Throughout the term, Grade 3 students have been exploring cultures that are present in the Toorak Primary community. Students have been investigating and learning about different celebrations that are unique to the German, Indian and Italian cultures as well as traditional dances, artwork and cuisine.
English as an Additional Language

English as an Additional Language (EAL) students come from a background where English is not the first language and includes newly or recently arrived students from overseas, languages other than English background and students born in Australia. A student is defined as being from a language background other than English, if either the student, mother or father speaks another language beside English. Approximately 21% of the families at Toorak Primary School are from non-English speaking backgrounds.

EAL Curriculum

In the mainstream classroom, teachers follow the Australian Curriculum (AusVELS) English scope and sequence and place emphasis on speaking and listening and vocabulary. Differentiation based on student’s language proficiency levels is a feature of the work in classrooms.

Instructional Capacity

As from the beginning of Term 2 2015 Toorak Primary School has had the capacity to employ an EAL Director, Siona Beck to conduct additional English classes for identified EAL students. The EAL program follows the inquiry topics building on vocabulary and background knowledge. There is a particular emphasis on Inquiry, speaking and listening and the teaching of vocabulary. EAL students in mainstream classrooms and identified as EAL on enrolment, are assessed on the EAL Continuum. Once a student has achieved all stages on the EAL Continuum (Years P-2 AStages)(Years 3-6 Bstages) the student may then move onto the AusVELS curriculum.

Further information regarding the EAL program can be located on the Toorak Primary School website or within the 2015 Student Handbook.

Communication

It is essential that all members of the school communicate information in agreement with established protocols so as to preserve the professionalism of the school, to protect the rights of individuals, to uphold our duty of care to students and comply with departmental and legal requirements.

Last week School Council clarified processes for communication into and out of the school. Communication between parents and the classroom teacher is carried out at a number of levels. It may be done informally at any convenient time. Parents may chat with teachers before and after school but please be aware that teachers may have yard duty at these times or a staff or level meeting. In these cases a mutually agreed time needs to be made.

All emails are to be directed through the official Toorak Primary School email account (toorak.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) attention to the staff member you wish the email to be forwarded. The office staff will redirect the email to the appropriate staff member or School Council representative (in the case of a proposal fit for a school council sub committee). Individual teacher email addresses will not be provided. Similarly communication will move out via the Toorak Primary School email account. Verbal enquiries should also go through the school office staff, where a message can be directed to the suitable person or an appointment can be made.

Community members are free to attend School Council Sub Committee meetings. The Sub Committee Chair may request attendance to present the proposal. Findings will be published in School Council minutes and can be presented on request.

2015 Sub Committee members and meeting dates are listed below.

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| School Council         | Tuesday July 28             |         |                      |                            |                     |
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Little Mermaid Musical Helpers Required

Kathryn Sinker will be holding her first musical 'Prop Making Workshop' on **Sat 13 June 11am in the TPS Hall**. She would love to see as many helpers as possible. She will spray painting trees, decorating umbrellas and working on the set!

Please use the link below to confirm attendance.
[https://www.volunteersignup.org/QLKTW](https://www.volunteersignup.org/QLKTW)

Many thanks for your support!
**The Veranda Club**
The Veranda Club has commenced. Three successful sessions have already been held, with some of the Grade 5 girls facilitating the club, both competently and enthusiastically. The feedback from students has been highly positive and has engaged students to work collaboratively and passively from Prep – 2, for those who wish to attend. At the moment, the Veranda Club runs every Tuesday Lunch time and will continue to do for the rest of the term.

**Bounce Back**
All classes from Prep - 4 continue to teach Bounce Back lessons once a week and integrate their learnings into other domains. For example this week’s focus in the Prep area will be to revise a learnt concept such as, being fair. Students enjoy participating in the lessons and look forward to what each week brings.

**Kathy Walker PD**
The staff at TPS participated in a highly motivating professional development session by Kathy Walker, who is one of Australia’s leading curriculum, teaching and learning experts in personalised learning. Staff were able to reflect on social and emotional aspects of learning and take this knowledge back to their classrooms.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**
Reminder that all schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. Shortly all parents will receive information about the process. This year there is no consent form or capacity to opt out.

Thank you
Vittoria Dell’Atte
Foundation Teacher
Engagement and Wellbeing - Sustainability Leader
SchoolMate App

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets. SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS) in each subject at each year level. It also suggests apps, books, events and activities which can be used at home to support your children with subjects they are covering at school.

