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<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
Monday & Friday	Canteen Days Closed until further notice
Monday	Breakfast Club
Friday 17th December	Last Day of School

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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our school, I want to say a big thank you to all our students, parents and carers for your continued resilience and support during Term 3 and this Term. I know Remote and Flexible Learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning.

Term 4 is important for every Victorian student, and our teachers will strive to deliver high-quality learning for everyone. Whether we're teaching remotely or face-to-face, our focus for Term 4 is on making sure that every student is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

The Victorian Government has outlined the staged return to on-site schooling as part of its gradual roadmap towards reopening. The purpose of the plan is to get students back in the classroom as soon and as safely as possible without putting at risk all that has been achieved through the period of restrictions to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

While learning looked a bit different these past few months consider all of the opportunities that were presented to us, and the skills we had a chance to develop and practise. These have included a different way of communicating, problem solving, collaboration, prioritisation and organisation, adaptability, persistence and perseverance. These skills will set students up as successful learners well into the future.

Over the next few weeks, we will be transitioning back to onsite learning at school. This will take place in a staggered format, as has been outlined in the Victorian Governments 'Roadmap to Deliver the National Plan'. We understand that some families may feel anxious about this transition back.

The calendar below lists the days your child will be learning onsite at school.

Please note that once students return to school, a remote learning programme on the day of school attendance will no longer be available as the teachers will be teaching the students at school.

Year levels	From Wednesday 6 October	From Monday 18 October	From Tuesday 26 October	From Friday 5 November
Prep		Monday – Wednesday	Monday – Wednesday	✓
Year 1-2		Thursday – Friday	Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 3-4			Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 5-6			Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 7			✓	✓
Year 8-9			Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 10			Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 11			✓	✓
Year 12 (VCE units 3/4 and final year VCAL)	✓	✓	✓	✓

**If you are unwell or a contact of a COVID case, you must stay home.**

Students and staff who are unwell must stay at home. If your child attends school and is unwell, or has symptoms compatible with coronavirus including a fever, cough or sore throat, we are required to call you to collect your child from school. If a member of your family tests positive for COVID, or is a close contact, please notify the school as soon as possible.

**Parents will not be permitted to enter the school grounds.**

As on-site schooling resumes, we will continue to have in place strong measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families and the community. As much as we would love to get back to normal and welcome you all back too, for now the Department of Education and Training is restricting school site access to students, school staff, contractors and OSHC families.

I ask that you only come onto the school reception site if it is absolutely essential. Please try to resolve all queries over the phone or email. If you do come into our reception area, you must check in using our QR code. If you are picking up your child/children early from school please ring Elana in the office 30 minutes before and then ring again when you arrive so she is able to bring your child out to your car.

**Mask wearing**

All students Year 3 – 6 are required to wear face masks while at school. We are still awaiting further information around this and I will send this information out as soon as I receive this.

**Drop off and pick up**

Can you please ensure that when you are dropping and picking up your children that you abide by the measures that have been put in place. That is, all parents need to be wearing face masks when out of their cars, and that you are all socially distanced at least 1.5 meters. There are restrictions around congregations of people. As soon as you have dropped your child off at school or picked your child up, can you please leave our car park area. We found that at the end of other remote learning periods parents were effectively following these protocols so by 3:36pm there were many vacant car parks. Staff will be out at the gate until 3:50pm so you are able to collect your child from 3:30pm until 3:50pm. Can you please reinforce with your child that they need to play on the Bayview Road playground while they are waiting for you to arrive. My staff will not be walking around the school trying to find children to deliver to you. Any children onsite after 3:50pm will be brought to the office.

**Staggered entry**

From Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October we will be welcoming our Prep students back to onsite learning on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our Prep students will go back into Remote and Flexible Learning for Thursdays and Fridays. On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October we will be welcoming our Year 1 and 2 students back to onsite learning on Thursdays and Fridays. For Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays our Year 1 and 2 students will be doing Remote and Flexible Learning.

