



Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

December 10th, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 (subject to change)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week	9 PUPIL FREE DAY	10	11	12	13
Dec	LESC TRANSITION	BSC Transition LESC TRANSITION			JSC Xmas Dress Up
Week 11	16	17	18	19	20
Dec	Grade 6 Big Day Out	Grade 6 Graduation In school transition Reports given out	Last Assembly 9.00 Rewards Day – Mrs Hughes last hurrah	CLEAN UP DAY	POOL DAY 10.00-1.00
Week 1	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st
2025	Australia Day Public Holiday	Staff Resume Office will be open	All students commence the school year		
January					

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BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188

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



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Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently finalising our plans for 2025 and am happy to announce our staff allocations will be as follows:

Class	Teacher	Aide
Prep	Miss Naomi Cock	Bree Nation
1/2 A	Miss Eliza Cunningham	Lisa Donnellan
1/2 B	Miss Caitlin Jackson	
3/4 A	Mrs Alison Mackie	Hunee Cho
3/4 B	Mrs Larissa Murray	To be confirmed
5/6 A	Mr Alec McPhee	Alyssa Warfe
5/6 B	Ms Carolyn Smith	

ART and Digital Technologies

PE/SPORT and Mental Health in PS

French

Tutor Learning Teacher

Business Manager

Principal

Mr Jobi Laybourne (Tue/Wed/Fri)

Mrs Barb Plant (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs)

Madame Samson (Tues)

Mrs Lizzy Haldane (Mon/Tues)

Mrs Quita Haag

Miss Allison Hopkins

This is a great team to start off the 2025 school year.

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**End of Year Activities****Friday December 13th**

Children are encouraged to wear their Xmas clothes for a gold coin donation which purchases gifts for the annual Mother Xmas Appeal, providing gifts to children who may not otherwise receive gifts at Xmas



Monday 16th December – Grade 6 Big Day Out – information coming out today.

Tuesday 17th

In school transition – children will find out who their teacher and classmates for 2025 will be. In speaking with your child in preparation for this day we ask that you are positive about the change and see it as an opportunity for growth, continued learning and the chance to work with new people. Please remember some students will not change teacher or classroom. Reports will be sent home with the students on this day.

Wednesday 18th

Last assembly for the year and celebrate our retiring/leaving staff (Janet, Hannah, Harry, Julie, Brenda, Jennie and Kerry) and hear our school choir perform. **All welcome.**



Mrs Hughes last hurrah – will be having a whole school activity involving water – children will need to bring along a change of clothes that they are allowed to get wet, a towel, a water pistol if they have one and googles if they want to protect their eyes. Can you work out what we are going to do??

Friday 20th of December

A medical form for the pool day will come home today. Please return the medical by 16th of December so we can arrange adequate supervision. Parents are required to drop children off at the aquadome at 10.00am and collect children from outside the aquadome at 1.00pm. There is no cost for this end of year celebration.

School Saving Bonus for 2025

Many families have started receiving emails regarding the School Savings Bonus where parents can allocate funds to cover the costs associated to schooling ie uniform, camps, excursions via the Governments Portal.

Families can use the information below detailing the upcoming costs particularly **school camps** and may like to allocate accordingly. For more information about the school savings bonus visit this link

<https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-saving-bonus> or access this user guide

<https://content.sdp.education.vic.gov.au/media/school-saving-bonus-system-guide-for-parents-and-carers-2975>

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Grade 1 Sleepover	\$ 25.00	Grade 3/4 Camp to Coonawarra	\$300.00
Grade 2 Camp in East Gippsland	\$110.00	Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra	\$400.00

Thanks for your ongoing support,
Kerry Hughes

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**Hello from the library,**

As we are now in December, it's time to return any **take home books and library books** that you still have at home.

Please assist your children to have a really thorough look for any of these books, as we would love to have them back on our shelves for 2025.

Thank you so much,
Lisa

Prep/1

Good Morning, welcome to week 10! The end of the year is fast approaching, I hope everyone is getting ready for the holidays and time at home with growing enthusiasm.

Things to remember

- **Friday the 13th**
Christmas dress up Day. Students can dress up in Christmas clothes and bring a gold coin donation for the Christmas appeal.
- **Tuesday 17th**
In school transition. Student will spend some time in their new class with their new teacher.
- **Wednesday 18th**
 - Rewards day water fight to celebrate a fantastic year, please bring a towel.
 - Class party, please bring a plate of something to share with everyone.
 - Final Assembly, please come along to join in the festivities.
- **Thursday 19th**
Clean-up day, student will be emptying their tubs and bringing home all their work.
- **Friday 20th**
Pool day. We meet everyone at the pool at 10am and pick up at 1pm.

