoga. I have made up two yoga poses. **Harrison 3/4H**



The Seagull – 'I am powerful'.



Kayla added the 'I feel Calm' flamingo pose with two parts. Swae created 'I am independent' pose.

When I start the day with yoga I feel relaxed.

Alivia 3/4H

I like doing yoga at home and school it's a good way to calm down. **Sinthyah 3/4H**

Calm Down Yoga is great for your bones.. **Billy 3/4H**

We have also begun to work with others to create partner poses.





3/4H have been developing a Class Agreement based on the student's understanding of the RICH school values. Each child has signed their name showing their commitment to these values and the statements they created together as a class in 2018.



3/4H Class Agreement



3/4H have also spent time in the Garden: watering, weeding and picking tomatoes with support from some of the Grade 6 Sustainability Team.

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – THURSDAY 8TH

MARCH 2018



PLEASE BRING AN EASTER ITEM
FOR OUR EASTER RAFFLE



TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK AND NEED TO BE
RETURNED BY **WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH**
RAFFLE DRAW ON LAST DAY OF TERM ONE –
THURSDAY 29TH MARCH.