



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 (subject to change)

|                | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY             | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY               |
|----------------|--|---------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Week 2<br>Feb  | 6 <b>SWIMMING</b>                      | 7 <b>SWIMMING</b>   | 8 <b>SWIMMING</b><br>No preps at school                            | 9 <b>SWIMMING</b>  | 10 <b>SWIMMING</b>   |
| Week 3<br>Feb  | 13 <b>TAPS Swim Carnival 3-6</b>       | 14                  | 15 <b>SWIMMING</b><br>No preps at school                           | 16 Dist Swim Orbest<br><b>Scholastic Book orders returned</b><br><b>Tennis</b> | 17 <b>SWIMMING</b>   |
| Week 4<br>Feb  | 20 <b>Gr 4 Camp Cottage By the Sea</b> | 21 <b>Gr 4 Camp</b> | 22 <b>Gr 4 Camp</b><br>No preps at school<br><b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b> | 23 <b>Gr 4 Camp</b>  | 24 <b>Gr 4 Camp</b>  |
| Week 5<br>Feb  | 27                                     | 28                  | 1<br>No preps at school  | 2 Div swim Bdale<br><b>Tennis</b>  | 3                    |
| Week 6<br>Mar  | 6                                      | 7                   | 8  | 9  | 10                   |
| Week 7<br>Mar  | 13 <b>Labour Day</b>                   | 14 Parent/Teacher   | 15 Conversations<br><b>Gr 3&amp;5 NAPLAN Test Window Begins</b>    | 16 After School<br><b>Tennis</b>   | 17 All Week          |
| Week 8<br>Mar  | 20                                     | 21 Harmony Day      | 22 <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b>   | 23   | 24                   |
| Week 9<br>Mar  | 27 <b>Conclusion of NAPLAN</b>         | 28                  | 29   | 30 <b>Tennis</b>   | 31                   |
| Week 10<br>Apr | 3                                      | 4                   | 5  | 6 <b>Last day of term early finish 2:15</b>                                    | 7 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> |

ONLINE BANKING - Account Name -Toorloo Arm Primary School Council  
BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we say farewell to Dee. Dee has had a long association with Toorloo Arm PS as a parent, school councillor, library coordinator and education support officer. Dee is taking a more hand on approach with the family business and we wish her all the best now and always.

**Parent Payment Contributions for 2023** set by school council are now being accepted. At Toorloo we provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

#### Parent Voluntary Contributions support the payments of these items below:

|   |   |          |
|---|---|----------|
| Essential items for students to own and use   | eg exercise books, pencils etc          | \$50.00  |
| Other supplies for students to use            | eg art supplies, rewards day activities | \$50.00  |
| Performances, incursions and local bus travel |   | \$50.00  |
| Travel costs to swimming and pool entry       |   | \$100.00 |
| Total Voluntary Contribution per student      |   | \$250.00 |

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Voluntary contributions can be paid online or in cash. Online bank details are: Account Name -Toorloo Arm Primary School Council **BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188** Please include your child's surname and a description of what is being paid for eg contributions, camp, uniform.

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Toorloo Arm Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis and are our best estimate at this stage to help families with their budgeting. The plan for camps in 2023 is as follows

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities          | Amount   | Extra-Curricular Items and Activities             | Amount   |
|--|----------|---|----------|
| Grade 1 Sleepover                              | \$ 25.00 | Grade 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island - Positive Start | Free     |
| Grade 2 Camp in East Gippsland                 | \$140.00 | Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra                        | \$550.00 |
| Grade 3/4 Camp to Coolamatong – Positive Start | Free     | Grade 4 Cottage by the Sea Camp                   | Free     |

Other **school costs NOT** covered within the Parent Voluntary Contribution Payment include: Uniform, School photos, Parents and Friends fundraising, Junior school council activities, Lunch orders

**Financial Support for Families**

Toorloo Arm Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – see information below
- State Schools Relief (SSR) – see Quita for support with uniform

**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 51565517 and ask for an application form to be sent home with your child. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

**School Council** – we will have 4 parent vacancies for the 2023-2025 tenure of school council. More information will be in next weeks newsletter regarding the role of school council. Please see Kerry if you have any questions.

