

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER



Term 4 Issue



Thursday 12th November, 2020.

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report



Dear Families.

Planning for 2021

Thank you to the several families who have emailed the school in response to our last newsletter in support of our planning processes for 2021. In forging our new classes for next year, we want to ensure that we have comprehensive knowledge of any extenuating circumstances that might impact on a student's future learning, wellbeing or connectedness. The process of forming the new classes for next year takes several weeks of extensive collaboration amongst teachers at each level, to ensure a sensitive balance of all needs across each new class for 2021. As previously requested, if you believe that there are extenuating circumstances around your child's placement for next year, we would be grateful if you could forward this information to me at wayne.whitworth@education.vic.gov.au

2021 - Proposed Class Structure

On a broader note, whole school planning for 2021 is well progressed at this stage. Whilst we still expect minor fluctuations in numbers over the coming weeks, we are hoping to proceed with 10 classes again next year. For the first time in several years, this plan will achieve a nice balance of numbers across the school with all classes predominantly in the low 20's. Total school enrolment for 2021 is being forecast at approximately 220 students. To support our planning processes, we would be extremely grateful to promptly hear from any families who maybe in the process of relocating and therefore planning to enrol in a new school in 2021. The final stage of our recruitment process for 2021 is well advanced and we hope to have all teaching positions confirmed over the next fortnight. As has been past practice, we will publish all of the new Year Level teaching teams through the newsletter in early December.

Parent Opinion Survey

For the first time, ALL parents were invited this year to complete the 2020 Parent Opinion Survey (as opposed to a random sample of parents which has been the case in past years). A big thank you to the families who have completed this survey to date. With over 160 families having access to this survey, we are hopeful of at least a 50% response rate by the closing date this Friday 13th November. We would be extremely grateful if you could spare 15 minutes over the next few days to complete this survey; which will generate vitally important feedback as we head into our whole school review early next year. To complete the survey, please click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

Select the School and Campus name below: Tootgarook Primary School

Enter the School PIN - **698031**

Wayne Whitworth

Principal

Tootgarook Primary School



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Principal's Report continued

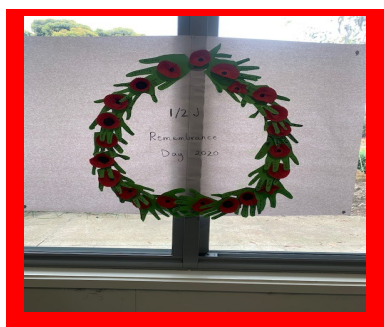


Upcoming events in our school.....

- School Photo Day will be on 18th November 2020



If your child has any medical condition such as Asthma/Allergy/ Anaphylaxis, please ensure our office has been supplied with an up to date plan so that we may care for them in the best possible way in the event of an emergency. If you took medication home during remote learning please ensure it is brought back to the school office as soon as possible.



1/2 J Remembrance day



Please ask if you can all keep 500ml pasta sauce jars for us. We will need over 100. We will keep a box in the staff room. Thank you



Students are reminded to please bring their drinks bottles to school every day. They can be filled at school but the drinking taps are not in use.



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Assistant Principal's



Dear Tootgarook Families,

With the restrictions continuing to ease, families may have concerns with their child's wellbeing after the COVID -19 pandemic.

Due to the school currently not having access to a psychologist. Please see information for FREE Counselling for school-aged children and young people. I am continuing to explore options in sourcing a Psychologist who can attend the school and will inform families once I have been successful.

Thanks to funding provided by the Australian Government under the South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network (SEMPHN), Family Life is pleased to announce a new FREE counselling service for school-aged children and young people.

This funded service is aimed at school-aged children, without a mental health diagnosis, who will benefit from a brief period of therapeutic support to assist them to overcome stress or anxiety resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

A child or young person attending school (excluding pre-school) or living within the following local government areas, can access the service: Bayside, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Port Phillip, Dandenong, Casey, Cardinia, Kingston, Frankston and Mornington Peninsula. Priority access will be given to children aged 12 and under.

