Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

April 16th, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 (subject to change)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 April	15	16	17	18	19
Week 2 April	22	23	24 TAPS cross country Grades 3-6	25 ANZAC DAY	26
Week 3 May	29	30	1	2	3
Week 4 May	6	7	8	9	10
Week 5 May	13 Division Cross Country	14	15 SCHOOL COUNCIL	16	17 3-6 District Winter Sport
Week 6 May	20	21	22	23	24
Week 7 May	27	28	29	30	31
Week 8 June	3	4	5	6	7
Week 9 June	10 Kings Birthday	11	12	13	14
Week 10 June	17	18	19 SCHOOL COUNCIL	20	21
Week 11 June	24	25	26	27 Parent/Teacher Interviews – Reports handed out	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews – Mid year reports handed out

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Dear Families and Carers,

Welcome to term 2, we hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are ready for a great term of learning together. Our value for this term is "Ready to Learn" and we hope that all students take on the new learning challenges presented to them on a daily basis. Children will be encouraged to develop their growth mindset, participate in all learning opportunities presented and try new ways of thinking. At yesterday's assembly I presented a short video on neuroplasticity, explaining to our students how taking on challenges actually grows your brain, by exercising it just like a muscle. Let's all work hard throughout the term and grow our brains!

We will continue to focus our teaching of wellbeing strategies through the teaching of the Respectful Relationships Program across all classrooms. This is our major strategy for developing students emotional literacy, resilience respect for diversity and difference. We will also continue to monitor students wellbeing via our wellbeing checkins, giving all students the opportunity to communicate to us how they are feeling about aspects of their lives both at school and outside of school. These check-ins provide us with opportunities to open conversations that support students sense of connectedness to school, help develops positive relationships with staff and support positive mental health.

Barb Plant continues in her role as our Mental Health In Primary Schools coordinator and is available to have a chat with families if you require support.



Thanks to all families for supporting our school uniform policy. It was great to see all children in school uniform yesterday looking like part of the Toorloo Team. If you require assistance with school uniform, please speak with Quita on Tuesday or Thursday's.

Special welcome to Alannah (5A), Jasmine, Eli (2) and their family. We look forward to your positive time here with us.

Lastly, thanks to Barb Plant for her leadership of the school and to all the Toorloo Team who stepped up whilst I was on long service leave, we truly have a great team here.

Kindest regards Kerry Hughes

Prep/1

It's great to be back. It sounds like the holiday break was a blast for everyone, and it's always wonderful to see the kids returning with such enthusiasm. Having a positive start sets a great tone for the rest of the term.

Boxes Collection

The classroom is running low on boxes, so if anyone has cereal boxes or smaller please feel free to drop them into class.

This week:

Reading

Students will revise everything we looked at last term using a big book. These include predicting, asking questions and making connections.

Writing: Holiday recounts

Students are recording everything they did during the holidays, before choosing one key idea they can be broken up into key parts. Grade one's will include emotions and descriptive language in their recounts.

Students letter and spelling options this week is: h & q or ai & ay

Maths: Shapes

Students are exploring shapes, naming, sorting, and describing simple 2D shapes, in addition grade one students will start to look at 3D shapes.

Integrated Studies

School Value: Good learners are curious and ask clarifying questions.

<u>Emotional literacy:</u> Students re-engage with the vocabulary of common emotions & discuss negative emotions they feel when they lose or are excluded.

Have a great week,

Miss Cock.

1/2

Hello and welcome to Term 2! We hope that everyone had a safe and restful Easter break and are back and ready to get into the swing of things this term.

This term in reading we will be looking at the features of non-fiction texts, specifically this week we will be looking at recounts and procedures.

In Writing, we are writing a holiday recount. Then, later on in the week we will be writing our own procedure on how to play different games that we know.

In Maths we are beginning to look at shapes and the different features of shapes and how we can classify them.

Finally, I would like to welcome two new students to our class, Eli and Jasmine Chapell. The students have already done an amazing job at making them feel welcome in our classroom.

Thanks and have a great week! Eliza Cunningham, Brenda Power, Tasha and Lisa



3/4

Welcome back to school. It was great to see everyone happy to be back after the holidays and ready to learn in term two.

In literacy we are beginning our unit on nonfiction texts. In reading groups and in class mini lessons, we will be looking at the features of nonfiction texts, and how they help us understand information as we read. We will also explore the structure of nonfiction texts as we begin planning our non-fiction writing. This week we are starting our new Mentor text *Fantastic Mr Fox*, by Roahl Dahl.

In Maths we will be exploring graphs and data sets, which will also support our reading of non-fiction texts. Our fluency focus for the week is addition facts. Over the coming weeks we will be revising a range of efficient strategies the students can use when adding and subtraction.

In Science, we are starting our Earth Science unit and we will be finding out what the students know about night and day.

Please don't forget that students are expected to read at least three nights during the week and record their reading when they arrive at school in the morning. Your support with this activity is appreciated. Have a great week.

Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray and Alyssa.

5/6

Hello Grade 5and 6 families.

We hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for another action-packed term. This week we are introducing students to our history topic "Australian Greats". Students will have the opportunity to research aspects of early Australian history that helped shape Australia to become what it is today. This promises to be a very engaging topic with some activities involving students developing their research skills, making dioramas and presenting their research.

Thanks

Ms Smith, Mr McPhee, Janet, Bree and Hannah

ART

Welcome back! The first week of the term will see Middle School and Senior Students progressing from two-dimensional works to three-dimensional works – applying their knowledge of planning skills to create 'mini cities and towns.' Junior Students will develop their skills using simple shapes as a starting point to create more complex figurative and representational artworks.

