# Toorloo Arm Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

**August 22nd, 2023** 

# **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 (subject to change)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	21	22	23 Book Week Livestream	24 P-2 Excursion – Possum Magic	25
	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair
Week 8 September	28	29	30	31	1
	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming Father's Day Stall	Writers Festival – 6.00 -7.30pm	
Week 9	4 P-2 Swimming	5 P-2 Swimming	6 P-2 Swimming	7 P-2 Swimming	8
Week 10	11 P-2 Swimming Rewards Day – Laser Tag	12 P-2 Swimming	13 P-2 Swimming School Council	14	15 Footy Colors Day

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Please include details - Surname and description e.g. Fees, uniform, camp etc.



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcome Mrs Julie Holden to our grade 3/4 A class whilst Ms Smith takes some long service leave. We hope Mrs Holden enjoys her time with the students of 3/4 A and that Ms Smith enjoys her time exploring Europe. Next week Mrs Mackie will start her long service leave road trip interstate and we welcome Ms Karyn Bryant to grade 5/6 B for the remainder of term 3. We are very grateful to have experienced teachers we can call on to replace our current teachers who are taking well deserved leave. Please feel free to drop in and introduce yourselves to Julie or Karyn whilst they are teaching here.



It is all systems go for our <u>Writers Festival</u> next week. All students have written a story on the theme of "friendship" that they are looking forward to sharing with you on the night. Shortlisted stories have been sent off to independent judges and the final results will be revealed on the night. We are looking forward to a lovely celebration of student achievement with our whole school community.

Each cohort of students, that is grade level, will recognise 6 students for their shortlisted stories and then a runner up and winner will be announced. There is also a teacher's award from each class and a Principals award. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school at 5.50pm for a 6.00pm start next Thursday.

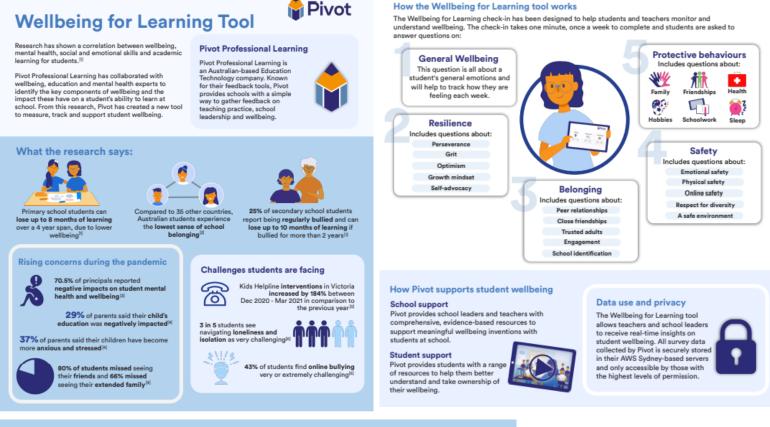
Last week at school council we reviewed our NAPLAN data and were very satisfied with the overall results with a high percentage of students achieving strong or exceeding in reading, writing and numeracy. We shared our writing instructional model with school councillors which is being consistently implemented across all classrooms as well as teacher observations on the implementation of the model. We continue to report to school council on our wellbeing initiatives and community connectedness actions.

Don't forget the Book Fair is on each day this week and our Father's Day Stall is on next Wednesday.

Thanks everyone for your ongoing support, Kerry Hughes



**Student Wellbeing for Learning –** as part of our ongoing approach to student wellbeing we have engaged with Pivot an online company that provides real time student data that we can respond too. See information below



#### What if a student needs help with their wellbeing?

The Wellbeing for Learning tools sits within each school's own wellbeing frameworks and support systems.

#### At school support

When students complete their weekly checkin, they can let their teacher know if they are struggling and would like some help with their wellbeing.

If a student indicates that they would like to speak with a teacher about their wellbeing, each school will have a system to ensure that students are supported in the ways that work best for them.

