

Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

14th of October 2025

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2 Oct	13 5/6 Camp Canberra	14 5/6 Camp Canberra	15 5/6 Camp Canberra	16 5/6 Camp Canberra	17 5/6 Camp Canberra Prep Transition 9-11
Week 3 Oct	20 Finance meeting P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming OSC Transition 1:45-3:15pm	22 School Council P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming TAPS Community Breakfast	P-2 Swimming Prep Transition 9-11 Scholastic book Orders Due back
Week 4 Oct	27 3/4 Camp Coonawarra P-2 Swimming	28 3/4 Camp Coonawarra P-2 Swimming	29 3/4 Camp Coonawarra P-2 Swimming	30 P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming Prep Transition 9-1
Week 5 Nov	3 Student free day	4 CUP DAY	5 Grade 2 Camp	6 Grade 2 Camp	7 Grade 2 Camp Prep Transition 9-3
Week 6 Nov	10	11	12	13	14
Week 7 Nov	17	18	19	20 Grade 1 Sleepover	21
Week 8 Nov	24 Finance meeting	25	26 School Council	27	28 Report writing day
Week 9 Dec	1 Artist in Residence	OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	3 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	4 Performance Night 6pm OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	5 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm
Week 10 Dec	8	9 Victorian Statewide Transition	10	11	12
Week11 Dec	15	16	17	18	19 Last day

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Principals Report

Community Breakfast Invite

Next Thursday, the 23rd of October, we will be holding a Community Breakfast and All parents and Carers are invited.

Please come along from 8:30am to enjoy a relaxed brekkie with other families, staff and friends. It's a great chance to catch up, share a cuppa, and start the day together. After breakfast, you're welcome to head into the classrooms to see the wonderful learning that's happening across the school.

Breakfast Club will still be running for students.

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Summer Sports

A big congratulations to our senior students who represented the school in the recent Summer Sports competition. They took part in a range of sports including cricket, volleyball, and basketball, showing great teamwork, effort and sportsmanship throughout the day. We're so proud of how they supported one another and represented our school with such positivity and enthusiasm. Well done, everyone!

Prep Transition

We're very excited to welcome our 2026 Prep students for their first transition session this Friday! Starting school is such a special milestone, and these sessions help our newest learners get to know their teachers, new friends, and the school environment. Our current students always love seeing the little ones exploring and joining in the fun, and we can't wait to meet our future Preps and their families. Welcome, 2026 Preppies!

Canberra Camp

Yesterday we waved off our senior classes on their week adventure to Canberra. This is an incredible opportunity for students to explore our nation's capital and learn more about Australian history, government, and culture

We wish our senior students and staff a **safe and fantastic trip** – we can't wait to hear all about it when you return!

Network Filming

This Wednesday, the 15th of October 2025, TAPS will be participating in the production of a video showcasing the Far East Network of Schools. The video aims to highlight school activities, student learning experiences, and the vibrant school community across the network. All students have the opportunity to be filmed during school activities for inclusion in this video. The footage may be used on the Far East Network of Schools' website, social media platforms, and other promotional materials.

Please contact the office ASAP, if you do not want your child to be filmed.

Mr Roworth

Unfortunately, Mr Roworth will have to put a temporary pause on his projects working with the Grade 5 and 6 students. He is a busy man and his other commitment of running his family business have meant that he needs to focus on that for the time being. We thank him for the time and support he has given our students and will welcome him back any time. Fingers crossed it is sooner rather than later. I will keep you updated.

Have a wonderful week everyone. Take care. Miss Hopkins

Students of the week



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Wellbeing

This week we will be starting our last round of PIVOT Wellbeing Surveys. Over the next 4 weeks all students will be completing confidential questions related to how they are feeling in general, and other areas such as friends, schoolwork and sleep. This information forms a part of the Wellbeing profile of your child and gives them a further opportunity to reach out for help if they are struggling. Please let Alli, Barb or your child's classroom teacher know if you have any questions about the PIVOT program or you are worried about your child's wellbeing.

