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

SUSTAINABILITY AT TPS

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 began 2015, Term 1 with a focus on ‘Water.’ This term’s focus is on ‘Energy.’

Each week a green team member will read a sustainable fact about energy at assembly. The green team captains, Aoibheann McConnon-Elvins and Hiruni Ratnayaka will be giving an award to the green team member who has contributed enthusiasm and support to the sustainability of our school.

We will be reading and comparing our energy usage at the school- ways in which you can contribute is to ensure you are turning off the lights, ensure that the Smartboard is off when you leave the classroom and monitor that your class’s air conditioner/heater is only on when necessary. In addition, please keep a mindset about your water usage and continue to let a teacher know if something is wrong with the taps/toilets.

Please continue to 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,) as we will proceed to decorate blackboards for friendly sustainable reminders to place around the school. It makes for a great treat for the school and it will always remind everyone of the beauty of the shore and ocean, and to stay sustainable!

Additionally this year we have created a new garden/outside learning area at Toorak Primary School ‘The bird aviary’. Our aviary garden is a home for birds from deceased estates. The Children replanted the aviary garden to fill it with new life and add to its ambiance. The vegetable garden, edible garden, water garden and chickens are all thriving wonderfully; with thanks to the hardworking support from the school community during our working bee in February. Also during classroom lessons, children will be taking care of our gardens and using our fresh produce for cooking in our newly renovated kitchen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 24 April
Anzac Day Assembly

Monday 27 April
Gr1 to Gr6 Footsteps Incursion

Tuesday 28 April
School Council Meeting
PFA Mothers Day Stall Gift Wrapping
In staffroom 9am to 11am

Wednesday 29 April
House X-Country
Gr1 Toys Over Time Incursion

Thursday 30 April
Gr 3 to Gr 6 Family Life Incursion
PFA Mothers Day Stall Gift Wrapping
in staffroom 9am to 11am

Friday 1 May
Gr5/6 Hockey Gala Day

Monday 4 May
Gr1 to Gr6 Footsteps Incursion

Tuesday 5 May
Gr 4 Drumbeat Incursion

Wednesday 6 May
PFA Mothers Day Stall

Thursday 7 May
Gr4 Immigration Museum Excursion
Foundation Mother’s Day Function

School Musical Dates
Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 September.

Curriculum Days
Monday 22 June
Friday 11 September
Friday 18 December
Term Two has begun in an organized manner with a seamless transition from term one. On our return, the school was presented in an orderly state which is greatly appreciated by the school community. Throughout the year our maintenance program ensures that a cyclical approach to maintaining our school is structured so that roof gutters are clear, storm water drains unblocked and the school generally in excellent condition.

**Welcome to Sarah Bracey**

I would like to formally introduce and welcome Mrs. Sarah Bracey to Toorak Primary School for terms two and three during Livia Motti’s leave. Sarah has settled readily into the routines and culture of our school. Sarah has come from Beaumaris Primary School where the school community is similar to our own. She has brought enthusiasm and many new ideas to the role of assistant principal which she is capably sharing with the staff at Toorak Primary School. We look forward to her continuing support during Livia’s absence.

**Year Six – Canberra Trip**

The year six students arrived back at Toorak Primary School safely on the last day of term from their trip to the national capital – Canberra. All students found the week-long excursion most beneficial in supporting the year six curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and pre service teachers who attended the “Heart of the Nation” Tour, with the students. All staff members gave freely of their time to enable the students’ involvement in such an outstanding school camp.

**ANZAC Centenary**

On Friday, a very respectful ceremony will be held to mark the centenary of ANZAC. The year six students have prepared wreaths for the occasion which will be laid under the flag pole. The poem, “In Flanders Field” will be recited as part of the ceremony. Over the past few weeks students have been involved in stories along with the history of Gallipoli and the significance of ANZAC Day. Teachers have prepared age appropriate activities to share our cultural heritage with students in order to prepare them for the centenary service. One of our parents, Mr Drew Horsell who has served in the Defence Forces, will attend in full uniform and is able to provide students with appropriate information about Gallipoli and the impact it has had on Australia as a nation. We have applied for a Lone Pine which, on arrival, will be planted in the school grounds to mark the centenary.

**Birthday Celebrations**

Kathy Mayer is progressing well with her research for Toorak Primary School birthday celebrations. The school office has been able to provide details of past students. Stonnington Council has also been able to support Kathy’s investigations. The birthday celebration of 125 years is due to take place towards the end of this term. As further details come to hand, the community will be informed. If you are able to assist Kathy with planning Toorak Primary School’s 125th birthday celebrations, please contact the school office.