# Outside school support

During the Wellbeing for Learning check-in students also have the opportunity to seek help from external services including Kids Helpline and eHeadspace.



Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au



Our grade 3-6 students will complete a baseline survey and then weekly check-ins. It is our intention to invite our P-2 students to also engage with a weekly check-ins.

If parents do not want their child to participate, can you please let the office know and we will opt your child out of this Wellbeing Resource.



Music lessons available now at school with Mike Elrington. Please call him to make enquires or bookings. 0402188446



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is still running and Toorloo Arm Primary School is excited to be participating.

There is only 18 days to go. Please hand your completed forms into the office. Closes on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Happy Reading.



# Students of the Week



**Prime Minister's Spelling Bee Awards** 

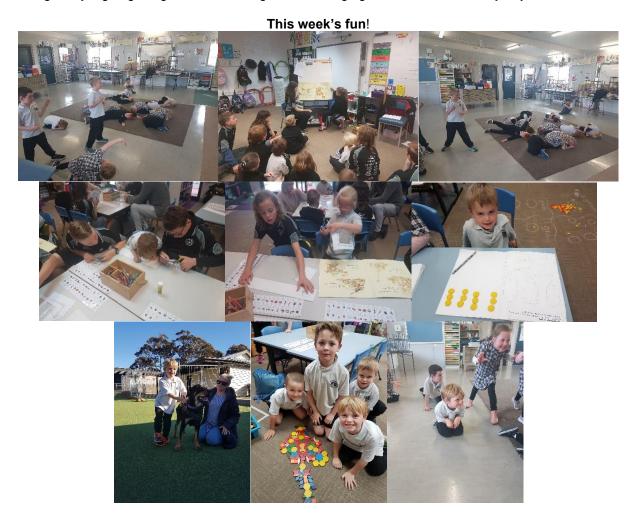


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#### Prep

Good morning to all! Congratulations to our award winners this week. **Max Thomson** for his math thinking around subtraction and division and to all our super readers, **Halle Douglas**, **Serena Dawes**, and **Casey Bills** for reading every night, getting their readers signed and bringing it back to school every day.



### Possum magic

This Thursday we are going to see Possum Magic at the Forge Theatre. All students will need is their lunch boxes and a drink bottle. Please be aware that the show starts at 10:00am so the bus will <u>leave at 9:00 sharp!</u> Please arrive at school by 8:45 so we can get students ready.

# <u>Swimming</u>

Swimming is starting next week, families are welcome to come and watch and if you are available to help, please let me know this week.

#### **Writers Festival**

Students have been working very hard on their friendship stories for the writer's festival next Thursday. It will be fantastic to see all their faces there so they can share their achievements.

#### **Integrated Studies**

We are looking at creatures great and small, focusing on their needs, features, and habitats. At the end of the unit students will be creating their own creature. I am asking everyone to start collecting things that can be used, such as bottle tops, can rings, or anything else.

#### This week we are looking at:

#### Reading

We are building up our self-talk skills while we read as well as increasing our reading strategies. This
week we are looking at how pages connect. Focusing on the topic of the story and using that knowledge
to help you connect the pages.



# Writing

- This week we are starting to create our own narratives, following the writing process.
- Handwriting how we place letters on the line with correct sizing.

#### Maths:

- Division sharing a group of items into equal groups.
- Time looking at the days of the week and placing them in order.

Have a great week,

Miss Cock

#### 1/2 A&B

Hi everyone, and welcome to Week 7!

It's going to be a busy week as we celebrate Book Week 2023. We will be visiting the book fair, celebrating books via the Book Week live stream on Wednesday, and checking out the stage production of 'Possum Magic' at the Forge Theatre on Thursday. Last week, we got a taste of what's to come when we were visited by the show's actors, Gabe and Teale from the Monkey Baa Theatre Company. Students used their imagination and thoroughly enjoyed dabbling in a bit of drama. We can't wait to see 'Possum Magic' live on stage!



