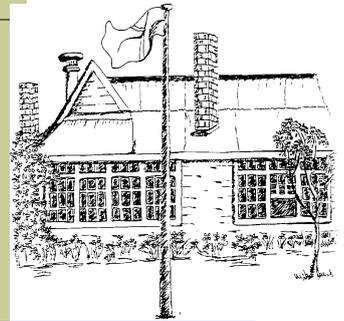


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Reaching our Potential

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Tooborac Primary School is an inclusive school where students reach their potential by developing a passion for learning and becoming active citizens who value diversity.

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SW PBS: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY TO LEARN

PHASCOGALE NESTING BOX LAUNCH



It was great to see families at the Phascogale nesting box launch last week, with many keen to become involved in the project themselves.

We hope to hear of some amazing little creatures using our boxes as their new homes. We will keep you posted.

Important Dates & Reminders:

Tue 12 Mar School Photos

Please return: ALL SCHOOL FORMS ASAP

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

School Council News

Thanks to the parents and staff for being active contributors to school council. It was a lively meeting with lots of ground covered. I am pleased to announce

Mardi Ollett has been elected President

Kelly Cooper has been elected Vice President

Cheryl Ward has been elected Secretary

Thanks to all school councillors for your active participation in the meeting.

Fundraising and Grounds Committee

School Council has suggested making these committees. They would meet in between school council meetings (at least once a term) and make recommendations for School Council to follow. For example they may suggest a sandpit upgrade or an outdoor table for the grounds. They would obtain the quotes and present a motion for us to approve at school council. Membership is open to families, friends and community members who are not school councillors. So if you or a family member or friend would like to contribute your skills and ideas why not drop a note in the box letting us know you are interested.

Chocolate Drive—Please see form attached and return by this Friday 1 March.

School Council has suggested that we enter a chocolate fundraising drive. Freddo & Friends Box, 120 items, sell 2 for \$1 If you would be interested in selling chocolates please let us know how many boxes you think you would sell by completing the attached Expression of Interest Form and dropping it in "the box" and we can decide if it is viable enough to go ahead. If we sell 25 boxes, the profit to the school would be \$750.00. Thankyou

Phascogale Nesting Box Launch

It was a fantastic day last Wednesday with interesting presentations about the purposes and value of the nesting boxes from our visitors Janice Mentiplay Smith from the Whroo Goldfields Conservation Management Authority and Orlando Talomo from the 1000 hollows project. Students were really interested in the marsupials on display and enthusiastic about providing more habitat for wildlife. It was heartening to hear that some of the boxes installed in the Osterfield/Cooper family's property have already been occupied by sugar gliders. The boxes were enthusiastically taken by families and Orlando will hopefully be installing the boxes soon on properties that provide suitable habitat. It was a great day and we look forward to our students making further contributions to the environment in positive ways.

ANYONE FOR COMPOST?

After many months of taking the food scraps for the school the Osterfield/Cooper family can no longer take the food scraps. Would anyone else like to help by taking the scraps home? Please let me know.

HELP US MOVE THE MULCH PLEASE

We were lucky enough to receive a free pile of mulch. It is not suitable for placing under the playgrounds but it is suitable for gardens. Any help you could offer to spread the mulch would be greatly appreciated. We have a barrow and shovel at school.

JAMES TENISON-WOODS

PRINCIPAL

SENIOR ROOM NEWS

LITERACY

Spelling we have been focussing on dropping silent 'e' when adding the suffix 'ing'. And doubling the final consonant. Other students have been familiarising themselves with words containing the digraph "ch".

Reading strategy We are learning to make predictions using our background knowledge and evidence from the text.

Writing We have been writing recounts of events and postcards trying to make our anecdotes as interesting and detailed as possible. We are moving on our own autobiography this week.

Mathematics We have been reading, writing ordering, modelling a range of numbers from single digits through fractions and decimals. We are starting to look at number patterns.

Inquiry We have been investigating Earth rotation and the seasons and the planets of our solar system. This is our last week on this topic before beginning our history topic about settlement and the interactions with aboriginal people.

Would you like to become a Volunteer?

