

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER



Term 4 Issue 2



Thursday 22nd October, 2020.

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report



Dear Families.

Principal's Report Important Dates to Note Public Holiday

– Friday 23rd October Please note that the school will be closed this Friday 23rd October for the Grand Final Public Holiday.

Staff Training Day

The final Staff Training day for 2020 is scheduled for Monday 2nd November. Students are not to attend on this day. Staff will be working in the areas of English, Mathematics and Wellbeing.

Term 4 return

With all students now nicely settled back into school and their new routines, we thank you all sincerely for your continued cooperation on this matter and continue to invite your ongoing feedback.

School Values

Our school's core Values and Vision statement provide a very important framework each day for reinforcing the behaviours that we encourage all students to display. This is particularly fitting as we rebuild connectedness amongst our students and their engagement back towards on-site learning. Please take a moment to discuss these Values and Vision statement with your child/ren and maybe identify how these behaviours can also be displayed at home. At school teachers will be giving an average of 10 RICH tickets a week based on ACHIEVING PERSONAL EXCELLENCE.

RICH VALUES

Respect - Integrity – Celebration-Honesty

Vision Statement

Achieving personal excellence, empowering students in a supportive community.

2020 Parent Opinion Survey

An invitation was extended to all families this week via Compass to participate in this year's Parent Opinion Survey. This is the first time, that all parents in Victorian schools will have this opportunity to provide valuable feedback on such a large scale. The survey will be open until the 13th November. 160 We really hope that you might be able to spare 15 – 20 minutes over the next week to complete this important survey for our school.

Access to School Grounds

Please note that the school grounds remain in lockdown after hours, whilst stage four restrictions are still in place. School Council will continue to monitor this situation each month as updated information becomes available. Any changes to access to the grounds will be reported through the newsletter to all families.

Families In Need

Unquestionably, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on all families across the world. As we're aware, different countries have responded to this crisis in varying ways, some more successfully than others. Despite the overarching politics and related decision making, at times the most valuable support can come from people who rally in their own communities to support each other. To this end, do you know of a Tootgarook family who might need a helping hand at present? It could be simply getting children to or from school, some play dates to reconnect families, food hampers, some care arrangements etc. This matter was discussed at length at our Welfare meeting last week and we're therefore very eager to hear from any families that might need some additional support at present. If we can rally to help you, or another Tootgarook family through this pandemic, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 5985 2864

Wayne Whitworth

Principal



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Principal's Report continued

Upcoming events in our school.....

- Grand Final Day Public Holiday Friday 23rd October
- Curriculum Day Monday 2nd November
- Cup Day Public Holiday Tuesday 3rd November
- We will be celebrating book week on Friday Nov 6th with a dress up as your favourite book character. We understand that there is a lot happening this term, these costume days are completely optional, here are a few simple character costume ideas to help inspire you!



School Photos will be on **WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2020**



2021 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

We already have in excess of 20 prospective students enrolled for our 2021 foundation classes. Thank you to the many existing families that have enrolled siblings for next year. You can download an enrolment form on the website and email it in or drop by the office to collect an enrolment form if you will have a child turning 5 before 30th April 2021, who will therefore be eligible for school enrolment.



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.



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Assistant Principal's Report



Dear Tootgarook families.

Families are welcome to come to our school kitchen with their bags to collect some food from foodbank, it will be open from 8.45am-3.45pm and throughout the day.

Adam Borg is available on Thursday's for counselling, if you would like to book a time with him please contact myself on 59 852 864,

We have just had confirmation that unfortunately our School Psychologist will not be returning to Tootgarook Primary School. I will continue to look for a replacement. I will keep all families informed.



Hi my name is Sonia, I am the family school worker employed by Anglicare working at Tootgarook Primary School 5 days a week.



Please feel free to drop in and see me and or say hello.

As a family school worker my role is to provide support to families and their children to strengthen family wellbeing.

I can provide support to families in many different areas including home visits to families who I am unable to see at the school.

I always work with families in respect of confidentiality and privacy as the fundamental base my work.

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SUNSMART

Sun Smart Policy, please note that all students will now need a broad-brimmed hat in order to be able to play in the playgrounds during Term 4 as UV levels begin to rise. Please see the website for the daily UV reading. <https://www.tootps.vic.edu.au/>



LUNCH ORDERS ARE BACK UP AND RUNNING!



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DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSON



STAFF KICK BALL
STAFF V'S GRADE 6 STUDENTS



THIS WEEK IN THE PELICAN BUILDING



The year 1/2 students have been learning about creation stories. This collaborative mural represents our understanding of teamwork and collaboration, the moral of the story of Tiddalik The Frog. We hope you enjoy viewing our artwork as much as we enjoyed making it!



The Foundation students got to enjoy the fresh herbs and vegies that they planted earlier in the year.