In 1/2A, awards went to **Payton Angel** for the way she has been sharing her thinking during whole class discussions, and **Tessa Manley** for the way she has transitioned into the TAPS community. From 1/2B, awards went to **Rebecca Jones** for her amazing reading record and enthusiasm during guided reading, and **John Parkhill** for his bravery in taking on feedback and making his writing better. Well done to our award recipients this week!

This week in reading, we will be exploring a selection of shortlisted story books as part of the CBCA Book Week and will be doing some reading tasks based on the books.

In writing, we will be revisiting our non-fiction writing and looking at organising our facts, subheadings, and visuals to create a poster.

In Maths this week, we will continue to focus on fractions, considering halves, quarters, and eighths in the area model.

We would like to gently remind families to return permission slips before our Possum Magic excursion this Thursday, and swimming lessons which will be starting next Monday. Have a great Book Week!

Eliza Cunningham and Caitlin Jackson



#### 3/4A&B

Hello Families

Welcome to 3/4A Miss Holden. We hope you love being part of Toorloo Arm Primary School for the next 4 weeks.

The student of the week awards this week went to:

3/4A – **Isabel Thomson** for the way she is caring and supportive of others, particularly when working with a partner.

Maddy Angel for her commitment to improve her understanding of maths.

3/4B – **Flynn Whelan** for embracing his Reader's Notebook and recording his feelings about books and passages and practising reading strategies taught in class.

**John Humphrey** for the way he is thinking more deeply about his reading and applying prior knowledge to new books.

Well done to all of the students who volunteered to be part of the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. It was great to have so many participate and a special congratulations to **Dartanyan Milner** who took out School Champion spelling 27/30 words correctly.

This week is book week and we are looking forward to participating in on on-line activity on Wednesday exploring three of the books shortlisted for this week's awards: <u>Jigsaw</u> written by Bob Graham, <u>My Strange Shrinking Parents</u> by Zeno Sworder and <u>Dirt by Sea</u> by Michael Wagner.

Last week in Integrated Studies we learnt about different types of forces and discussed examples of them that we see everyday. Please ask your children about contact and action-from-a-distant forces to help strengthen their understanding of the way forces work.

Please remind your children that they are expected to read at least three nights a week. This is an important habit as it allows students to practise reading strategies they have learnt in class.

Have a great week,

Mrs Murray, Miss Holden and Alyssa

#### 5/6A&B

Hi Year 5/6 families.

The award winners this week are:

**Mason Kellalea** for his fantastic efforts during writing sessions last week. Well done finishing your writer's festival piece and your waterfall story.

**Zeppelin Allan** for the excellent thinking skills he demonstrated in mathematics last week. Well done in using your problem-solving skills to succeed in challenging tasks.

Alex Jones for his great self-regulation and making good choices in the playground.

**George Holley** for his great application to reading tasks last week. He really enjoyed exploring ideas and using examples from his lit circle text Mrs Whitlam to support his opinions. Well done George.

**George Holley(Mrs Plant)** for the "Who's the Fastest?" maths challenge - great persistence and ability to sit in the learning pit and keep thinking. Cool!

Henry Spiker for his persistence when writing his friendship story. A great effort Henry well done.

On Monday representatives from the Melbourne Stars Cricket team, conducted a cricket clinic for the 5/6 students. The kids had a ball and enjoyed learning new skills and asking questions of the coaches and players. This week at school is book week. Throughout the week students will be reading various shortlisted books and then attending an online book week incursion Wednesday afternoon.

In reading this week we are continuing to develop a deeper understanding of texts, through analysing and critiquing parts of a text. Skills being taught are: critiquing aspects of a text that we like, dislike, appreciate, prefer and analysing the choices of characters and how they influence the story. For writing, we are delving into persuasive writing. Students are honing their skills to enhance their persuasive reasons through adding examples, evidence and more information. In mathematics, students are developing their understanding of factors, multiples, prime and square numbers through challenging tasks and fluency activities.