**Brekky Club 8.20am -9.00am**

If any parents would like to help out in the kitchen for brekky club, we would love to hear from you. Brekky club began this week. Please see Kerry, Julie, Quita or Lisa if you would like to help.

Forms to be returned asap

- Grade 4 Camp Notices
- **General Excursion** for non-risk local travel
- **Photo/Publication form**
- **Headlice** form is to allow your child's hair to be checked by our trained staff
- **Staying safe with ICT agreement**

Kindest regards  
Kerry Hughes

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**Students of the Week****Education Support Position Vacancy**

We are seeking someone to join the TAPS team in the role of Education Support  
8.45am -3.15pm 5 days a week  
Please see Kerry for details

**Student Health and Wellbeing**

\*Lunch orders and Breakfast club start this week

We have had a number of cases of **Impetigo** – otherwise known as school sores. The department of health guidelines are that students are to be excluded from school until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing until fully healed. Thanks to families for their support in this matter.



We are a water only school and drink bottles are encouraged.

**Headlice** – are part of life at school. We ask that families regularly check students hair for eggs and lice and treat as required.

**COVID- 19** Any child who is symptomatic will be recommended to undergo testing for COVID-19. Students who report a positive test are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.

**Let's all work together to keep our students healthy and at school.**

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## Prep

What a first week it's been, we have made new friends, started our readers, experienced the library, and introduced ourselves to the grade 6's, well done to all.

Our award winners this week are **Billie Ryan** for her persistence when working with Rhyme and **Jasper Melville** for his problem-solving skills when joining in with another group.



## Wednesdays

Just another reminder that the Preps have Wednesdays off and you have each been allocated a specific time to come in so I can have a one-on-one session with your child to do the English and Math online interview.

## Take home Readers

Take home readers have been given out and the students are very excited to read. It would be fantastic if you could find 5 minutes to sit down and read with your child and sign their reader. They need to come back to school everyday so students can swap over their books and get a reading star.

This week we are looking at:

### Reading:

- This week in our Readers Workshop we are looking at G.K.R (Getting Knowledge Ready) we look at the title, front cover, blurb, do a picture walk and make predictions. This allows students to start reading the book with an idea about what it might be about and words we may find.
- We are focusing on the letters m,s,t,a,i looking at name, sound and visual cue.

### Writing:

- Looking at the difference between, letters, words, and sentences.
- Learning correct letter formation for m,s,t,a,i
- Putting pen to paper and building our confidence to have a go.

**Maths:** Number knowledge

Have a great week,

Miss Cock

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**Grades 1/2**

Hello to all 1/2 families!

Well done to both 1/2 classes for a wonderful week 1 of school in 2023! We are pleased to see everyone get back into the swing of school life.

In 1/2A, this week's awards go to **Savannah Blank** for the way she has transitioned beautifully into her new class and into TAPS, and to **Milly Moss** for being ready to learn and sharing her ideas, particularly in maths. In 1/2B, awards go to **Mack Anderson** for his maths reasoning while we made our class number line, and to **Chloe Jackson** for taking responsibility for her own learning.

This week in our Reader's Workshop, students are learning about building stamina in their reading and strategies to get back on track when distracted. Book covers continue to be sent home with a take home book of the student's choice. We encourage students to read at home as much as possible. If you would like to come into classrooms and read with students in the mornings, reading is usually in the first 30 minutes of each day for both classes.

In writing this week, students are learning about what are ideas, and coming up with their own ideas in their Writer's Notebook to be used in their writing. On Friday, we will be practicing handwriting on dotted thirds in our Writing book, with a focus on the letters h, m, n, and p.