If you require your child to attend onsite on days they are not doing onsite learning (for children of Permitted Workers and vulnerable students), please fill out the attached onsite request form and send me updated permits. Then send this to me directly on [zania.cope@gmail.com](mailto:zania.cope@gmail.com)

Our Specialist team will be running a revised Specialist program over the next 3 weeks with our onsite students. This will mean that not every grade will get every specialist each week.

**Specialists**

Our Specialist programme will no longer be doing remote and flexible learning from the 18<sup>th</sup> of October for Prep-2 students as they resume their onsite schooling. From the 25<sup>th</sup> of October Sport and STEAM will cease remotely for all students as all students will be staggered to onsite learning. Our Specialist team will be running their programme at school in a reduced fashion as they are also supervising our permitted onsite students.

Italian, however, will continue for Grade 1,2, 5 and 6 students remotely until the 4<sup>th</sup> of November as we are hoping all students will be back onsite full time from the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, regulations permitting. Remote and Flexible Italian will look different with Italian packs for each student in Year 1,2 5 and 6 students coming home. These packs will be given out by their classroom teacher on the day these students are onsite. Each student will have a pack that they can complete at home and then return to school the next time they are in. Please ensure that your child's name and grade is on the pack.

**OSHC**

Our OSHC is open for children attending onsite on their staggered day and for children who have been approved to attend supervision onsite. This service is open from 6:30 am till 8:30 am and again from 3:30 till 6:30pm. If you require this service for your child, please contact Sarah on 0484295860 strictly at least 24 hours in advance.

**Learning and Excellence**

Some of our students have thrived in the Remote and Flexible Learning environment, others have maintained their learning progress, and some have fallen behind, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers. Our priority will be supporting both those who need it to catch up and those who have progressed to continue to extend their learning.

### **Transitions**

We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep, the Grade 6s moving into Year 7. At this point in time, we are limited by restrictions with what we can offer. As restrictions evolve so too will our transition program. We are ever hopeful of welcoming our future Prep students into our school, but we have to strictly adhere to all guidelines.

We know some families are worried that their child may have to repeat a year due to the disruptions of coronavirus (COVID-19). There is little evidence to support the benefits of repeating a year to catch up. Instead, schools will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students meet their learning needs.

Parents, families and carers can be confident that the best option for almost every child is to stay with their peer group, whether that is moving from kindergarten into Prep, or moving from Grade 6 into Year 7 at secondary school, or students moving up any year level in between.

Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs as we look towards the end of the 2021 school year and ahead to 2022.

### **School uniform**

From the 18<sup>th</sup> of October all students will be required to wear full school uniform while attending onsite. This includes students of Permitted Workers who have been approved by myself for onsite supervision. Please remember school hats are required at this time of year. Orders for additional uniform items and school hats can be made online if required. A copy of our School Uniform Policy can be viewed on the school website.

Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle for use at school.

### **School buses and transport**

As schools resume on-site learning, all school bus services will continue with their regular timetables.

The Department of Education and the Department of Transport continue to work closely with DFFH and transport operators to implement measures to limit the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) so that students can feel confident travelling on school transport. Transport operators will continue enhanced cleaning across all services to ensure that high-touch surfaces such as handrails and seating areas are regularly disinfected. Physical distancing is to be maintained for adult bus staff (driver and other attendants) where practical. Physical distancing must be exercised by parents and school staff at bus stops, and school bus loading areas.

Students should:

- not use transport if unwell
- practise hand hygiene before and after using transport (prior to leaving home and at the end of the school day)

### **Fencing**

The fencing quality around our school was long overdue for an upgrade with planks broken and falling off. This has now been replaced by a black powder-coated steel palisade fence, which will endure our seaside weather conditions.

The upgraded fencing will better protect the assets invested in our school facilities as well as improving safety of students, staff and visitors during school hours. It will also protect against antisocial behaviours and damage to school property.