Thanks, Alec McPhee and Ali Mackie

# **SPORT and PE NEWS**

# Students of the Week:

**Keanu Brown-**for fantastic coaching when showing his classmate how to do a lay up. So positive and supportive, this is really a strength of yours Keanu.



Grade 3-6 PE classes have commenced the Summer Sports unit, starting with basketball. It's great to see the knowledge and skill sharing happening in PE at the moment, well done!

The Gr 5/6 students have selected their sports and are training for the interschool carnival will be held in various venues in Lakes Entrance on Friday 6th October, the first week back of Term 4.

#### Melbourne Stars Cricket Clinic

Grade 5/6s were treated to a cricket clinic run by the Melbourne Stars players yesterday. As well as the fun cricket activities, we heard the players tell us about their journeys to becoming an elite cricket player. We were also presented with some Melbourne Stars merch and posters, so lucky to have this experience at school!











**Division Athletics Carnival** 

Division Athletics is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, please make sure medical and transport forms are returned asap so we can organise the travel arrangements.

#### Junior Swimming Program

Just a reminder that the P-2 Swimming Program starts on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August, next week. Please ensure that your child is ready to go with bathers, towel and goggles. Dates and times below:

# P-2 Swimming Program

Monday 28th August P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome commences Tuesday 29th August P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome Wednesday 30th August P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome

Monday 4th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome Tuesday 5th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome Wednesday 6th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome Thursday 7th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome

Tuesday 11th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome Wednesday 12th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome Thursday 13th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome finishes

# Times are as follows:

11:30-12:15 - Prep 12:15- 1:00 - 1/2B 1:15 -2:00 - 1/2A



#### FREE ATF Tennis Program at TAPS



Signed\_

The next tennis session is Thursday August 31st from 4.15-5.15 pm. The last session this term is Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Please keep an eye on the Audiri app for notices about this afterschool program in case the weather is inclement and lessons cancelled. The days are getting longer now, so book in for some excellent coaching from Nigel!

#### **TENNIS - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM TERM 3**

I give permission for my childclass			
 to be considered to participate in the tennis program.			
 Date			

# FREE 4-week Netball Clinic Monday nights

All children from ages 6-13 are invited to come and learn the skills of netball. Janet Parker is an accredited Netball Victoria coach and will be running the program at the Lakes Entrance Netball Courts (next to the bowls club) this term. Amazing opportunity to have fun, make some new friends learn a team sport!



and

Thanks,
Barb (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)

**Important Sport dates for Term 3 2023** 

Monday 4th September Division Athletics Howitt Park Bairnsdale (back up 6th September)

Important Sport dates for Term 4 2023

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** Eastern District Summer Sports Lakes Entrance (basketball, cricket and volleyball) **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October** Regional Athletics Carnival Newborough

#### **Junior Sport**

Student of the week is **Harper Robertson** for her great technique shown when playing our Fruit Salad soccer game. Harper used a great turning technique to help her turn efficiently at the cones. Great job Harper! After our Athletics unit came to a successful end with our Junior Sports Day, I felt we had to use the energy and success of the Matildas to conduct a small unit of soccer before swimming commences in week 8. We modified some familiar games the students were aware of, like Fruit Salad and Four Corners, to include soccer dribbling skills and also explored passing the ball between partners and using targets to help our aim.

#### Music

In Music this week, we looked at choosing a good fit song in order to create a dance move that repeats. We explored how changes in volume, chords and lyrics could be used to denote the end of a pattern of music and when a new pattern begins. Students used drumsticks to follow the beats in songs and we challenged ourselves to work out when the beat changed. This is helping us to choose songs that are suitable for repeatable dance moves and to know when the dance move must finish and restart again. Students worked in groups to choose suitable songs they like using their knowledge of beats and rhythms and these will be used next week as we begin to create our own dance moves.