Parent Teacher Interviews

TPS will be using Compass to book Parent Teacher Interviews. If you have forgotten your Compass login, or are having difficulties accessing Compass please email the office staff at toorak.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 June. Teachers will be offering a mix of before, during school and evening sessions allowing parents ample opportunities to book a suitable time. Booking close on Friday 19 June.

Grade 5/6 Statue Artwork
Toorak Primary School recently attended the Victoria Primary School Touch Football Championships. Twenty one students from Grade 5 & 6 entered the competition which included a girls team and mixed team. The mixed team played well on the day winning one game. Standouts for the mixed team were Annie Noble with a few brilliant intercept tries and some solid defence and Fosco Tombesi who scored a couple of tries and displayed great attack all day.

The girls team also played extremely well winning all four of their games, plus one game against an All-Star Year 7 team from Portland in South-West Victoria. Standout players for the girls team were Amelie Colville with 7 tries and Niamh Johnson who captained the team and was an inspirational leader all day.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and especially to the girls team who won the entire event.

Hi to all OSHclub families!

By now, I’ve had the opportunity to meet most of you, (though I am still fumbling with many names!) Thanks to everyone who’s taken the time to have a chat with me- I’ve really appreciated getting you know everyone.

I just have a couple of important messages this fortnight:

**Picking your child up from After School Care**

Please be aware that the two car parks closest to the main school entry marked “Authorised school vehicles only” are designated specifically for delivery vehicles and for the head of school. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could keep these carparks free, (even after 5pm) as we do receive evening produce deliveries for the program. Mrs Manallack also needs to have fast access to the school entry in case of an emergency.

**Booking your child in for OSHclub**

When a child arrives at after school care without a booking, it is a legal requirement of the program coordinator to make contact with that child’s parents/guardian within **30minutes** of program commencement. This is to ensure that the whereabouts of the child causes no undue concern or distress.

Each day, Toorak OSHclub sign in anywhere from 4 to 8 children who are have not been booked in for after school care. In most cases, it will take the program coordinator several attempts to reach each one of those parents/caregivers (which means half an hour of time spent on the phone rather than with your children!) What’s more, in many cases, the opportunity to employ an additional staff member to accommodate increased attendance is missed.

In the case that a last minute work or personal commitments does arise and you have no time to complete a booking online, please just send through a text message **prior to 3pm** letting us know that “*(insert child’s name)* from *(insert child’s class)* will be attending after school care today”.

*** Phone calls at 3.30 are not ideal as all staff are busy checking children in, getting them afternoon snacks, accompanying them to afterschool activities and chasing up absences.

Cheers,

Lisa Trudgett
Program Coordinator

**OSHC program phone: 0423777185  OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000**

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is FREE!!

Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au). All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. **For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.**
Spatzenschule Fundraiser

Spatzenschule is running an ‘Entertainment Book’ Fundraiser. The books contain discounts and special offers for many restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, cinemas, theatres, hotels, accommodation, attractions, and activities in our local area. The books cost $65, and will be on display at the office. You can find more information about the book at: http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au

The fundraiser will finish at the end of August 2015 and the collection of the payments and the distribution of the books will be managed by the German Spatzenschule.

Tuckshop Thanks

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to extend a well-deserved and hard earned Thank you to Susan Scholz, Martina Egan, Meike Fruechtl, Katrin Von Schimmelmann and Pinky Lukman for the delicious German and Indonesian tuckshop’s over the past couple of weeks.

Pinky’s friend, Evelyn also deserves a special mention for giving up her Wednesday to support our school community as her children attend a different school.

If you would like to contribute to the tuckshop cooking, either with a savoury main course or dessert special item one week then please let either one of us know. It could be a food from a specific culture or just something you love making and would like to share with the school.

Thank you.
Zoe 0410 337 496 and Kirsty 0424 086 808
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I scream you scream dessert wall hangings
Monday 29th of June

Bright mini love
LED lamps
Tuesday 30th of June

Sleep Tight
Dream catchers
Wednesday 1st of July

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Thursday 2nd of July

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Monday 6th of July

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TUESDAY 7TH OF JUly

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jewellery making
Wednesday 9th of July

Necklace paper craft
with yoke
Thursday 9th of July

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