



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 (subject to change)

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

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Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School

Dear Families and Carers,

As this is my last newsletter, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone for their well wishes and kind words on my retirement. I have had a wonderful 39 years in teaching, starting in 1986. There have been many changes in education over that time but to me the most important thing that hasn't changed and that is the relationships you build with people. To the staff thanks for being so great to work with, this school is a special place because of the people who work here. To the students, thanks being you every day and making me smile. I will miss the laughter and joy that you bring to my day. To the parents thank-you for trusting me every day with your most treasured belonging, your children. Every day I think how lucky I am to be a part of shaping peoples thinking and actions, to create a community that is socially cohesive, accepting of diversity and cares for everyone. This is my legacy to education and my hope is that this school continues to build on that foundation and gets stronger in its commitment to those values.

This week we also farewell 2 long standing staff members in **Brenda Power and Julie Cameron.**

Brenda has had 36 years in education, 24 of them at Toorloo Arm Primary School both as a classroom teacher and a literacy specialist. Many children have been lucky enough to spend time with Brenda honing their reading skills and strategies. Brenda has also been a wonderful mentor to young teachers, always willing to share her knowledge and support them to become competent in the craft of teaching. Congratulations Brenda on a wonderful career in education.

Julie has been the business manager at Toorloo for 24 years and has had a career in schools that spans 31 years. Julie is amazing at her job and keeps the management of the school ticking over like clockwork. She has always gone above and beyond what is expected of her and we will miss her dry sense of humour and hearing about the antics of her grandkids in the staffroom. Thank-you you Julie for your years of service and best of luck from everyone at TAPS.

We will also farewell Hanah, Harry and Janet at tomorrow's assembly and thank them for their contribution to our school. Our Xmas choir will also perform so if you are able to come along it would be nice to give those staff members a nice send off.

Thanks to all school council members, parents and friends volunteers for another great year and thanks to all families for their support of all the planned activities that happened throughout the year.

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Tonight, we will farewell our grade 6 graduates with students and staff sharing a meal and then a family gathering to mark the end of these students primary schooling. Congratulations and best wishes for your continued educational journey and may you always have fond memories of your time at Toorloo. 😊

Ollie Anderson
Haylee Law
Arlia Beveridge
Ruby Johnston
Kayden Smith

Charlotte Angel
Sibella Mobourne
Dora Zhang
Mason Kellalea
Storm Stoddart

Emily Jackson
Siennarose Rossignoli
Terry Baxter
Kannon McNamara
Lukah Beveridge

Marshal Jessep Alex Jones
Reef Stoddart
Kobi Caldwell
Ruby Pool
Fay-Maree Whitford
Summer Harrison
Gabriella Reggardo



Mrs Hughes last hurrah – tomorrow 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 goggles if they want to protect their eyes.

Friday 20th of December

A medical form for the pool day was sent home last week. A medical form is required to be returned to school for participation in this event. 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.

May I wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday and who knows I might pop up as a CRT sometime in the future. Kindest regards always,

Kerry Hughes



Gippsland Lakes Lodge representatives Ollie and Peter attended assembly on Monday and presented certificates to three students who were recognised for their outstanding improvement in all areas schooling over the past 2 years. A special thanks to the Freemasons for their continued support of children in our area.

These students receive a substantial bursary for their efforts and their families should be extremely proud of their dedication to their schooling.

Congratulations Flynn Whelan, Abby Jackson and Isabel Thomson. Keep up the great work.

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**Students Of the Week****Hello from the library,**

As we are now in our final week, 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, everyone and welcome to the last newsletter of the year! A huge congratulations to the all the Preps/1's for their hard work and determinations in 2024, you all did so well. Congratulations to **Evelyn Murdoch** for her bounce back and determination and **Tyler Gritt** for his great reading skills.

The last few days

- **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.

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- **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.

Wednesday's Last Assembly

This Wednesday is the last assembly, this is a chance to say goodbye to some of the staff and listen to song great carols performed by some of the students in our school.

Library Book

There are a few library books still to come back, if you have received a slip in your reader can you please hunt high and low and return them as soon as possible.

Have a great Christmas.

Miss Cock and Harry.

1/2A

Hello and welcome to Week 11 of Term 4! Wow, what a year! I just want to say thank you to all of the parents and families for your support this year. It has been a big one, but we appreciate the way you trust us with your kids every day. To the kids, thank you for bringing a smile and a positive attitude each day.

This week we are wrapping everything up for the year and soaking in our last few days as 1/2.

Finally, we have a few events coming up this week.

- Wednesday 18th December – Final Assembly, Rewards Day and Class Party
- Thursday 19th December – Clean-up Day
- Friday 20th December – Pool Day

Class party: On 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!

Tomorrow we will also be taking home our workbooks from the year. If students could please bring an extra bag to transport these books home that would be great.

Thanks and have a great week!

Eliza Cunningham, Brenda Power Hunee and Lisa

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Hi all 3/4 families,

This week we wanted to recognise the growth of all students in our student of the week awards. Consequently, we gave out class awards recognising that every student has shown growth but not all in the same ways. Some have shown greater growth in reading, others in maths; some in spelling and some in writing; some have shown amazing personal growth and best of all, ALL 3/4 students have shown growth in resilience. Well done to all 3/4 students.

