

Newsletter

Tooborac Primary School

Term 1 – 3rd March 2023

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Diary Dates

March

13th – Labour Day

14th – School Photos

15th – 17th – NAPLAN

April

6th – End Term 1 – Early
Dismissal 2:30pm

24th – Term 2 Commences

25th – ANZAC Day

A Super Start...

As we approach the halfway point of the term, I would like to congratulate the students in managing to adapt so readily to a new routine at Tooborac. We have made a real effort to set high expectations around our learning habits and behaviours and our students are rising to the challenge. We are positive that students will reap the rewards as we continue to develop and evolve our expectations throughout the year.

Respect - We have been speaking a lot about respect at Tooborac as it is one of our school values. With the students we brainstormed

what it looks like in three distinct areas, in the classroom, playground and community. Students have responded well to our renewed focus on respect, and we are insuring that at Tooborac we don't just say our values, but we live them through the actions we take.

If you would like further information, please follow the link below.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Respectful-Behaviours-within-the-School-Community-Policy.aspx>

Science - I am sure parents have heard a lot about the arrival of 6 healthy and happy caterpillars to our school! As part of our science program, we have been investigating life cycles and now we can observe the life cycle journey of these caterpillars. In the coming weeks when they have completed all the stages and transformed into beautiful Monarch Butterflies, we will release them on the oval.



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Student Learning – Mrs Ward

Well Term 1 is certainly off to a flying start and it is wonderful to see all the students working hard and getting some great work completed.

My studies have so far provided me with some new inspiration of ideas to trial with the students in class and I will have my first presentation next Wednesday to the group.

There has been a slight change in the timetable with the class being split into two groups for the first hour. My focus will be strengthening student understanding of phonics for decoding (reading words) and encoding (sounding out and writing words). The students will then work together after their fruit break for writing.

In terms of the curriculum:

Reading strategy: identifying the Main Idea of texts, using the title, illustrations and text to provide clues. The main idea is quite difficult as it requires comprehending what the text is about and summarising it in one sentence.

Writing: breaking down the main elements of a narrative and using their prior learning of incorporating similes and personification into their stories.

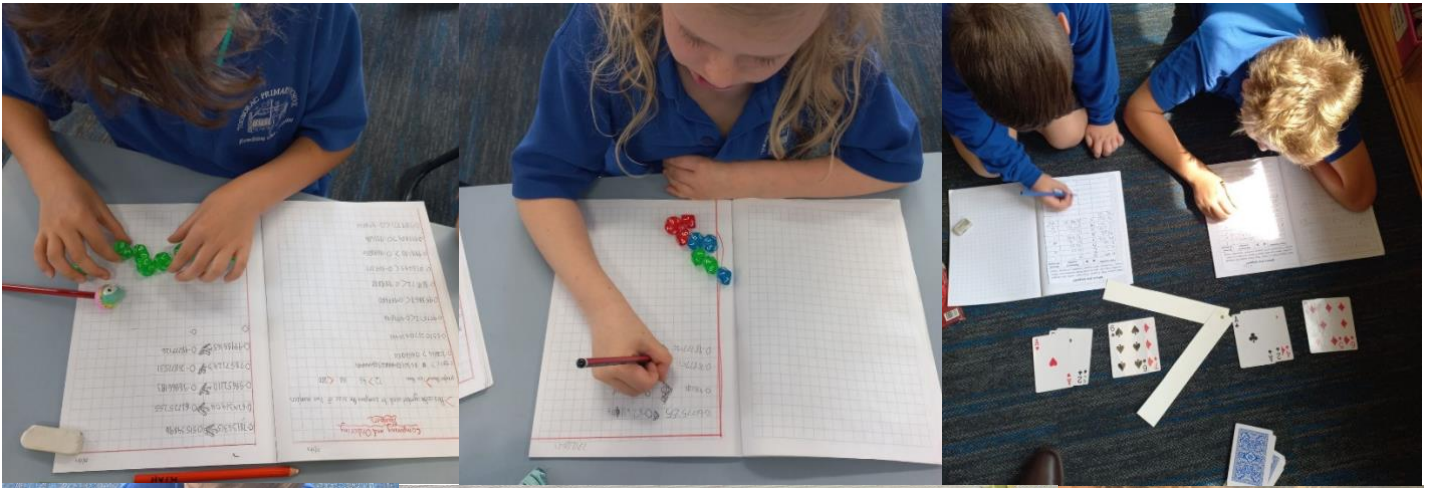
Maths: renaming numbers and comparing the size using the mathematical symbols $<$ $>$ $=$.

Auslan: learning the signs for transport and shopping.

Website

Keep your eyes peeled over the coming weeks as Tooborac Primary is in the process of overhauling the website. We have received a draft of our new website if you would like a sneak peek click the link below. It is a draft but it will give you some understanding of what it will look like.

<https://www.tooborac.sponsored3.com/>



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