Tom Stubbs (Junior PE, Music, STEM)



# **ART**

Continuing with the theme of movement and upcycling, students have been working collaboratively to create artworks specifically to be exhibited within the school space for everyone to enjoy. And with the Writer's Festival coming up, what better time to share our creativity with the community.



Miss Cock's class.

Artworks on display by Junior Class









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Mr McPhee's class.





Mrs Mackie's class.

Work in progress.



Mrs Murray's class.



Artist of the Week, Tessa Manley.

Jobi Laybourne

# **FRENCH**

Bonjour,

This week, at assembly, I gave an award to Dartanyan. Dartanyan was meant to receive this award last week, but he was away. This is to acknowledge his attitude and efforts in the French classroom, as well as his amazing knowledge and pronunciation of our vocabulary on sports.

Griffin in 3/4A also received an award this week for the same reasons.

This week, Prep revised their colours as they practised saying whether they like a colour or not. We also worked more on counting to 29 and showing our understanding of people saying their age.

Students in grades 1-2 have read a book on clothes for book week. They practised naming in French the clothes they could see in the story. We've also worked on our numbers to 100, with kids taking turn to count, trying to get as high as they could.

Grades 3 and 4 students have kept on naming sports and had a spelling challenge too.

Grade 5/6 continue their work on saying in which town and country they live. We are looking at a lot of different countries in the world, matching them with their flag and noticing if the country is masculine or feminine.

The students who tried their best in French last week are:



Prep: Ned, Ruby, Casey, Serena and Noah

1/2A: Harlan, Fletcher, Laila, Samantha, Charlotte, Owen and Tessa

1/2B: Elicia, Bella, Emily, Mack, Logan and Zayn

3/4A: Griffin, Inca, Jake, Maddison and Max

3/4B: Jake, Zoe, John, Sam, Summer and Declan

5/6A: Drazik, Tahlia, Jackson and Mason

Have a lovely week! Bonne semaine à tous!

Madame Samson

#### **STEM**

Students of the week are Zeppelin Allan and Drazik Milner for completing their renewable energy project poster on time and to a high level. Well done boys!

Students continued to work on the research phase of their renewable energy projects this week with Grade 5/6 A having a very productive class. Many of the groups have now completed their project posters and are ready to move forward to the design phase of their project in which they will be designing their working model of their chosen renewable energy. A key aspect of our STEM project has been the requirement to work well as a group and it has been pleasing to see many groups working well together and allocating each person roles within the group to ensure they are efficient with their time!

Tom Stubbs (Junior PE, Music, STEM)







583 Esplanade Lakes Entrance. Phone: 5155 3839

Home Made Sausage rolls \$3.5 (Sauce x2 50C)

Chicken Strip Wrap \$4

Small Tortilla wrap with lettuce, cheese and Mayo

Spaghetti Bolognaise \$6

with Cheese (v)

Chicken or Roast Veggie Quesadilla

1/2 \$4

full \$6

Cheese, Salsa & sour cream

add avo \$1

Mini Vegan Budda Bowl\$6

Changes Weekly

Veggie Quiche slice GF \$5

Cup of Homemade soup \$5

with small roll (Changes Weekly)

Pizza Muffins 2 for \$5 OR 1 for \$3

Ham, Cheese & Pineapple

Side salad add \$2

\*Gluten Free Bread & Wraps available on request\*

Fruit & Yoghurt cup \$5

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









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# YOUTH(FUL) ORCHESTRA

For all ages and all skill levels.



Bring your orchestral instrument - eg clarinet, violin, trumpet, cello. We'll supply the music, leadership and performances!!



WHERE: Bairnsdale Hub

WHEN: Once weekly, after school.

COST: FREE but donations support us to support you!

WHY: for the music, fun, learning, social connections plus more!

WHAT NEXT: Please ring for rehearsals days/times and any queries

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Ph. 0455 872 296



Rosemary and John Hopkins Award

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