This week we are looking at:**Reading:**

- **Adjectives, nouns and verbs** – we are revising all and seeing if we can find them in the stories we read or use them in our writing.
- **Reading Skill Revision** – we are revising and using everything we have learned this year.

Writing:

- Students will be looking at how to write a sentence accurately, making sure to include full stops and capitals in the correct position.
- Students attempt to finish their free writing stories and move into the publishing space.

Maths:

Students will be looking at locational language and follow directions that are given to them.

Integrated studies:

We will be continuing our work on light and shadow. Starting to create our own Shadow puppets.

Have a great week,
Miss Cock and Harry

1/2A

Hello and welcome to Week 10 of Term 4! 2 weeks to go!

This week in reading, we are reading different Christmas books and practising our comprehension skills on them. We will also be practising reading to a partner during independent reading time.

In Writing we are working on writing some Christmas poems and will develop our ability to publish these poems on the computer.

In Maths we are continuing to work on our ability to read the time.

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Finally, we have a few events coming up in the next two weeks,

- Friday 13th December – Mother Christmas Appeal, dress up in Christmas clothes and bring a gold coin donation
- Tuesday 17th December – In School Transition
- Wednesday 18th December – Final Assembly, Rewards Day and Class Party
- Thursday 19th December – Clean-up Day
- Friday 20th December – Pool Day

Class party: Next Wednesday we will be having our class party. If students could bring a plate of food to share with the class that would be great!

Thanks and have a great week!

Eliza Cunningham, Brenda Power Hunee and Lisa

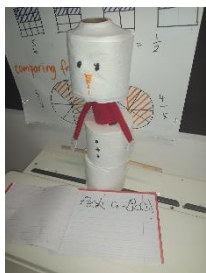
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Hi Grade 3/4 Families,

We cannot quite believe we are nearly at the end of the year already, where has the time gone?

This week we will be working at completing and publishing our narrative stories. Some are already finished and are up on display outside 3/4B classroom display area. Students will be finishing up their book club and reading group books and completing contract tasks related to Storm Boy.

In science we will be publishing our animal research project – some of the children have started and we have some great PowerPoints and posters being created. We look forward to sharing these in class next week.



Alfred the elf is running amok in our classroom at the moment and we never know what to expect. We are all enjoying seeing what he gets up to in the 3 / 4 rooms when we all go home.

Please remember this Friday is the Mother Christmas giving appeal run by Junior school Council. Children are to dress up in something "Christmasy" and bring along a gold coin donation. The money raised will be used to purchase presents for children in need, so they too have a special gift to open on Christmas morning.

Please remember to return the medical form if your child is attending pool day on Friday the 20th of December.

Have a great week and continue to support your children in their reading.

Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray and Alyssa

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Hello 5/6 Families

Last week for sport, the 5/6 students took on LESC at lawn bowls. It was a great afternoon, and the behaviour and skills were excellent.

In reading this week students are completing their literature circle texts and completing summarising and evaluating tasks on texts read. In writing the 5/6 students are finishing their information reports choice texts, most students are presenting their piece as a poster. In mathematics we are practising and learning about using the 4 operations to solve equations involving decimals and continuing to understand the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. This week we will finish off our Health and Respectful Relationship units, the unit has gone fantastically. Good luck to the 5/6 students are attending their high school transition session today.

Just a few important dates for the last week.

Monday is the Grade 6 Big Day Out (notice coming), Tuesday night is Graduation, Wednesday afternoon is a rewards day activity and Friday is Pool Day.

Thank you

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Bree, Janet and Hannah

FRENCH

Bonjour,

We made it to the last week of the year for French! This week, students in Prep to year 2 will be learning about Christmas in France with a song and games to practise the vocabulary.

Students in 3/4 won the "Beat the teacher" game last week and earned the right to choose what they would like to do on their last lesson. Each grade chose their favourite games to play again, and we'll have a French Christmas party.

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Students in each year level with the most points on ClassDojo will also receive their end-of-year award.

Here is a photo of our juice bar last week, in which P-2 practised ordering a juice and fruit salad using manners.

Bonne semaine à tous!

Madame Samson

PERFORMING ARTS

Term 4, week 10

Hello everyone,

In this final week of performing arts for 2024, Grade P-2 students will form underwater sea creature shapes and will create an underwater seascape before bringing it to life with movement. Students will practice moving like a school of fish through the scene.

Grade 3/4 students will wrap up their alphabet dance sequence work by practicing their three-letter word movements to music and will finish with a dance-off between groups.

The Grade 5/6 students will together practice a short dance phrase, and in small groups will learn a dance from a music video, flash mob, dance challenge or dance craze of their choice. Groups will have the option to choreograph their own 16-count dance craze.