Prep

Welcome to week two, I hope everybody made the most of the sunshine this weekend. Congratulations to our award winner this week **Harper Angel**, **Frankie Bolding**, **Alyssa Rushton**, **Samuel Wickham** for being super readers over the holidays and **Kerrile Whealan** for her emotional regulation.

Swimming

Swimming will be starting next week. All are welcome to come and watch and if you are able in help afterwards, please let me know. Students will be asked to bring a separate swimming bag to school with their bathers, towel and goggles each day.

Kindergarten Transition

For the next 4 Fridays we will be having the kinder kids come and experience school life. Some sessions will be with our Preps and others will be independently. I have no doubt our preps will show great flexibility over this time.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- Phonemic work blending 4 and 5 sound words students will use non words to build their segmenting and blending skills, they are a fantastic way for students to focus on their sound knowledge.
- **Fluency** to build fluency in your reading you can work out the word them go back and reread the sentence to make the story flow.
- **Retells –** Make sure to set the story up with the characters and settings then tell your audience about the story including all the key parts making sure to start at the beginning.

Writing:

- Procedural reports We are learning the structure to follow as well as how to use clear simple instructions.
- **Editing** students will reread a piece of their own work and fill in any missing full stops and capital letters.

Maths: Sharing/Division

For the next 2 weeks we will be learning the language associated with division, sharing items between groups and leveling each problem with a number sentence.

Have a great week, Miss Cock and Bree

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Hello everyone and welcome to week 2 of Term 4! This week awards in 1/2A went to **Lutarnna Nicholas** and **Jyeran Whitford**. Lutarnna's award was for her awesome efforts towards her reading. Jyeran's was for the support and encouragement that he gave a peer when they were having trouble in maths. In 1/2B awards went to **Matilda Ryan** for her wonderful reading responses in our study of the mentor text '*Pog*', and **Hannah Wickham** for showing her clear thinking about division and sharing in maths.

This week in reading, we are continuing our study of our mentor text titled '*Pog*' and will be focusing on delving deeper into understanding why the author has made specific choices in the text.

In writing, we are continuing to learn about persuasive writing and how to structure a piece. We will also be consolidating our learning on compound sentences that use the words 'and', 'but', 'so' and 'or' conjunctions, and will top off the week with handwriting practice.

In maths, we are learning about halving and quartering collections of objects and noticing the relationship with division.

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In spelling, we are continuing to adjust our spelling groups based on the individual spelling needs of students. Students are either working on consonants, digraphs, blends and short vowels, long vowels or other vowel sounds.

Both classes will focus on gender norms and stereotypes through the Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships program. We encourage you to have a chat with your child about what strategies they can use to help themselves. Should you have any queries about this unit of the program, please get in touch for a chat.

Feel free to send us an email or pop in for a chat should you have any questions or queries. eliza.cunningham@education.vic.gov.au
caitlin.jackson@education.vic.gov.au

Thanks and have a great week! Eliza Cunningham, Caitlin Jackson and Lisa

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Hello families, and welcome to Week 2!

Our 3/4 SOTW Unit received a group award last week for their fantastic return to school. Students came back ready to learn and eager to give everything a go. We have especially loved seeing how well both grades work together, enjoying opportunities to mix and collaborate with a range of partners. A wonderful effort, 3/4 team!

In Reading, we have begun exploring our new mentor text, *Lighthouse Blues* by Paul Jennings. Students are learning to write thoughtful book responses, using evidence from the story to support their ideas. In Writing, we are revising persuasive texts. Students are currently working on the topic *All school children should go on school camps* — and they are presenting some very convincing arguments! In Maths this week, we are continuing our work on *Location*, with a focus on map reading. We are learning to use grid references, keys, and scale to deepen our understanding of mapping skills.

We'd also like to wish **Lochlan Tunnage** and **Charlotte Butcher** the very best of luck, as they head to Newborough on Wednesday for the Regional Athletics. Have a fantastic day representing our school!

Finally, a reminder that our expectation for home reading is at least three nights each week. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child reach this goal.

Have a great week,

Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray, Hunee, and Lindy

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Having fun at camp.