While the fence will limit unauthorised access to school grounds, Tooradin Primary School recognises that school grounds can be a venue for community sporting and recreation activities. At the moment you are able to access the property after hours through our reception gate by reaching through the fencing and pulling this handle down. In the near future there will be a guard put up which will prevent this. When this happens there will be no access to the school site.

We would like to trial granting access to our school grounds after hours to our school community. If you would like to, (as a member of our school community) request a personal code to access our property after hours, can you please e mail Elana on [tooradin.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tooradin.ps@education.vic.gov.au) I will then generate an individual code for you which will allow you access from 7 am until 7 pm daily. Please do not share this personal code with anyone. If vandalism or antisocial behaviour continues in our school after hours with these measures we will have to modify or change this system.

Thanks for your continued support.

Have a great rest of the week everyone,

Zania Cope

# ENVIRO NEWS with Sammi

## Woolworths bag for good!

During lockdown you get food from Woolworths, Coles, Aldi and many others. Have you noticed that they always give you plastic bags? Now instead of plastic bags, Woolworths are packing all of your items into paper carry bags. This will only cost 20 cents each in store. When we did our online shop this week we had the option of paper bags instead of plastic and we chose paper. This only cost us an extra 50 cents for all bags.

## Woolworths customers nationwide will have the option of purchasing paper shopping bags instead of plastic ones.

At a number of stores last year, the reusable paper bags from Woolworths were trialed. They were very successful with the trial. The paper bags were introduced because of demanding customers who wanted an alternative which can be easily recycled.

These bags are made from 70% recycled paper! The bags will be sold at 20 cents, in addition to the supermarkets existing single use plastic bags.

Shoppers can now choose from the four shopping bag options. These options are, plastic reusable bag, fabric "bag for good", plastic foldable bag, chiller bag. Now they have brought in the paper "bag for good". The foldable bags can be bought at the checkout.

The 15 cent reusable bags are made from at least 80% recycled plastics. The bags can be returned to the store along with other soft plastics. They are recycled in the RED cycle bins.

Since Woolworths began getting rid of single use plastic bags in 2018, more than 6 billion bags have been taken out. Only 15% of customers now purchase a new bag when visiting Woolworths.

Woolworths is now proudly single use plastic bag free. it's a commitment that they made to help reduce our impact on the environment. We will see the removal of more than 3.2 billion single use plastic bags every year.

Woolworths would like to thank everyone for helping them take this important step together to get to a better greener life!



Tooradin Primary School  
**PREP 2022**  
Information Evening



Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2021  
6:00pm - 7.00pm

**This meeting will be held over Zoom. Please find attached information for the night:**

**Topic:** Prep Information Night 2022 4th November  
**Time:** Nov 4, 2021 06:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87017518313?pwd=WVQrVDUwQVRjNlAzVWZoVUIXeGVVGZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 870 1751 8313

**Passcode:** xZheC5

Find out about our program, booklists and Information regarding your child's first day of school!

Enrolment forms are available on our school website.

We look forward to seeing you there!

# TOORADIN CRICKET CLUB

2021/22  
SEASON  
REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN

SENIOR & JUNIOR REGISTRATION  
OPEN

UNDER 10  
UNDER 12  
UNDER 14  
UNDER 16

ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS  
WELCOME, THE MORE THE  
MERRIER

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

to these children who  
have celebrated their  
birthday this week

### October

Regan H - 14th

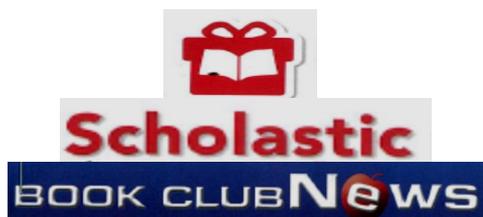
Vijay O - 14th

Anthony C - 15th



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**Account name: Tooradin  
Primary School**

Bank: CBA BSB: 063 699  
Account No: 10020780

Please place your name and a short  
description if you want to use this  
form of payment.

Thank you.