**Musical**

All preparations for the school musical are progressing well. Ms Sinker and Mr Holden will visit Adamson Hall this week to be briefed on the operation of the facility. With the support of staff and many community members, Ms Sinker continues to prepare costumes, props, singing lessons, drama practice sessions, rehearsal of individual roles and generally co-ordinating the production of, “The Little Mermaid”. We look forward to this wonderful event which will take place at the end of term three over two nights – Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th September.

Julie Manallack

Principal
Welcome Sarah Bracey

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents for welcoming me openly into the Toorak Primary School community. I have had many opportunities to interact with the students, be it on yard duty, teaching classes, observing the Year 5/6 students preparing for the ANZAC service, watching Footsteps classes, meeting class leaders and new students as they tour the school or simply by passing in the yard and stopping to chat. The students of Toorak Primary School are certainly a pleasure to interact with. Much of my work will involve working with the enthusiastic teaching team to continue to provide the students and families of Toorak Primary School with a supportive, learning environment where all students are able to be the best they can be. I look forward to getting to know the parent community, so please introduce yourself.

Regards
Sarah Bracey
Acting Assistant Principal

Collingwood Children’s Farm Gr 1 Excursion
Lost Password - If you have lost your password, you can either ring the office and we will issue you with another password or after logging into Compass, you can click on ‘Don’t know your username?/Forgot your password?/link on the front page.

COMPASS Home Screen

School Calendar
View details of upcoming events, and other relevant school-wide activities.

Student Profiles
the student profile provides you with access to full details of your child. This will include attendance, learning, tasks, reports and much more. Using the actions button you can quickly add parent approvals and view academic records.

Main Menu
Takes you to your home page.

Alerts
Custom notifications for items that require your action or attention.

Consent and Payments
1. From the COMPASS home screen, click on the event alert under ‘My News’ (screenshot 1) or navigate to “events” under the organisation menu (screenshot 2).
2. From the events page a list of upcoming events and excursions will be displayed. Click on the red ‘Process Now’ button to provide consent and/or payment (depending upon what the event requires).
3. An online payment/consent form will be displayed. Complete all highlighted relevant fields and click the ‘Submit Details’ button.

Attendance: Summary

Approvals - The sub-tab provides a comprehensive list of approvals for your child. From this tab you can also add absence notices, both past and future.

Unapproved - This sub-tab provides a list of all unexplained absences from class. From this tab you can click to approve specific absences.

Daily Snapshot - Provides a quick snapshot of your child’s attendance.

Attendance Summary - Includes a summary of attendance. For full details about a specific absence, click the appropriate number in the grid. For an explanation of a heading, hover your mouse over the heading of interest. When students are marked ‘Not Present’ in class, this can sit in one of three different categories. These include:

NP Schl - Not present in class and approved by school related activity eg home schooling, district sport.
NP Parnt - Not present in class and approved by a parent approval.
NP Unap - Not present in class with no approval entered.

Attendance: Entering a Parent Approval
From the Compass home screen (or from student profile), click the ‘Actions for’ button for your child and select the ‘Add Parent Approval’ item.
From the pop-up window, select the reason, enter a brief description of the absence, select the start and finish time and then click the ‘Save’ button.
Sarah here from My Super Nanny, I’m the online Marketing Manager. My Super Nanny is a unique, Australian and free online match making service designed to help parents search for a nanny/babysitter to suit their requirements. We are wondering if you do advertising within your School Newsletters and if so what are the costs? You can find us at mysupernanny.com.au
Dear Parents,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

To enrol your child in ICAS, please go to Compass and complete the relevant information under the ‘events’ tab and either select each assessment individually or enrol in all assessments. Forms and details are also available at the office. Please enrol/pay by the below dates:

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If you have any queries, please see me.

Regards,
Jennifer White
Prep Teacher

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**PFA Mothers Day Stall**

*Mother’s Day is just around the corner*

**Stall dates**

- Wednesday 6th May
- Friday 8th May (if required)

**Volunteers Needed!**

The team coordinating this year’s Mother’s Day stall are seeking volunteers for wrapping the gifts and running the stall on the following dates:

- **Wrapping**
  - Tuesday 28th April, 9-11 am
  - Thursday 30th April, 9-11 am

- **Stall Help** (various tasks & time slots)
  - Wed 6th May from 8:30-11:30 am
  - Fri 8th May from 8:30-11:30 am

Even if you can just help for an hour or so, it will be very useful.