French Bonjour,



My awards this week went to **Tyler Gritt**(1/2A) for his fantastic knowledge of our words for pets and his clear and fluent pronunciation while singing our pet song and when asking people about the pets they have during our Detective game.

Savannah Blank(3-4A) also received an award for her great progress with learning her numbers to 100. Her pronunciation was clear and fluent. Well done, Savannah!

This week, Prep students will continue to create more colourful pets and to describe them in French by paying attention to the order of words. In French, the colour comes after the noun. Instead of saying "a black dog", we say "a dog black". The students were very quick at understanding this last week, describing with accuracy their classmates' creations.

Students in grades 1 and 2 enjoyed the detective game last week and will have another turn at it, in order to practise asking people about the pets they have. We'll also practise answering the question, using the negation with support.

Students in grades 3 and 4 focused on their number knowledge last week. We will learn how to talk about their hobbies in French this week, explaining preference for some hobbies.

I wish students in grades 5 and 6 a fabulous time at camp!

Well done to these students for working noticeably hard last week:

Prep: Nikiah, Ayla, Fraser, Jaarali, Ava and Willow

1-2A: Tyler, Oliver, Evie, Ned and William

1-2B: Jasper, Jack, Liam, Ethan, Matilda, Serena, Max and Isabella

3-4A: Savannah, Ollie, Eli, Tessa and Laila

3-4B: Logan, Jas, Elicia, Emily, Becky, John and Seth

5-6B: Max, Declan, Balin, Isabel and Luna

Bonne semaine a tous! Emmanuelle Samson

Art

The first week of term 4 has seen students begin their exploration into letter and word art. Starting with the idea of 'street art', we have discussed the importance of differentiating between 'legitimate' graffiti artists and simply tagging and vandalising private and public property.















Jobi Laybourne.

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Students of the Week:

Noah Hartley and Austin Reggardo: for really challenging themselves in the Mascot Challenge in PE.

Junior classes have been working on their catching skills for the Mascot Challenge. Here is the link for this week's catching challenges to practice at home. You can even use a pair of socks in a ball to practice this one!

https://youtu.be/O6eB293tkvU

District Summer Sports Grade 5-6

The Volleyball, Cricket and Basketball teams from Grade 5/6, and a couple of Grade 4s, participated in the Eastern District Summer Sports last Friday in Lakes Entrance. It was a fantastic day where all the teams represented the school so well. A big thanks to Jason for coaching the boys' basketball!

Mixed Cricket Results: Won 2 games and lost 2 games

Boys Basketball Results: Won 2 and lost one TAPS def TUBBS 36-25 TAPS defeated by St Brendan's 16-37 TAPS def LEPS 28-12



Volleyball: won 1 game



Regional Athletics Carnival

Good luck to Lochie and Charlotte who will be competing in the Regional Aths at the Joe Carmody Track in Newborough tomorrow. I know they have been training hard for the day, so we all hope everyone has a wonderful time, what an amazing experience. Thanks to Clancy for taking them both down the line for the day!

Junior Swimming Program

It's next week! All Prep to Gr 2 students will be commencing our annual 2-week swimming program will commence in week 3 term 4. These intensive 45-minute instructional sessions are conducted at the Aquadome every day for 10 days. Notices went home last week, please return asap and contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Important Sport dates for Term 4 2025

Wednesday 15th October Regional Athletics Newborough 9.30 am start Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October Junior Swimming Program (daily) Aquadome

Thanks Barb (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

Tennis dates for this term are as follows on Thursdays from 4.15pm to 5.15pm:

Next week, Oct 16th, Oct 30th, Nov 13th and last one on Dec 4th. Keep an eye out on Compass for any changes or inclement weather.