**Writer's Notebook**

On Friday this week, students will start decorating the cover of their Writer's Notebooks and are invited to bring in a few small (2D and around A5 size) items to use. Some ideas include photos, pictures of their favourite things, tickets to places they have been, and other mementos etc. If you would like to send us anything to print for this, feel free to send it to us in an email.

This week in maths, we are continuing our investigation of number lines. Students have now made a number line for their table with a partner and are learning about place value through the game '3-in-a-row'.

The English Online Interviews start this week with both Miss Cunningham and Ms Jackson interviewing Grade 1s. This is an assessment to track student's literacy skills.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either of us by calling the school, dropping in for a chat before or after school or sending an email. Our emails are below:

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[caitlin.jackson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:caitlin.jackson@education.vic.gov.au)

Thanks and have a great week!

Eliza Cunningham and Caitlin Jackson

**Grades 3/4**

Welcome to week 2,

We survived our first week back including our first three days of swimming! We have had a great start to both swimming and the term. It is great to see the grade threes and fours mixing really well socially and academically. We are planning for lots of interactive work that allows the students to work cooperatively and continue to get to know each other. We are working within our swimming timetable and setting our routines and expectations.

We have started our mentor text in both grades, *Two Wolves* by Tristan Banckes. We are using it to revise the key reading comprehension strategies including getting knowledge ready, visualising and note-taking this week. We continue to focus on number lines in maths and in rebuilding our writing stamina (and muscles!) in writer's workshop, after a long break from writing for most students!

Swimming continues to be a key focus for us this week and next week. Please make sure your child comes equipped for swimming (bathers, towel and goggles) and help them prepare at home by making sure they have a good night's sleep, by recognising they may need extra snacks at and after school, and that they may need more downtime/rest time after school than usual. Regular sleep patterns are essential during the swimming program and set a standard for the rest of the year. We also have our school swimming sports for 3-6 students next Monday at the Aquadome. You are welcome to come along and support your child and if you are available to help Mrs. Plant always has plenty of jobs!

In 3/4A the awards this week went to **Talulah Comber** and **Tarzaiyah Sellings**. Both students received their award for the way they have modelled the school value of 'being friendly' in our first week of school. They

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were both open and inclusive to *all* their peers, providing great role models to everyone else! In 3/4B the awards this week went to **Chloe Taylor** for taking on feedback & using it to further her maths and explain to others to assist their learning. And to **Declan Bills** for working independently to complete tasks and be the best he can be. Mrs. Murray's GEM Award for Gratitude in week one went to **William Kellock**, who expressed his gratitude for having French with Madame Samson! What a great start to the term in 3/4. A reminder that **grade four students** need to return their camp forms ASAP! It is coming up quickly. Thanks and have a great week.

Mrs Haldane, Mrs Murray and Alyssa 😊

## Grades 5/6

Hi Year 5/6 families

The award winners this week are:

**Kayden Smith** for his excellent teamwork skills as a talk partner all week and assisting others in their swimming.

**Drazik Milner** for helping others with their learning, being an outstanding talk partner and putting his full effort into all tasks.

**Landon Howarth and Chelsea Smart** received their awards for their excellent sharing of their maths thinking during a partner activity. They worked together and were able to explain their strategies to others.

**Keanu Brown and Kobi Caldwell** for great teamwork, working cooperatively to complete their maths task. Well done.

The first few days of swimming having been excellent, students have built their skills and demonstrated fantastic listening/improvement. Swimming is on every day this week and our TAPS swimming carnival is on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February.

In class this week, students are building into the routines of our classrooms.

In reading we are practising tracking their thinking whilst reading good fit books.

In writing we have been improving students ability to generate ideas in a range of ways and build writing stamina.

In maths, students are using games, fluency activities and challenging tasks to further their place value knowledge into the millions and decimals. We have also focused on estimation and comparing numbers through the use of number lines.