Jobi Laybourne.

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Hope that everyone enjoyed their Easter break, we had some great weather for getting out and about! I have enjoyed hearing the stories about bike rides, fishing, bush walks, camping trips, surfing, footy and much more.

It's **Active April** and there's lots happening in PE and Sport. The TAPS Cross Country for Grades 3-6 will be held next week on Wednesday 24th April after lunch. The first event will commence around 2:00 pm. **It would be great to have parents and friends to help** on the afternoon (recorders, place judges, supporters along the way) so please let me know if you'll be available for the afternoon. The back up will be Wednesday 1st May at the same time.

PE and sport classes have recommenced. Gr 3-6 classes have been cross country training and learning how to pace ourselves over longer distances. We have also discussed how important it is to challenge our bodies with physical exercise. Here are some of the reasons students understand as to why physical activity is good for us: to make us fitter and stronger, run further and faster, feel good, stay healthy, live longer, know in ourselves that we can do it, help us practice being resilient and to improve our wellbeing. I'm really happy that students are so aware that physical activity is such a key component of health and wellbeing.

Junior classes will be further developing their fundamental motor skills from term 1 and we will also be introducing Jump Rope for fun and fitness this week.

Students in Grade 5/6 have been asked to select their Winter Sport of choice (netball, soccer, AFL, Tball) for the upcoming District Winter Sports Carnival in mid-May. Training will commence this Thursday afternoon.



Please make sure you catch up with me if you have any concerns about your child's participation in PE, or if you are interested in connecting them up with sport in the community, I can usually you point in the right direction. Physical activity and sport is such a key component of health and wellbeing. Also, it would be great if your child wears runners and has a water bottle on PE days, so that participation is comfortable and safe.

If your child has a health condition such as asthma that may be impacted with high intensity/long duration activity, please ensure their action plans and medications are up to date and at school.

TAPS Run Club (TRC)

The TAPS Run Club continues for the whole school on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtimes. It's great to see activity seekers of all year levels come together for the challenge and fun with their friends. There are some very committed athletes in the school community, at the time of writing a number of students having now achieved the yellow level, 25 laps of the 200m track around the oval. That's 5 kms! Wow!

Thanks, Barb (SPORT PE COORDINATOR)

ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS



It's on! Tennis starts up this Thursday 18th April – 4.15pm to 5.15pm at LETC. Newcomers most welcome!

Other dates for this term will be the following Thursday's - May 9th, May 23rd, June 6th and June 20th.

Community Netball in Lakes Entrance

Janet Parker is again running the Netball clinics on Monday nights from 4-5 pm at the Lakes Entrance Netball Courts. Newcomers, most welcome! She will also run a competition after the skills sessions are finished. What a fantastic opportunity to play a community team sport and meet some new friends!

Parkrun Lakes Entrance

With cross country just around the corner, why not get some training in with your local community? Every Saturday morning at 8.00 am, the event takes place at Lakes Entrance Rotunda, Memorial Park, Esplanade, Lakes Entrance. Junior parkrun is 2 km for ages 4-14 year olds, 5 km run/walk for over 14, register online:

https://www.parkrun.com.au/lakesentrance/

It's free. It's for everyone. Whether you're young or old, male or female, fit or unfit, able-bodied or not, you're always welcome. It's not about racing, it's about running. Children under 11 years old must be fully supervised by an adult.

Important Sport dates for Term 2 2024

Thursday 18th April – ATF Tennis Coaching 4.15pm to 5.15pm at LETC **Wed 24**th **April** TAPS Cross Country Lake Tyers Beach Rec Reserve 2 pm

Thursday 9th May ATF Tennis Coaching 4.15pm to 5.15pm at LETC Mon 13th May Division Cross Country Bairnsdale Fri 17th May District Winter Sports Carnival Gr 5/6 (back up 21st May) Lakes Entrance Thursday 9th May ATF Tennis Coaching 4.15pm to 5.15pm at LETC Thursday 23rd May ATF Tennis Coaching 4.15pm to 5.15pm at LETC

Thursday 6th June Regional Cross Country
Thursday 6th June ATF Tennis Coaching 4.15pm to 5.15pm at LETC
Fri 15th June Division Winter Sports (back up Bairnsdale Mon 18th June)
Thursday 20th June ATF Tennis Coaching 4.15pm to 5.15pm at LETC



FRENCH

Bonjour,

I hope you've all enjoyed our little break and are all set for term 2.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will be learning about days of the week in French this week. We'll practise our listening with a song and will play a traditional French game called the "postman".

Students in grades 5 and 6 requested to continue to learn about writing recipes and food in French. This will be our goal for this term, with more cooking happening. At the moment, students are researching how to name the ingredients from their favourite dish and are drawing the steps to create their recipe. Later in the term, we'll work on verbs and they will be able to fully write down their recipe in French.

Students in Prep to year 2 are missing out on French this term. However, they are invited to join me, all term, every Wednesday, to learn some French, while playing some games at lunch time, from 1:25pm, in the library.

Bonne semaine à tous!

Madame Samson







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YEAR 7 OPEN NIGHT

Begin Your Journey: Year 7 Open Night at Lakes Entrance Secondary College

23 April 2024 | 5PM to 7PM 1-11 North Street, Lakes Entrance

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College firsthand at our Open Night, where you'll find a
welcoming environment, supportive staff, and exciting
prospects for your future.
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