

TOOTGAROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER



Term 4 Issue 3

Thursday 29th October, 2020.



NEWSLETTER

Principal's Report



Dear Families,

Upcoming Extended Weekend

A final reminder that there is no school next Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November due to the final Staff Training Day for this year and Melbourne Cup Day. School will resume as normal on Wednesday 4th November. The remainder of Term 4 will now proceed with no further breaks, with the term concluding on Friday 18th December.

Learning During Term 4

As we continue to focus on the health and wellbeing of our students, it has been very pleasing to see both student connectedness and general engagement levels being re-established over the last few weeks as they have settled back into on-site learning. We have now begun to escalate the focus on our learning and assessment platforms in preparation for determining detailed student achievement levels in Literacy and Numeracy by the end of the school year.

Children will be encouraged to maintain their important reading habits each night and there might be the odd occasion where unfinished classroom tasks may be sent home to be completed. In addition, students on Individual Learning Plans may also have specific tasks to complete now and then in line with their plan. The very long period of remote learning whereby students were learning at home and as restrictions begin to ease we hope that students will begin to use their time out of school to reconnect with other pursuits.

Unwell Students

In line with the current guidelines from the Department of Education & Training (DET), the general health presentation of all students continues to be monitored very closely. Where a student presents with any flu like symptoms or a raised temperature, parents are being contacted straight away to remove their child from the school. Office staff have been doing a great job working with families as students have returned to on-site learning. We understand that spring lends itself to many students experiencing allergies, which can present as similar symptoms to colds and flu. We thank you in anticipation of your patience on this matter, as the school must remain very vigilant in monitoring this situation closely.

If you're child/ren are unwell in the morning, we must urge you to keep them at home where they can be isolated and carefully monitored until well enough to return to school the next day.

Planning for 2021

– Learning Buddies In the coming weeks, all students across the school will be asked to trace an outline of their hand and to write the name of a 'Learning Buddy' on each finger, in preparation for our teachers to begin to build the new classes for 2021.

Learning Buddies have been identified as those students within the classroom who support each other's learning; they may help you when you are working on an activity so that you have a better understanding, or they may give you some ideas for how you may enhance your work as well as being someone that you interact well with during group activities. During these discussions in the classroom, we emphasise that Learning Buddies may be different to the students who you consider to be your close friends, as sometimes our good friends can distract us from our learning.

The differences between the learning needs and social connectedness will be a key part of the classroom discussions over the next several weeks. As we begin to draft our new classes for 2021, there are several factors that will be carefully considered. In each new class, teachers will aim to ensure that there is a balance of academic capabilities, social competencies, behavioural traits & special needs, so that the classes at each level have an almost identical profile. In addition to these factors, our teachers also take into account each child's nominated Learning Buddies to ensure that every child is matched to at least one of their nominated Learning Buddies. (Please note that the Learning Buddies are not listed in any preferential order and it is explained to all students that they could be placed with any one of these 5 nominated buddies).

As you can appreciate this is a very complex undertaking, especially in light of our total school enrolment stabilising at just below 230 students again in 2021. To this end, please be assured that all of these factors are carefully considered. Like you, we want to ensure that we establish the best learning opportunities for all of our students in 2021 (particularly in light of the disruptions this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic). Given the rigour in this process, we ask that parents refrain from requesting friendship groupings and teacher preferences, unless there are extenuating circumstances that we may not be aware of which may potentially impact on a child's placement.

If you believe that extenuating circumstances exist in regards to your child's placement in 2021, please provide these details via email at wayne.whitworth@education.vic.gov.au



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Principal's Report continued

World Teachers' Day

This Friday 30th October is World Teachers' Day. As many of you are aware, even more so this year than ever, Tootgarook teachers are all very passionate about their roles and I continue to be so impressed every day as I see how they go above and beyond to support the individual needs of our students. Maybe you could think of some small way to express your gratitude towards your child's teacher this Friday?

Wayne Whitworth

Principal

Tootgarook Primary School



Upcoming events in our school.....

- A touch of Halloween- No blood, no scary masks. Child friendly costumes
- Curriculum Day Monday 2nd November
- Cup Day Public Holiday Tuesday 3rd November
- We will be celebrating book week on Thursday 12th Nov 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 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.



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Assistant Principal's Report



Dear Tootgarook Families

Back to school for children can take some adjustment.

Here are some strategies and tips to make the transition back to school a positive experience.

- Get back into the school-day routine – waking up, eating and going to bed at regular times.
- Get your child involved in planning out their lunches and snacks for the first week back.
- For anxious kids, plenty of detail can be calming. Talk through the steps of getting to their classroom: "And then we hang up our bag on our hook; we say hi to our friends; we find our seat...etc."
- Stick to familiar routines as much as possible. Try to have a calm evening and allow more time to settle before bedtime if your child is feeling excited or nervous about school.
- Help your child pack their bag the night before. A visual checklist can help them remember what they need to take. Layout their clothes, so everything's ready for the morning.

Allow some extra time to get ready, so you're not rushing.

For parents, it is important to keep check of your own behaviour

With the year we have had with COVID 19, the interruptions' to our everyday lives, transitioning back into the COVID 19 Normal can be a nervous time for parents as much as kids. However, it's important to try and keep your own anxiety levels under control. The more you can stay calm and present school as a fun, positive experience – rather than a necessary evil – the better.

Anglicare has a one-off online Parenting during COVID group session. The program will focus on the challenges parents have faced and or have struggled with during COVID 19. It will be a great way to connect with other parents and seek support if you are feeling overwhelmed in parenting at home.

Please see attached a flyer with all the information on how to book. If you do not have access to the internet or have a laptop, please speak to Paul and Sonia to look at alternate ways the program can be accessed.

Paul King

Assistant Principal

Tootgarook Primary School



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Assistant Principal's Report



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:

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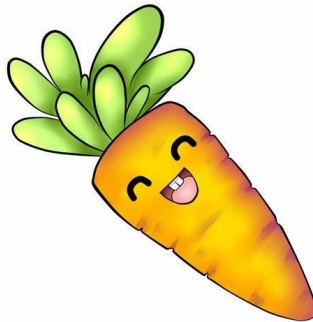
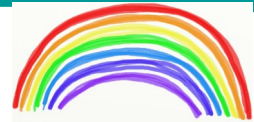
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FOUNDATION KITCHEN GARDEN



Recipe Spanakopita

Silverbeet

Beetroot Leaves

Spring onions

Continental parsley

2 egg

150g Ricotta

150g Feta

Filo Pastry

Olive oil

Some mint

Method:

Wash and chop all leaves, add chopped spring onion and parsley cook until softened, drain any excess liquid. Add egg, ricotta, feta. And mint.

Lay a sheet of filo pastry out and brush with olive oil cut into three. Put a spoonful of the mixture on corner and fold into a triangles. Continue until mixture all used up.

Bake in oven until golden.



To commemorate **REMEMBERANCE DAY** on **Wednesday 11th November** the children are able to purchase a Poppy from the school office for a gold coin donation. All proceeds go to Rosebud RSL to support our war veterans. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Building an Addition City

This week in the Foundation classroom we have been practicing to use the language of addition. Students built a building using blocks and then had to tell Miss Perkins an addition sentence that matched it. Everyone was able to say sentences like "4 and 5 make 9" or "4 and 5 combined together make 9.

Here is a photo of the Addition City we made.





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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