Tooborac Primary School is a Child Safe school and as such all volunteers are required to obtain a Working With Children Check. These are available online. We welcome your assistance and it is a good way to keep 'in the loop' with what goes on. Volunteers play a very important part in school life and any help offered, no matter if it is only an hour per week, will be greatly appreciated. Help is always needed with reading, classroom activities and also with gardening and maintaining the school grounds.

CHILD SAFE POLICY

As per our Child Safe Policy if you are Volunteering or Visiting at the school you are required to sign in and out at the office.

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES

School Photos—Tuesday 12th March at 2pm

Our school photos are being taken on the Tuesday straight after the Labour Day Long Weekend. Please make sure your children have their uniform on for the day. Photo packs were sent home last Friday and are to be returned to school no later than Thursday 7 March.

School Camp—Grades 2-6—5 to 7 June 2019

Please return your Expression of Interest and \$50 deposit by 8 March 2019

JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

I can't believe we are basically half way through term 1!

It was great to see families at the Phascogale nesting box launch last week, with many keen to become involved in the project themselves. A big thank you to Russell Blackie who tirelessly cut the templates and completed the initial technical construction; it would have been a big task for us to do this part. Another thank you to Orlando for painting them with the recommended paint they use and hanging the boxes around our school and the wider community. We hope to hear of some amazing little creatures using our boxes as their new homes. We will keep you posted.

Our learning this week

Reading strategy: predicting. Students are encouraged to use the title, illustrations, their background knowledge and the text to predict what may happen in the text and continue to change their prediction as the story progresses.

Writing: transactional: postcards. Students will be using a computer program to write the postcard and then illustrate it themselves before posting it to someone special in their lives. So keep an eye out for a special delivery :)

Maths: patterns. Patterns can be simple or extremely complex and exquisite in nature. Initially, students will look around their environment for patterns in nature before looking at man made patterns. They will be asked to recognise a repeating pattern and continue it.

Inquiry: water Water is a resource we all take for granted; it is necessary for survival. The students will be looking at where we find water, what we use it for, and how we can save water on a daily basis both at home and school. Who brushes their teeth at home and leaves the tap on? How much water could be saved if we only turned on a small dribble each time we needed to rinse the brush. Imagine how much water that would be over a year or our life time?

Writing about 'small moments'

We in the junior room have been learning to write about 'small moments'. This is where we want to write about a small incident in greater detail. Our first lesson focussed on describing finding the phascogale boxes. We didn't want to add any details about arriving at school, but rather describe the event in more detail. This is our shared writing below:

Before school, we went on an adventure! We had a treasure hunt to find five phascogale boxes. The children were running around everywhere trying to spot the phascogale boxes in the trees. They were hard to see because they camouflage.

Small moment writing: students have been identifying one part of their writing and describing the event in more detail in order for the reader to visualise what is happening; what it looks like, how it feels and what they can hear.

Original text

One day there was a ancilosaur. He loved going on adventures but there was a storm. The ancilosaur didn't run away...

We decided that the reader would like to know more about the storm, so with the help of Dorian, William added the following detail.

Added detail

The clouds made the sky black. Lightening filled the blackness and surrounded the ancilosaur. A tornado zoomed around him. He was trapped!



Photos of the Phascogale Nesting Box Launch



Laura our Trainee Seeing Eye Dog now 10 months old enjoying a cuddle from Kiera

SCHOOL CALENDAR

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Breakfast Club—Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Assembly every Friday at 3pm, commencing 15th February

Lunch orders every Wednesday

March	Mon 11 March	Public Holiday—no school
	Tue 12 March	School Photos
	Fri 22 March	Heathcote Small Schools Athletics
	Mon 25 March	Cross Country at Pyalong
	Mon 1 April	School Council—Meeting 2
	Thur 4 April	Heathcote Community Games
	Fri 5 April	Term 1 ends
	Tue 23 April	Term 2 commences
	5-7 June	School Camp at Billabong Ranch for Grades 2-6

Please return the following forms

- School Camp EOI
- Cadbury Fundraiser EOI
- Local Walks for 2019
- Computer Contract
- Chaplaincy Form
- Student Publication and PG Rated Sources

Conveyance Applications close 12 March

CSEF Applications close 28 June 2019

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

Tooborac Primary School

Bank: CBA

BSB: 063506

A/C: 00900819