Thanks, Alec McPhee and Ali Mackie



Does anyone have a fish tank at home that they would be willing to donate to the 5/6 unit?

Please see Mrs Mackie or Mr McPhee if you are able to help

## SPORT and PE NEWS

Fantastic start to the year in sport and PE, great to get the ball rolling - kids are back on and ready to learn!

### PE Students of the Week

**Jake Lawless**-it's been amazing to see your progress so far in swimming week 1. Keep it up!

**Drazik Milner**-fantastic to see you challenge yourself in the swimming program. He is so relaxed and smooth in the water, well done!

**Savannah Blank**-What a great start at TAPS, love the way you not just "have a go" but do your best in everything in PE!

**Jayce Parsons**-what a fantastic start in PE, Jayce has embraced PE from day 1, being careful of others, listening and doing his best!

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Prep to Grade 2 classes have been working on what it takes to have fun and be safe in PE. We have practised moving safely in the playground, on the basketball court, when playing tag games and listening and stopping for the whistle. It has been fantastic to see everyone having a go, trying their best, taking turns, watching out for others and asking for help if they are stuck. Fantastic strategies for keeping it fun!



**Preps having fun in PE playing PUSH PULL HANG on the playground!**

**Please don't hesitate to 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 point in the right direction.** Also, it would be great if your child wears runners and has a water bottle to take with them on PE days, so that participation is comfortable and safe, and of course, hats are compulsory this term.

The swimming program at the Aquadome, Lakes Entrance has started without a hitch, thanks to everyone for getting the paperwork done so efficiently. The focus of this important part of our school curriculum is water safety and survival, stroke technique and preparation for the swimming carnivals. **Let me or your classroom teacher know if you have any concerns about the program and we'll do our best to help.** Great to see swimmers really challenging themselves and listening to their coaches to get the most out of these classes. Don't forget, this week swimming is **EVERY** day-try to aim for early nights for your child as they will be tired and plenty of nutritious lunch box snacks to recover and keep the energy levels up!

### TAPS Swimming Sports

Next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, the TAPS house swimming carnival will be held at the Aquadome. **This is for ALL Gr 3-6 students - events and activities for all levels of swimming ability are provided and the focus is "challenge by choice".** TAPS sports carnivals have always been really successful due to the fantastic help from our multi-talented parent group at TAPS-let me know if you can help out in any way if you are able to attend! 12 pm start, will be finished by 2.30 pm. No experience required, thanks to those parents who have already offered to help, but we need a few more please, even if you are not able to stay for the whole time. Swimmers with the fastest time for the 50 metre events in the age groups 10 years and under, 11 years and 12 +years will go through to the District Swimming Sports in Orbest on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Division (Bairnsdale) Carnival is on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and Regionals are on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March.

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## ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS



Tennis coaching with Nigel Carr commenced again last Thursday. **Please note, due to the large number of participants, Nigel has offered to move the lessons to Lakes Entrance Tennis Club (behind the Aquadome) to accommodate everyone safely.** The session is an hour long starting at **4.15 pm to 5.15 pm** - a reminder parents are required to stay for the hour. If the weather is not looking great, please keep an eye on the SkoolBag ap for any changes.

The rest of the sessions for Term 1 are fortnightly (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March).

Thanks,  
Barb (SPORT COORDINATOR)

## **Important Sport dates for Term 1 2023**

### **WEEK 2**

Monday 6 Feb 2023 Gr 3-6 swimming program  
Tuesday 7 Feb 2023 Gr 3-6 swimming program  
Wednesday 8 Feb 2023 Gr 3-6 swimming program  
Thursday 9 Feb 2023 Gr 3-6 swimming program  
Friday 10 Feb 2023 Gr 3-6 swimming program

### **WEEK 3**

**Mon 13 Feb TAPS CARNIVAL Years 3-6 starts midday, finish 2.30 pm.**

Wed 15 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

**Thurs 16 Feb District Carnival Orbost Qualifying swimmers (back up Fri 18th Feb)**

**Thursday 16th Feb ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club**

Fri 17 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program final session

