Regional Aths by Kairon and Zali
On Tuesday we had Regional Athletics and 4 of us represented our school. Lara came 7th in shot put, Lochie G came 4th in hurdles and 5th in shot put, Lachie M came 8th in 1500m and 4th in his heat for the 200m and Zali got 6th in high jump & 1st in 100m.

Kanga Cricket by Alice
On Friday October 10th Gr 3/4s headed to Leongatha to play Kanga Cricket. The mixed team felt as if they were going to get beaten when they saw who they were up against. But as they worked as a team they won all 3 games. Will caught 2 balls, hit beated when they saw who they were up against. But as they

School Banking Has Started
School Banking Day will be Wednesday. Pam will bank on a Wednesday afternoon, books will not be returned to the students until the following Monday.

Working Bee
The Grade 5/6 area has an urgent request! In the lead up to the working bee we need to gather our supplies! If you happen to have drop sheets, rollers, paintbrushes, tape....ANY painting paraphernalia, we certainly would sincerely appreciate it being donated. Please let Mrs V know as soon as possible if you are able to donate any equipment for painting :) THANK YOU!

Fish Creek Social Night Tennis is starting shortly. Please contact Kerri at the school if you are interested in playing.

Community Noticeboard
Fairer world Bazaar Saturday October 18th 9.30am-1.30pm Leongatha Uniting Church hall
Handcrafted goods from Asia & Africa on sale. Informative displays that explore ways to change the world one small step at a time on show. Free entry. Light refreshments available

Somers Camp
My favourite part was Art but I really enjoyed the others as well. Other activities included rockclimbing, surfing, boating, environmental studies, a high and low ropes course and orienteering. I had a great time and wish I could have stayed longer: Isabella
My favourite activity was a high ropes course and I enjoyed living with 20 other girls for 9 days. Being around 160 kids was really great and I made so many new friends. It was a great experience. Isabella
Last Tuesday five people got the opportunity to go to Somers Camp. We had a lot of time to get settled in and to choose a room. I was in Group five and hurt 5. My favourite thing at Somers Camp would probably be surfing because it was great fun to try to stand up on the board. I will always remember the great learning time I had there. Ebony
Somers Camp was awesome! On the first day I went to Leongatha bus loop and hopped on the bus. At camp we found out our group—I was in group 4. On day 2 the first activity was boating for 2 hours. It was fun— Owen and me want We also had group activities, environmental studies and library! On day 4 we did surfing for 2 hours. It was fun and in archery I got 4 bulls eyes. We did lots of fun activities for the next 4 days. On day 9 we went home. It was the best camp ever!!! Ryan

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### Tidy Team Awards
This week’s Tidy Team Award went to Grade 5. Congratulations and thank you for keeping our school tidy.

### EMA
A reminder that there will be EMA in 2015. We understand that following Christmas money can be hard to find so if you would like to consider a payment plan please contact the office. A letter has gone out to families this week who have received EMA this year with some options to help with the financial burden school may present. Please note that schools have had no say in this decision and do not support the abolition of EMA in anyway.

### Swimming Program
We would like to acknowledge that the decision to move our school swimming program to Leongatha SPLASH has had a negative impact on some families and want to help clarify this a little further. Whilst the survey results were very close (Leongatha SPLASH at 55% as compared to 45% electing to remain at Toora) the main reason for the change was due to changes to the DEECD policy around the provision of school swimming programs. When asking parents to pay for programs we have a responsibility to provide the very best level of instruction. In consultation with Life Saving Victoria, Kemp Aquatics (who consult with the DEECD) and our staff, we decided SPLASH was able to offer this. Their qualified instructors can provide higher levels of skill, knowledge and consistency in instruction. At this comes with an increase in cost the school has decided to subsidise the program for 2014 as a transition to the new venue and program. The cost will remain the same as last year at $35 for members and $60 for non members.

### School Council Update
School Council would like welcome Ron Taylor who is our newest parent member for the remainder of this year. Congratulations Ron! This week School Council approved the PE policy which can be found on our website, along with the minutes of our meeting. School Council also voted to increase the parent payments (commonly referred to as school fees) to $150 for 2015. That is an only slight increase of $10. The results of the parent opinion survey were presented. Although there are some improvements in areas such as student safety and extra curricula, overall the results were lower than last year and mostly below the state average. We don’t believe these results accurately reflect our community’s opinion of our school as we had some very positive comments accompany the data. However, we do need to address the results and are currently discussing the best way to do this. We will keep you up to date throughout the term.

### Languages Survey
A reminder that the languages survey is due tomorrow. Interested in having a family photo taken? Then log on and book in for the school fundraising session. $15 gives you a session with about 40 photos taken from which you can choose one 10" X 13" framed photo.

www.trybooking.com/FSPC or see Irene

### Hats
It is now time to be SunSmart and students are required to wear hats when outside. These are available from the office for $10 if your child has outgrown or misplaced theirs. Remember - No Hat, No Play!

### KidsMatter Action Team Update
Our KidsMatter Action Team is growing! We’d like to welcome Howard Prosser, Meaghan Standfield, Michaels Lein & Karen Dorling to the team. Our first meeting included lengthy discussions on how we can increase communications and connections throughout the school community. Some of the ideas floated were Welcome Bags for new families, including information on local activities as well as a buddy system for new parents to the school. Our next meeting is set for November 12th where these ideas and others will be further explored. If you have ideas or suggestions please chat to a team member as we’d really appreciate your input. Thanks very much. Kath Gilbert on behalf of the KM Action Team.

### VIBs of the Week

**Tom V**
A droplet from Mia & Mrs Smith
You are nice to me.
You always have great ideas and you try really hard. You are funny and witty and it’s great to have you in our class and at our school.

**Rosie**
A droplet from Gracie & Mr Farrell
You are my best friend. You always put a smile on my face. My secrets are always safe with you.
Your enthusiasm, easy going nature and insightful contributions to reading discussions are a pleasure to have in grade 3/4.

**Lachlan**
A droplet from Mia & Mr LePage
You are always happy and bubbly.
You always make me laugh and are a pleasure to have in our class. You are awesome.
You are a great student to have in our class. You are always willing to help those around you and share your ideas. I love the way you go and find out more about things that interest you. Great job.

**Josh**
A droplet from Tayla & Kairon
You are funny and kind and you always come into the classroom with lots of positive attitudes and you always have a smile on your face.
You are awesome at sport and a magnificent friend. You make me feel good.

**Misha**
A droplet from Max & Miss Jordan
You are a kind friend and always sort things out.
You are always helpful to the other students and show beautiful kindness.
I love the way you work with others in the classroom. You have been wonderful in introducing Kate & Sophie to our school. Keep it up!

To Frank Smolders for donating some native plants and Richard Garge for helping Grade 3/4 plant them along the fence line near the garden shed. Also our maple from the RE teachers has been planted between the junior and senior building. Thank you to the whole school for donating some delicious strawberry plants for our students to enjoy!