Indy Geddes in the role of 'Big Fish' leading her school of 'little fish' in the Mirror Game. The little fish' included **Evie Jackson, Liam Parkhill, Marley Hewat, and Austin Reggardo**.

Enjoy your week!
Caitlin Jackson

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Grade 5/6 students were invited to participate in a friendly Lawn Bowls competition last week.

The greens were full and the 56 young bowlers were zeroing in on the Jack at Lakes Entrance Bowls Club last Thursday afternoon. Toorloo Arm Primary School played Lakes Entrance Primary School in a match for the first time. The game was 2 bowl triples with 10 rinks of bowls in the mix. After a number of weeks training and practice students were ready for some real competition. The weather was perfect and members of Lakes Entrance Bowls Club supported and scored the games. The Club is very keen to encourage young bowlers to the game. Many students relished the idea of a new sport and standards were high. Scores across the board were very close but Toorloo Arm were able to just get the win 27-23. Early next year these students will be training up for the State Finals in March. The students had a great time and we will certainly be back for more. Boyd McPhee Junior Coordinator at Lakes Bowls

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Club said that student behavior was outstanding and lots of fun was had by all. Boyd also mentioned that Bowls Legend Barry Lester was visiting Lakes Entrance on the 19th of December at 2.30pm and any Juniors who wished to meet and have a bowl with him would be most welcome. See below for details.



The junior school have reflected on their PE journey – what a year of fun, fitness, challenge and learning!



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A big thanks to all the families, friends and parents who have supported TAPS over the year in PE and sport with helping out at events, transport and encouraging everyone to have a go. That's the TAPS way!
Just a heads up for next year, the TAPS Swimming Carnival for Grade 3-6s has been scheduled for very early in term 1 on Thursday 6th of February, with the swimming program for Gr 3-6s commencing on Monday 24th of March for the last 2 weeks of term 1.

Thanks

Barb (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)

Important Sport Dates for Term 1 2025

Thursday 6th Feb TAPS Swimming Carnival Gr 3-6 Aquadome 12 pm-2.30 pm

Monday 24th March Gr 3-6 Swimming Program Aquadome commences

Friday 4th April Gr 3-6 Swimming Program Aquadome finishes

AN INVITATION TO JUNIOR BOWLERS**MEET AND HAVE A BOWL WITH
BOWLS LEGEND**

BARRY LESTER



WHEN: THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER

WHERE: LAKES ENTRANCE BOWLS CLUB

TIME: 2.30PM

Enquires Boyd McPhee – Lakes Entrance Bowls Club 0437 357 845

**ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS**

The final session for the year was last week, the weather was great and it was wonderful to see parents and friends joining in, having fun and enjoying a delicious healthy afternoon tea together at the end. Thanks so much to Nigel for his wonderful coaching. We look forward to running the program again. I will be applying for another grant to fund this FREE program open to all TAPS students from Prep to Grade 6.



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**Art and Design**

This is the last week for most classes in art. Students have been given the opportunity to consolidate their learning over the past year, choosing the materials, techniques or skillset they most enjoyed – whether it be painting, craft, sculpture and construction, free drawing, animation, architectural design or digital imaging.



Jobi Laybourne.

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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 Bolognese \$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.

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January 2025



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Outside School Hours Care



January Holidays



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Important Information

What to bring

- Drink bottle for water
- Lunch box with enough food for the day, unless stated in the program.
- Suitable clothing - closed shoes, clothing that covers the shoulders **NO** singlets/spaghetti straps
- Spare Clothes
- Hat for those sunny days
- Sunscreen, if using own

Gumnuts Provide

- Water to refill bottles
- Sunscreen



Personal Belongings

We understand children require quiet relaxation time and for some children that can be technology time. Children may bring a technology device to use during their time at the service when permitted by staff during certain times in the program. (devices that do not have internet available)

Please be aware if your child does bring technology, it is the sole responsibility of the child to look after it. Gumnuts take **NO** responsibility if it is lost, stolen or broken in any way.

Fees

\$115 per day

The above price is without CCS.

Families may be eligible for Child Care Subsidy. This subsidy will determine your actual fees. Please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50 to find out more about your entitlements.

After Child Care Subsidy is applied, the daily cost can be as low as \$5.

Additional payment is required for excursions and incursions. Please note: These costs will be added to your child/ren's fee. No cash on any premises.

Unexpected Changes

The program can present with a range of different weather, we recommend that you always check the weather prior with your child and support them in wearing and packing appropriate clothing.

Booking

To book a place for your child/ren in our Vacation Care Program, please visit <https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/session/login> For further information please contact our office on 5144 6952. Alternatively, contact us via email gumnutsohccoord@gmail.com

If your child does not attend on a day they have been booked in, you will still be charged for the day unless 48 hours notice is given for a cancellation.