**Thurs 2 March Division Swim Bairnsdale Qualifying swimmers (back up 4<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club**

**Thurs 16 March Regional Swimming**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15 Lakes Entrance Tennis Club**

## **ART**

First week back and students have slotted straight back into it! Senior'. Students have been investigating popular culture and the 'pop art' movement, applying the signature 'style' to iconic people and personalities. Middle School Students are looking at environmental issues and communicating them through images. Junior Students are exploring the idea of 'my space' and the 'landscape.'



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Artist of the week, **Baylee Frederick**.

Jobi Laybourne

## **FRENCH**

Bonjour,

Welcome for another year of learning French! It was a real pleasure to welcome all the kids back last week. They started with a real enthusiasm and were happy to choose their topic for this semester.

This year, we are starting a new routine during which we are all going to practise learning 2 new numbers in French each week. Students in grades 1 to 6 have been put into different groups depending on where they are at in their number learning journey. We first work on our own to learn the new numbers, then do pair work, and group work, to practise for about 5-10 minutes.

Preps are also learning how to greet people in French, how to introduce themselves and say how they feel. They will practice weekly some of these skills as part of our routine.

Grades 1 and 2 are reviewing how to introduce themselves with a focus on reading and writing.

Grades 3 and 4 will be learning about animals, starting with pets and farm animals.

Grades 5-6 voted to learn about food and the culture of eating in France. They are going to start with some research work to introduce the vocabulary to their classmates.

Each week, I will post in this newsletter the name of our students who participated the most or tried their hardest during their French lesson.

Have a lovely week! Bonne semaine!

Madame Samson

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# BREW BAR

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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

**Tomato & Vege Pasta \$5**

with Cheese (v)

**Chilli Con Carne (mild)\$6**

with rice, salsa, cheese & Sour Cream

ADD WRAP OR CORN CHIPS(Please specify) \$1

**Mini Vegan Budda Bowl\$6**

Changes Weekly

**Wraps \$5**

Ham& Salad

Chicken & Salad

Cheese & Salad

**Cup of Homemade soup \$5**

with small roll (Changes Weekly)

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

Ham,Cheese &Pinapple

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

**Fruit & Yoghurt cup \$5**

**Vege sticks, cheese & Hummus or Salsa(please specify) \$5**

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

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Get set for a year with healthy lunchboxes.

Healthy Lunchbox Week is an initiative of Nutrition Australia that helps families access credible lunchbox nutrition information and recipes setting them up for the year ahead.

Around one third of children's daily food intake comes from their lunchbox so let's make sure it counts. Use this time to build your bank of lunchbox inspiration and know-how.

Nutrition Australia have teamed up with other health-focused organisations providing a collection of lunchbox resources making the Healthy Lunchbox Week website a hub of the best lunchbox information.

For recipes, lunchbox tips, videos and more, check out [www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au](http://www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au).



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## Storytime and Rhymetime are back!

Storytime and Rhymetime sessions are back at Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Orbost and Paynesville Libraries. Storytime is back at Mallacoota and Omeo Libraries. No bookings are required.

### Storytime (for ages 2 - 5)

Bairnsdale Library | Tuesdays at 11.00 am  
Lakes Entrance Library | Tuesdays at 11.00 am  
Mallacoota Library | Fridays at 2.15 pm  
Omeo Library | Wednesdays at 11.15 am  
Orbost Library | Tuesdays at 10.30 am  
Paynesville Library | Tuesdays at 11.00 am

### Rhymetime (for ages 0 - 2)

Bairnsdale Library | Wednesdays at 10.30 am  
Lakes Entrance Library | Wednesdays at 10.30 am  
Orbost Library | Thursdays at 10.00 am  
Paynesville Library | Mondays at 10.30 am

For more information phone 5152 4225.

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