We are trialling a new way of coordinating volunteers through a sign-up website. Please use the following link to see the tasks we need help with:

[https://www.volunteersignup.org/7J4P4](https://www.volunteersignup.org/7J4P4)

Contact Debbie Snell (debsastarmarks@gmail.com) or Maria Tolley (tolleym@bigpond.net.au) if you have any questions about helping with this event.

- Tuesday 28th April 9-11am - Volunteers wrapping Mother’s Day gifts
- Thursday 30th April 9-11am - Volunteers wrapping Mother’s Day gifts
- Wednesday 6 May Mother’s Day stall
- Friday 8 May Mother’s Day stall (extra day if needed)
March 2018

Hello all,

We hope you are enjoying the beginning of the winter sport season.

We all love to engage our children in the fabulous opportunities in Sport.

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to ALL GIRLS FOOTBALL.

Some of you may have heard about the new initiative across our sporting clubs or it may be the first time you have heard about girls football.

It’s a wonderful team sport, fantastic for fitness and instills skills to compliment many other sports played in our community already.

It’s open to all girls and is one of the only sports specifically for girls playing in the area where you can contact to find out more.

We promise you, your daughter will love it. For those of you who have a family of daughters, you will be invited to be involved in a game you may never have considered for your girls.

There are 3 age groups - U10s, U13s and U16s and it is non-contact for the U13s, and great fun for all.

Please make contact with one of the clubs above. 

We hope your introduction to Girls Football is as rewarding as ours.

Warm regards,

East Malvern Junior Football Club
Prahran Junior Football Club
Glen Iris Junior Football Club

ATTENTION GIRLS...

DO YOU LOVE YOUR FOOTY?

WHY NOT GET INVOLVED IN A GIRLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION?

Following the success of our first girls team in 2014 Prahran Junior Football Club is looking for GIRLS AGED 8 – 15 YEARS for girls only & mixed football teams.

No previous experience necessary.

To find out more please contact SAM MCKAY – sam.mckay@bigpond.net.au or 0411 582 559

inspiring every child to play their best football

PLAYING IN THE SOUTH METRO JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SMJFL)

EAST MALVERN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Girls Footy Coordinator: Hazel Sutherland
0412 200 700
hazel@eastmalvern.com

PLAYING IN THE DARRA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DJFL)

GLEN IRIS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Girls Footy Coordinator: David Fry
0403 542 310
mikealton9@yahoo.com
KIDS YOGA with Hannah at SOUTH YARRA!!

Yogi Bears
Kids yoga classes for 3 to 5 year-olds
Saturdays 11:30 am (45 min)

Yoga Stars
Kids yoga classes for 6 to 10 year-olds
Saturdays 12:30 (45 min)

School Term 2 (April 18 - June 20)
Registration: $120 / 10 week term

Book online:
www.yogadancemoves.com.au

320 Toorak Rd, South Yarra
YOGA MITRA

NEW YOGA CLASSES
Term 2: Mon 13 April - Fri 19 June
Come to yoga after school drop-off!
yogamitrastudio.com

Wettenhall Room, Toorak Uniting Church
603 Toorak Road, Toorak
Mondays and Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30am
Fridays 10:30 - 11:30am
Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30pm

Three experienced teachers, all friends, are
holding regular classes in the light-filled
Wettenhall Room, looking onto a peaceful
courtyard. These yoga classes are designed to
build strength and flexibility, and mindfulness,
and are open to all levels of experience.

Bookings/enquiries
rohanchock@gmail.com or 0418 145 164

The Old Melburnians Soccer Club, OMSC, takes great pleasure in announcing our new junior division, the Mini Melburnians.

The Club invites both boys and girls aged 4 - 7 to join the program.

**Home Games:** Sir Robert Menzies Reserve (cnr Toorak Road & Monash Freeway)  
**Time:** Saturday mornings 9.00am - 10.00am  
**Opening special - $175 registration for season 2015!**


THE HEART OF SOUTH YARRA

Community pride drives the hockingstuart South Yarra office. We love South Yarra, its people, its heritage and its character, and we're extremely proud to be able to help Toorak Primary School with fundraising.

HELP YOUR SCHOOL WHILE HELPING YOURSELF.

Here's your opportunity to support your local community while also benefiting from our expertise. hockingstuart South Yarra will donate $500 to Toorak Primary School when we sell your property, or $250 if you appoint us to manage your rental property. As Victoria's most successful real estate network, your property could not be in better hands.

For more information, call Directors Peter Perrignon on 0418 566 646, Will Walton on 0412 511 717 or Business Development Manager Ben Burling on 0430 926 956 and mention Toorak Primary School.