Thank-you to all 3/4 families for your support throughout the year. This support at home and in coming to school is essential for growth in our students. We have had some amazing events this year and it has been lovely to see so many of our 3/4 students involved. Thank-you again.

This week we will all get to meet our new classmates during our transition activities today and celebrate with our old classmates tomorrow at our class party. Grades 3/4 will be combining for this. Students are asked to bring something to share – no more than they would for just their grade!

The Elf has continued to provide surprises each morning and this morning reminded Mrs Murray, and also Mrs Mackie (although her's isn't as bad) to tidy up. Children will start to clean out their tubs – can you please send in a bag for their goods tomorrow?



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We look forward to seeing everyone at Mrs Hughes' last assembly tomorrow and don't forget pool day Friday. Thanks for a great year.
Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray and Alyssa

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Hello 5/6 Families

Yesterday the Year 6 students had a fantastic Big Day Out. The effort and behaviour were amazing and we all survived the heat. The 6's challenged themselves on the mountain bike ride and cooled off with some fun with kayaking and paddle boarding.

There are a few events on this week.

Tuesday - Graduation is tonight – students are to be there at 6pm for dinner – ceremony begins at 7pm.

Wednesday – Rewards day activity is the afternoon. Class party is before lunch (bring a plate to share with each class)

Thursday – Pack up day, students can bring technology to school if they wish.

Friday – Pool Day

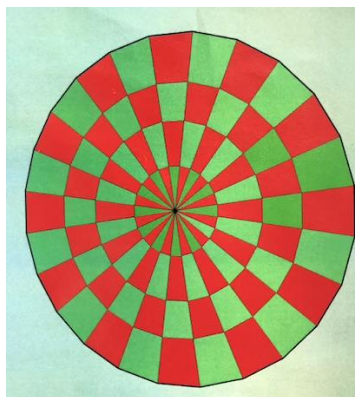
We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Xmas and holiday 😊

Thank you

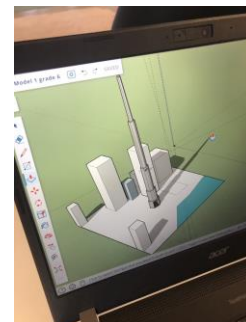
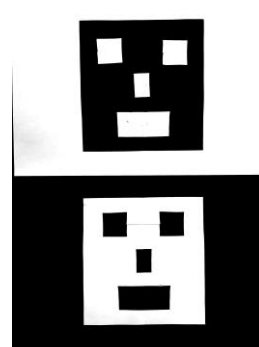
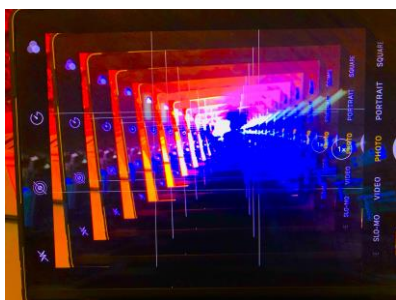
Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Bree, Janet and Hannah

ART

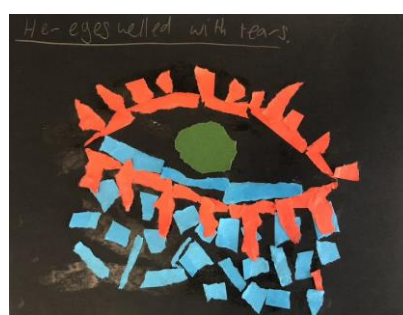
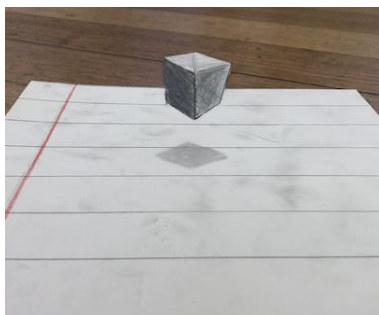
The very last week for 2024! They say they a picture tells a thousand words, so here are just a few!



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Have a safe holiday and see you in the new year!
Jobi Laybourne.

Term 4, week 11

Hello everyone,

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to thank the students for a wonderful year of performing arts. Together we explored drama, music, and movement, and had loads of fun doing it! I loved seeing everyone have a go, people getting outside of their comfort zone, and the creativity of those who love to perform!

The following is a little snapshot of some of the performing arts moments of 2024.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous summer, and I look forward to seeing you as I wear a different hat in the new year as the grade 1/2B teacher.

Caitlin Jackson



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**SPORT AND PE NEWS**

Well done to the following students who have participated in the Australian Tennis Foundation after school tennis program, who receive a certificate for their efforts:

Gabrielle Reggardo, Siennarose Rossignoli, Isabella Ramage, Sam Davies, Seth Geddes, Eli Spiker, Indy Geddes, Matilda Ryan and Archer Rushton.

