

# TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## 2012 CALENDAR

### May

- 04th Toora Cross Country event
- 07th PFA Meeting 9:00am in the Multipurpose Hall
- 11th Mothers' Day Stall
- 14th Book Club Orders due back
- 15th-17th NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5
- 22nd Grade 6 Orientation Day SGSC
- 23rd Division Cross Country

### June

- 08th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free
- 11th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 15th Region Cross Country
- 26th Parent Teacher Interviews
- 29th Term 2 Ends

### School Office Hours

8.30am—4.00pm (Wednesdays unattended)

**Absences** - Phone the office or write in your Child's communication book

### Lunch Orders

Every Wednesday - orders must be in by 9:15am



### TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL JOINS BETTER BUDDIES

Toora Primary School has joined the Better Buddies Framework in 2012 to help reduce the possibility of bullying by creating a friendly and caring atmosphere within the school community.

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation introduced the Better Buddies Framework into 30 schools in 2007, and with the support of NAB, has increased the number of participating schools to nearly 1000 in 2012.

"Bullying is a major issue in society and can affect many children well into their adult life, so we are committed to helping implement Better Buddies into as many schools as possible to ensure instances of bullying are reduced and students build strong and positive friendships."

For further information about The Alannah and Madeline Foundation and the Better Buddies Framework, visit [www.betterbuddies.org.au](http://www.betterbuddies.org.au)



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ebony Jones on her win in the "My Family" Language Poster Competition held in conjunction with the Gippsland Multicultural Festival in March. Ebony received a \$30 gift voucher for her win. Recognition certificates were awarded to Ebony Jones, Leah Ross and Cody Migliorisi for their outstanding posters. Our students confidently chose to focus on the French language for their posters as reinforcement of their French sessions with Marilynne Zanella. Well done!

In the event of adverse weather conditions, a decision will be made at 1:00pm Friday regarding the postponement of our Cross Country to the following Friday.

### BOOK CLUB ORDERS - due back on Monday 13th May



### CROSS COUNTRY— FRIDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2012

Our annual Cross Country will be held on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in the vicinity of Sagasser Park. All students from grade prep to six will be expected to take part. The cross country will commence shortly after 2:00pm and we welcome parents to come along and support our students; either by helping as marshals or to watch the students in their annual cross country event. If you can help in any way with this event please let us know ASAP. Weather permitting we will present the medallions at the park before returning to school. Students can be dismissed from the park after all presentations, please let your child's teacher know if you are taking your child home from the park. All other children will be walked back to school for dismissal.



**PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA) MEETING -**  
Monday 7th May at 9:00am in the Multi-purpose Hall Please come along and support your PFA.

# PFA MOTHERS DAY STALL Friday 11th May

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held on **Friday 11th May**


**MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE**  
Students will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets on Friday 11th May for a great Mothers Day prize of a FAMILY PASS to Gumbuya Park.  
  
Tickets 50c each

We invite all families to donate one or two gifts. Suitable gifts include; cookbooks, kitchen utensils, magazines, socks, vases, jewellery, cosmetics, hand and body lotions, shower gels, soap, tea & coffee mugs, candles, chocolates, aprons, stationery, scarves, frames, etc. Donations can be left in the specially marked box in the Admin foyer.

THANK YOU to the families who have already donated goods, our box is slowly filling up.

All items will be priced up to \$5 in value. Student spending for the Mothers' Day stall is limited to \$5:00.

PFA will also be asking for parent assistance during the pre-stall wrap on Thursday 10th May and also on the day of the stall, so please keep these dates in mind as it is such a lovely event to be part of and the children love seeing you there.




**OVERDUE MARC VAN LIBRARY BOOKS**

Mrs Callcott has asked us to remind families that MARC Van library books need to be returned in order for your child to be able to borrow new books (especially Prep/1 students). Students are currently able to borrow up to 2 books, but can not continue borrowing until their existing borrowings are returned. Please return outstanding books as soon as possible.

**WELCOME**

Welcome to Miss Hannah Hurrell-Watts, 3rd year student teacher in Grade 2/3 for the next two weeks. We trust you will make Miss Hurrell-Watts feel welcome during her time with us.

This week we welcome Tamsin and Zane Gough to our school. Tamsin is in Grade 3 in Mrs Corcoran's classroom and Zane joins the Grade 1's in Mrs Wogan-Browne's classroom. I'm sure all students will make Tamsin and Zane feel very welcome.



**CANCELLATION OF INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT AT FOSTER - 14TH MAY**

Students in Grades 3-6 will not be competing at the Interschool Cross Country at Foster on May 14th. This event has now been cancelled and students will be selected based on performance/time qualification at our own School Cross Country event TOMORROW. If your child is selected to represent our school at the next level he/she will receive a note within the coming week. Thank you, Ali Wogan-Browne - Sports Coordinator

**SOMERS**

Our school is rostered to take part in Somers Camp once again this year. We are inviting expressions of interest from Grade 5 and 6 students, once we have the names students will be selected via a ballot system as there are only limited places for a very small number of students. Our District school's dates are from 14th to 22nd August, the cost \$160 per student. Further information can be obtained from the website: [www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au](http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au)

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**2012 SOMERS CAMP**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ would be interested in attending the 2012 Somers Camp 14th - 22nd August at a cost of \$160 per student.

Print Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_