TOORAK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Canterbury Road, Toorak 3142

PRINCIPAL:
Mrs Julie Manallack

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 13 March
Gr 3 to 6 Swimming program concludes.

Monday 16 March
Year 4 Camp departs.

Tuesday 17 March
School Tour 9.30am.

Wednesday 18 March
Foundation Students visit Brookville Kindergarten.
Year 4 Camp returns.

Monday 23 March
Year 6 Camp departs.

Tuesday 24 March
School Council meeting

Wednesday 25 March
Tuckshop

Thursday 26 March
Foundation Responsible Pet Education incursion.

Friday 27 March
Yr 6 Camp returns.
End of Term 2.30pm

School Musical Dates
Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 September.

Curriculum Days
Monday 22 June
Friday 11 September
Friday 18 December

We provide a dynamic learning environment that engages and inspires students to achieve their personal best in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation.

BIRD AVIARY DAY

Toorak Primary School students dressed up last Friday 6 March in their best bird outfits and bright colours to raise money for our beautiful new bird aviary. Each student brought a gold coin donation as well as individual parents providing some very generous donations. We raised a total of $508. Thank you to all families. Our aviary has been filled with a collection of colourful cockatiels and budgies which were kindly donated by Simply Better Birds.
"Leaders as Architects of Creative Organisations" - Creswick Conference

I was very fortunate to attend the Inner South Region 2015 Conference last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The theme of the conference was “Leaders as Architects of Creative Organisations.” Over the three days valuable professional learning and networking opportunities were provided. The feature international speaker Dr Anthony Muhammed (PhD) delivered a powerful narrative to build a picture of successful strategies and processes to build and sustain cohesive and authentic school cultures. Bruce Armstrong, Executive Director School Leadership opened the second day by addressing the challenges facing Principals as they focus on the core work of improving the quality of teaching and learning with a creative mindset balanced with meeting the system requirements. The three day program provided speakers who not only entertained but also challenged and inspired leaders to harness individual, unique talents to create environments that will enable our schools to thrive.

Leave

Miss Livia Motti will be taking long service leave during term two and term three after which time she will decide on her future prospects. Livia has been at Toorak Primary School for many years and is looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. We wish Livia all the best during term two and term three. Currently an expression of interest has been circulated throughout the Southern Region for an acting Assistant Principal during Livia’s absence.

Musical

During next term there will many tasks to complete for the musical. The Wesley Theatre has been secured for September 16th and 17th which happens to be the last week of term three. It is expected that the theatre will be available from 6.30 for a 7.00 start. The performance should finish about 9.00pm. If you are able to support the musical in some capacity, please see Kathryn Sinker. She will need support with costumes, props, photography, backstage supervision and the list goes on. Staff will also integrate the songs and drama routines into their literacy programs to ensure the students are well practised for the performances.

Foundation Students

All foundations students now attend school for the entire week. For the very first time they attended assembly last Friday. Their very proud teachers and parents reported that all students were very excited to join the rest of the school at assembly and sat quietly throughout the unusually long gathering. Well done to all concerned.

School Council Sub Committees

School Council Sub Committees meet this week before preparing reports and recommendations for School Council on March 24th. Sub Committees for 2015 are:

Finance – Julie Manallack, Ann Cox, Don Stewart, Adrian Smith

Student Learning and Wellbeing – Adrian Neild, Rebekah Lester, Daniel Addison, Ross Brittan, Vittoria Dell’Atte

Publicity and Marketing – Kerie Agnew, Georgina Bishop, Sam Wood, Jen White, Ed Gough

Policy Review and Development – Betty Alexopoulos, Belinda Albietz, Livia Motti

Buildings and Grounds - Julie Manallack, Michelle Osborne, Charlotte Gibson, Tim Coleman, Susi Leeton

Early to School

The school grounds are supervised from 8.45am until 9.00am before school and 3.30pm until 3.45pm each afternoon. Once in the school grounds, students must not leave to play in Brookville Gardens since the gardens are not supervised by staff. Students are encouraged to arrive at school at 8.45 allowing time to socialise with friends before classes begin at 9.00. By arriving a little earlier than usual, the school day begins in an orderly fashion. Please encourage students to make their way home straight after school unless prior arrangements have been made. Teachers regularly speak to students about the, “Stranger Danger” message. I ask for parental support in also reminding children of the, “Stranger Danger” message. Should students wish to play in Brookville Gardens after school, parent supervision is required.
At Toorak Primary School we are always looking for ways to make our school more sustainable. This year we are divided our attention, focusing on a different sustainable topic per term. We will begin 2015, Term 1 with a focus on 'Water.' Each week a green team member will read a sustainable fact about water at assembly. We will be giving an award to the green team member who has contributed enthusiasm and support to the sustainability of our school. We will also be handing out the community service awards to any student who has helped make our school a more sustainable one by picking up any litter and/or turning off a tap.

We will be reading and comparing our water usage at the school - ways in which you can contribute is to ensure you are turning off the taps at school, not using the bubblers for any other reason than to drink from and informing a teacher if something is wrong with the taps/toilets in the bathroom.

Finally we will be commencing an art project with anybody who would like to be involved. Our plan is to brighten up shabby mirrors and blackboards with seashells. Please bring in any spare shells you may have picked up from the beach in the past (please do not remove any shells from a beach at this time) and any spare mirrors (any shape and size, ensure it is plastic) for us to decorate with the shells. It makes for a great treat for the school and it will always remind everyone of the beauty of the shore and ocean.

The Green Team

During Term 1, the Grade 3 students have been learning all about the three different types of communities – urban, suburban and rural. As part of our learning we made Lego creations to reflect what each individual community looks like.
Students enjoyed a day of French language and culture as part of TPS’s French Day. The day started with a French morning assembly, followed by crepe making and eating. There was also croissant and jam tastings, French music and dancing and French stories and video’s. The students were encouraged to dress up in blue, white and red for the day as in France school uniform is not required. A big thank you to our parent helpers who made endless crepes and prepared multiple croissant platters!
A big thank you to all the TPS families who participated in our February working bee. You enabled us to achieve a huge amount in one day. With your help we were able to recreate the chicken run, replant the olive trees so that the children can play and watch the chickens at recess and lunchtimes, revitalise the water garden, prune bushes and trees and have a general big clean up of the school grounds. All workers enjoyed fresh fruit and sausages for lunch. Approximately 150 families turned out for the working bee which was a record number!

**IMPORTANT SPORTS MESSAGE**

Could all Grade 1 to Grade 6 students please bring a pair of long socks for sport as they will be learning hockey. Thank you.

*Mick Holden Sports Teacher*

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**Sunday 22nd March 2015**

10am to 5pm

- Takorinjou Tango Drumming Performance 11:30 & 1:30
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Wed-Sun 1-12th April, 12:30pm
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