583 Esplanade Lakes Entrance. Phone: 5155 3839

Sausage Roll \$5.50 Sauce .20

Spinach and Ricotta Roll \$5.50

Nacho's \$7.00 Corn chips, salsa, cheese, and sour cream Add guacamole \$1.00

Spaghetti Bolognaise \$7.00

Toasties
Cheese \$5
Ham & Cheese \$6
Cheese & Tomato \$6
Chicken, Cheese and Mayo \$7
Extras .50c
Avocado \$1
Choice of High fibre white bread, Multigrain and Wholemeal

Chicken Salad bowl \$8.00

lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber, and Mayo
Add Egg \$1.00

Add Avo \$1.00

Zucchini slice \$5.00

Chicken Strip Wrap \$4.00 Lettuce, Chicken, cheese, and Mayo

Side Salad \$3.00

Fruit and yoghurt cup \$5.00

Gluten Free Bread & Wraps available on request

Please have lunch orders in office by Thursday mornings. Late Orders cannot be guaranteed their choice.



LAKES LENTRANCE FIRE GET FIRE BRIGADE READY OPEN DAY

Lakes Entrance Fire Station 12 Bulmer Street, Saturday 18th October 2025 10am-2pm

Free BBQ sausage sizzle, drinks, tea & coffee

- Information to help you get prepared for fire season
- Kids activities
- FREE fire safety Pack
- Meet Your Local volunteers
- Explore Our Fire Trucks
- Thinking about joining?, come for a chat with our team.



For more details please contact E: firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au





LOCAL BASKETBALL



REGISTRATION OPEN

Registrations Close 18/10/25 Season starts 28/10/25 Cost: \$90 plus BV fees



NO Late Registrations Accepted

For all questions please text Junior Coordinator: 0475 518 250

UNDER 8's MIXED REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Under 8's - 2019

This is the perfect introduction to basketball. Coaches are on the court, and we encourage team play.

Rego closes - 18/10/25 Cost - \$90.00 + BV fees Start date - 28/10/25

X No late registrations will be accepted.

Any questions please text 0475 518 250 Please use the link to register https://www.playhq.com/basketballvictoria/register/af3a96



🦇 JUNIORS MIXED REGISTRATION IS OPEN 🦚



Under 10's, 16's & 19's play on a Monday night. Under 12's & 14's play on a Thursday night.

X No late registrations will be accepted.

U10 - 2017 - 2018

U12 - 2015 - 2016

U14 - 2013 - 2014

U16 - 2011 - 2012

U19 - 2008 - 2010

Any questions please text 0475 518 250

Please register via this link: https://www.playhq.com/basketball-

GIRLS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

We have two competitions available for the girls.

Our development comp is perfect for young beginners.

Our graded comp is perfect for the older girls. Please message 0475 518 250 if you have any questions. We are hoping to play both competitions on a Friday afternoon/ night.

X No late registrations will be accepted. To register please use the link https://www.playhq.com/basketballvictoria/register/b55ca5

victoria/register/80503f





PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

AT LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB! REGISTER NOW

UNDER 13 COMPETITION

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

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Any queries to 0417 712 269 / lakescc@outlook.com





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Registrations are open - Join the Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club

Junior Cricket Registration link Junior Cricket Registration

Blast Cricket link Blast Cricket Registration

Are you ready to be part of something special this season? Why not join Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club, where passion for the game meets friendship, teamwork and fun.

Why join us?

- Skill Development Whether you're new to the game or aiming to improve, our experienced coaches are here to support your growth
- Team Spirit Play in a welcoming and inclusive environment where lifelong friendships are made
- Exciting Matches Feel the excitement of competitive cricket and enjoy the chance to shine
 on the field
- Fun From thrilling games to social events, we believe cricket should always be fun



Training is on Wednesday evenings and matches are played on Friday evenings. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming training dates.

For more information email metungswanreachcc@outlook.com

Location: Swan Reach Recreation Reserve











Nippers Registration is open for our upcoming season!!

Go to our website, click on Nippers and follow the steps... and please fill out the form in the links below.

Registration link -

https://lakesentrancesurflifesaving.us14.list-manage.com/...

Website link -

https://lakesentrancesurflifesaving.org.au/#







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SAT 18TH OCT 2025 9AM - 2PM

MECHANICS HALL, LAKES ENTRANCE

Great Christmas Gifts
Hand Crafts, Baby Knits,
books, bric-a-brac, jams,
jewelry, candles, plants and
more

Lionesses
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Sandwiches
Lions Xmas Cakes
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