A GP referral is not required.

Anyone can make a referral to the service by contacting the SEMPHN Access and Referral Team on **1800 862 363** (8.30 am-4.30 pm weekdays) and asking about their "Family Life Covid-19 Program".

If you have any further worries regarding your child/ren, please don't hesitate to contact Paul King or the Family school worker from Anglicare Sonia. 5985 2864

.Paul King
Assistant Principal



We Celebrated Mr Whitworth
turning 60 this week



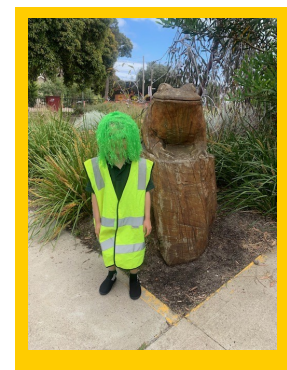
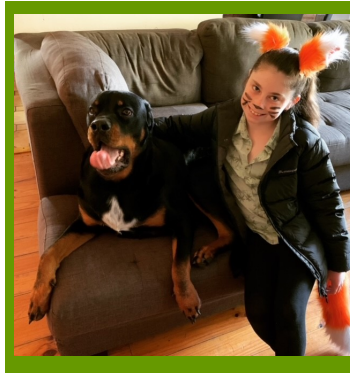
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Book week



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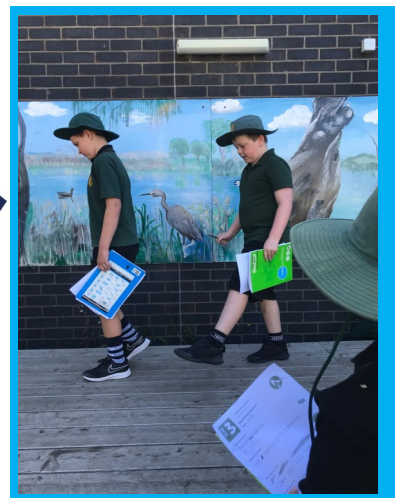
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

5TH NOVEMBER



OUTDOOR
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DAY

LOVE THE OUTDOORS





Free Access to the 2020 'CIRCUS QUIRKUS' and 'WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC' Shows.

COVID has changed everything for all of us. We are unable to do live events, but as the old saying goes, "the show must go on"...

The Rotary Club of Preston and Children First Foundation are again holding their annual 'CIRCUS QUIRKUS' and 'WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC' Events, but this year with a difference... both shows will be streamed directly to the audience over the internet.

This year audience members can watch both 'Circus Quirkus' and 'World Festival of Magic' shows from their own COVID-safe bubble at home, or if they prefer (and if it's safe) gather with friends to watch them as a group.

The shows can be watched at any time during the three-day period available, and unlimited access means they can also watch it as many times as they like during that time. Or just play their favourite bits over and over again.

All that is needed to enjoy our shows this year is an internet connection and a device with a screen such as a PC, laptop, tablet or even a smartphone. We will provide you with a web address and a password for each of the shows.

If you would like to book your child/ren to participate in a amazing fun experience, please contact Sonia from Anglicare via email and or at the school.

sonia.sutcliffe@anglicarevic.org.au

Thank you



ONLINE - Parenting during Covid 19

PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

A program for parents, grandparents, & carers

- Connect with other parents.
- Develop resilience as a family in difficult times.
- Looking after our families' Mental Health & Well Being.
- Getting help if you are feeling overwhelmed parenting at home.

DATE: Friday 27 November 2020

TIME: 1.00pm to 3.00pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom with a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone

COST: FREE:

TO REGISTER:
 Sam Hewitson-Email: sam@ourplace.org.au
 Kerrie Russel-Email: kerrie@ourplace.org.au
 Call or Text 0416996551
www.facebook.com/OPBridgewood
 Jasbir Singh at Parentzone
 Call / Text 0438 004 285 to register or
 Email: jassbir.suropada@anglicarevic.org.au

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