Wednesday 15th January



Welcome Back Party



Join us back at OSHC for a celebration. We will be having a disco, singing Karaoke and just enjoying being together again. You can dress up in your party best or even wear a costume if you like, just remember to put on your dancing shoes and bring your best moves! We will be providing a party lunch for the day, if you could please let us know at your earliest convenience of any dietary requirements.

Thursday 16th January



Art Day - Upcycle, Recycle and repurpose

Prepare to get messy! We will be indulging in art today, please bring something from home that you can turn into your own work of art, we will be using these items to reimagine in a new way, trying new perspectives on art and the way we see it. Please bring a item from home that doesn't matter if we cut and/or glue things to it as it will not be returning the way it left. Provide a packed lunch today.

Friday 17th January



Fishing at Nowa Nowa

Lets catch a big one! We will be attempting fishing at Nowa Nowa this time, we will have a better area to move around and loads lake and a playground to explore. We will be having a picnic lunch at the playground, please provide lunch, enough snacks for a few hours and a bottle of water.

Time: Leaving Centre strictly at 10:30am.

Monday 20th January



Sea shell Museum

We will be checking out the sea shell museum, somewhere I haven't been since I was little. There you can see some pretty amazing sea life in the museum and buy a cool shell on your way out. We will be allowing the children to buy a small shell of their choice as we are leaving the museum, please give their money for the shell to Jenelle or Lauren on the day so we can keep it safe.

Time: Leaving Centre strictly at 10:30am. Fee: \$10pp

Tuesday 21st January



Red Bluff Beach exploration

After our museum visit we are travelling to the bluff to see what shells we can find for ourselves, exploring the beach and getting our feet wet, we will be having a sandcastle competition and prizes for the winners. When in the service we do ask the children to apply their own sunscreen, please let us know if your child needs assistance doing this.

Time: Leaving Centre strictly at 10:30am.

Wednesday 22nd January



Water Play Day

Third time lucky! Let's hope the weather is finally good enough to have a water play day, we will be having a race on the slip'n slide and throwing water balloons at each other, we will be holding this on the side oval to the left of Oshc, please bring a towel and a spare change of clothes, once you get changed you will need to stay away from the water unless you bring multiple changes of clothing. Sausage sizzle for lunch today.

Thursday 23rd January



Technology Day

We will be exploring technology today, you can bring in your own devices from home, if it's allowed, please be mindful we encourage sharing and team games, leave it at home if it's special or fragile. We will also be pulling apart some different items donated by Louies electronics to see how they tick. While we are doing everything electronic, we will be watching movies in our P.S too if wanted.

Friday 24th January



All wheels day

We've done this one before and it's been a big hit. We will be having our Skateboard, Scooter, Bike or roller skates (and safety equipment) to all wheels day, we will spend the majority of the day in the school grounds, riding around and laughing at our educators falling over. We will be having hot chips on the basketball court, for lunch.

Monday 27th January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 28th January



Ninja and gymnastics classes

We are going to try our hands at Ninja class! We will be splitting into two groups, one will do ninja class and the other gymnastics, then we will swap. Everyone will get a chance to participate in both activities and different age groups. Please provide a packed lunch for this day and lots of snacks as they are going to be tired at the end.

Time: Leaving centre at 10:30, Arrive to centre at 10:00am Fee: \$35PP

This program is subject to change depending on the following circumstances - Covid-19 restrictions, severe/code red weather, numbers of children and availability of extra curricular activities. Prices for excursions may also change. Staff will notify of any changes.



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January 2025

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SURF LIFESAVING LAKES ENTRANCE PRESENTS:

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SPECIAL NEEDS AQUATIC AWARENESS PROGRAM

WHAT?!

A free beach awareness program aimed to provide opportunities for people who have additional needs to engage in activities around the water, providing education of water/beach safety and awareness.

WHO?!

Everyone is welcome no matter ability or experience. Our program will be tailored to individual needs and requirements, with a variety of activities dependent on confidence and ability. People of all ages welcome.

Sign upENQUIRIES: club.captain@lakesentrancesurflifesaving.org.au

WE WILL BE IN TOUCH IN THE COMING MONTHS AFTER SIGN UP WITH MORE INFORMATION

**SATURDAY JAN 11TH 2025
10AM-12PM***Main Beach Walk, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909*

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COMMUNITY BEACH AWARENESS DAY

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A free beach awareness program for families to gain knowledge on beach safety, how to spot dangers and help selves and others out of dangerous situations.

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Bring your family down, no matter ages! Activities will be catered towards working in your families to expand on your skills and awareness!

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