

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER



Term 1



Thursday 18th February,

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report

Dear Tootgarook Families,

SCHOOL UPDATE

School Resumes

I would like to begin this week's update by expressing our sincere thanks to all parents for the wonderful support over the course of the week. Like all of you, we are hoping that this lock down is an isolated event and not something that is going to be a regular occurrence throughout the 2021 school year. We are now awaiting a new Operations Guide for the Department of Education & Training (DET).

As soon as this becomes available we will provide an update for the community on any other key changes that may impact on our day to day operations.

In the meantime, we ask that all parents are wearing a mask before entering

the school grounds as well as being conscious of social distancing expectations when conversing with other parents.

Given the events of this week, we also request that drop off and pick up times are kept to a minimum in order to restrict the amount of time on the school site.

At this stage we are uncertain as to whether school assemblies will continue. When assemblies resume, a revised schedule will be published in the newsletter.

The school **market** is not able to function at the moment due to Department of Education (DET) guidelines around COVID. The other markets in the area that are proceeding operate on Shire land and bypass the DET restrictions. At this stage our February market is cancelled and we look forward to hosting the next market in March predicting an easing of restrictions.

School Council Membership

I am delighted to report that our School Council membership for 2021 has now been confirmed. Sincere thanks to the many parents that I have chatted to over the last fortnight about this important role. As well as confirming the council membership, we have also been able to confirm several new members for our council. We really do value the input from our parent community as we frame up the key directions and policies for our wonderful school through School Council's governance. Please feel welcome to liaise with any of the following councillors who are your representatives on the Tootgarook School Council:

Parent Councillors: Sarah Taylor, Erin Gordon, Julie Woulfe, Belinda De Bruyn and Scott Gathercole.

Teacher Councillors: Wayne Whitworth, Paul King, Alicia Perkins and one more staff member to be announced.

The 2020 School Council will meet on Monday 22nd February via Google meets as per DET guidelines. We are predicting the 2021 School Council can meet as normal on Monday 15th March.



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PRINCIPAL REPORT CONT:

Tutor Program

As a result of this week's lock down, the Tutor Program is now scheduled to begin next week. As a result of our analysis of student achievement data over the last two years, we have identified approximately 40 students for this program. It is important to note that students participating in this program are not necessarily students working below expected levels, but rather students who didn't make their usual learning gain in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The focus of our school's Tutor Program will be in the important area of reading and writing. Students will work with their designated tutor for 3 x 35 minute sessions each week, with the program expected to unfold during Terms 1 and 2.

We're delighted to confirm that we have been able to secure the support of two very experienced teachers as tutors to facilitate this program. Chelsea McGhee and Clair Hill will be tutoring the students. Students participating in this program will take home a note confirming their participation.

Thanks
Wayne Whitworth
Principal

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 1 as UV levels begin to rise. Please see the website for the daily UV reading. <https://www.tootps.vic.edu.au> and scroll to bottom of page.



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Library Books

It's come to our attention that there are 172 books outstanding from our library for 2020, we understand this may have happened due to remote learning if you have any books with Tootgarook Primary School stamped on it, could you please return them ASAP to the schools



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. Some families will receive Statements from the school in the mail. There is also a CSEF form enclosed. Please complete and return to the office along with your current Health Care Card. Payment amounts this year are \$125.00 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Check with the school office if you are unsure about anything.

Thank you.

A reminder to all families that each student needs to bring a large box of tissues for shared use in the classroom. Thank you



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. A reminder that Medical action Plans need to be updated annually. Thank you.



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Mr King's

Next week instrumental lessons will commence for students who have returned their notes.

Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone: Trish Douglas who is teaching flute, clarinet and saxophone is on carer's leave for the next couple of weeks. More information for these students will follow. No payment is needed yet.

Piano lessons with Yani will be Mondays, a note has been sent home with the students.

Guitar lessons with Roman will be Tuesdays, but for this first week only, Roman will be in Friday. Roman will provide a note upon first lesson. If hiring a guitar, please pay \$10 for hire for this term at the office or to Mrs. Young in a clearly labelled envelope, including student's name. Guitar will be sent home in the first lesson if payment has been received.

Drumming lessons: with Lyn will be on Thursdays. Lyn will provide a note in the first lesson.

Singing lessons: So far we haven't got enough students enrolled in singing lessons for the lessons to go ahead. If more students express interest, I will get back to you.

Violin lessons: So far we haven't got enough students enrolled in violin lessons for the lessons to go ahead. If more students express interest, I will get back to you.

I am so excited to have instrumental lessons commence again. Can't wait for the students to develop their skills and start making small performances, hopefully join band!

ASSITANT PRINCIPAL REPORT



Mr King's KIIS FM Swimming Report

Last Thursday as you know I attended the Harold Holt Memorial Swimming Centre in Melbourne. It was a fun day to meet the hosts of the show and be interviewed where I continually promoted "The Land of The Croaking Frog" Tootgarook Primary School. I tried to insist on an over 60's category but they said I had to swim against everyone.

The gun went off and being over 60 I didn't hear it until I saw the other swimmers in the water so the chase was on. By the half way mark I was winning the heat but died in the second half and all I could see was dollar signs for the school disappearing before my eyes. Fortunately I touched the wall before my lungs exploded.

Good Sportsmanship was displayed by all on the day.





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 provided 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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Grade 6 Jumpers and Polo Shirts are due to arrive in the next few weeks. Parents and carers are reminded that payment is required prior to pick up. Jumpers are \$58 and Polos \$45

Thank you



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