We wrapped up PE for the year last week with some fun Christmas relays, a candy cane hunt and a carrot hunt (for the reindeers). A great time was had by all!



Just a reminder 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.

I wish everyone a safe and happy break over the holidays and look forward to another action-packed year in 2025.

Thanks

Barb (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)

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**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

**LAKES ENTRANCE
TENNIS CLUB**

– JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING CLINICS –

Join us these school holidays for **three fun days**
of tennis games and activities!

Develop skills • Improve fitness • Have loads of fun!

WEEK 1 - LAKES ENTRANCE TENNIS CLUB
MON 6TH, TUE 7TH & WED 8TH OF JANUARY

WEEK 2 - METUNG TENNIS CLUB
MON 13TH, TUE 14TH & WED 15TH OF JANUARY

4-7 YEAR OLDS
9AM - 10AM \$30 PER PLAYER

8 YEAR OLDS +
10AM - 12PM \$50 PER PLAYER

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
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Basketball Skills Clinic

The proposed basketball clinic will be hosted by LESC staff with students from the school assisting to run the program. The program aims to engage local primary school students in physical activity, promote teamwork and sportsmanship, and develop their fundamental basketball skills. This initiative seeks to foster community engagement, inspire interest in sports, and contribute to the students' overall well-being.

Cost for the year is only \$5 which is to cover the cost of insurance.

There will be 2-3 trial sessions over the course of term 1 for expressions of interest and registration, with the skills program beginning in term 2 (Thursday nights for 8 weeks).

For more information you can contact Adam Evans via email
adam.evans@education.vic.gov.au



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FREE CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

WHEN: 25TH DEC 12.30PM- 2.30PM
WHERE: APEX PARK LAKES ENTRANCE

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH,
EVERYONE WELCOME!
A VARIETY OF MOSTLY COLD DISHES- MEAT,
SALAD,
ROLLS, FRUIT AND SWEETS ECT

JOY US IN A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS DAY
CELEBRATION AS A COMMUNITY,
MEET NEW PEOPLE, GREET
OLD FRIENDS AND ENJOY A GOOD MEAL
WITH COMPANY!

WHAT TO BRING: YOURSELF OF COURSE HEHE
ALSO A PLATE, CUTLERY AND CUP
BUT ONLY IF YOU CAN, WE WILL HAVE PLENTY
OF SPARES AVAILABLE

TEXT CLARA:
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WITH ANY QUESTIONS



January 2025



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January Holidays



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www.gumnuts.com.au
8:00am - 6:00pm

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 gumnutsshccoord@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 a 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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HOLIDAY *intensive* SWIM PROGRAM

**FAST TRACK
YOUR CHILDS
SWIMMING
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Monday 20 - Friday 24

January 2025

For ages 3 and up

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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 up



ENQUIRIES: 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



SURF LIFESAVING LAKES ENTRANCE PRESENTS:

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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SATURDAY JAN 11TH 2025
2PM-4PM

Main Beach Walk, Lakes Entrance VIC 3909



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Sign up



Tickets available from:
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The Wizard of Oz

January 2025

Fri 10th, Sat 11th, Sun 12th,
Fri 17th, Sat 18th, Sun 19th,

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For your little tribe, we have tailored a range of our best Saltwater Workshops to young requirements to keep them busy over the holiday break.

**Ages 5-15. 1.5 & 1 hour art classes with skilled tutors. All art supplies included
To book head to www.thesaltwatercreativeco.com**

Pottery Glazing Workshop - Kids & Adults Alike

Saturday 7th of December 1pm - 2.30pm

Hand paint your own gift this Christmas. Hand made in our studio choose from a range of cups, plates bowls and vases.
\$65.00pp

Christmas Ornaments & Gift Making

Saturday 14th of December 10.00am - 11.30am

Create and paint your own Christmas tree ornaments using Air Dry Clay - no firing and wait time required!
\$45.00pp

Kids Pottery Wheel Throwing - Introduction to the basics

Monday 23rd of December 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Kids get to step up to the potters wheel and learn all the basics!
\$65.00pp

Kids Klay - Personalised Pet Bowls

Thursday 26th of December 11am - 12.30pm

Come create something super special for your pet this summer. Were going to hand build our very own pet bowl and personalise them using underglaze and stamps
\$50.00pp

Kids Klay - Mum's & Bubs (0 - 4 years)

Tuesday 31st of December 11am - 12.30pm

Create a personalised wall hanging you and your babe can keep forever.
\$40.00pp

Kids Textured Art Workshop

Wednesday 1st of January 10am - 11.30am

Expect to get a bit messy in this stunning workshop. Create three beautiful artworks using plaster medium and paint.
\$60.00pp

Kids Skateboard Painting Session

Thursday 2nd of January 12.30pm - 2pm

Using fluid pouring techniques were going to create three beautiful & bright artworks before we design and paint our very own skate board decks.
\$80.00pp

Kids Klay - Make a Monster Mug

Tuesday 7th of January 11am - 12.30pm

Make your very own monster mugs this summer holidays! Were going to learn simple hand building clay techniques to create something totally out of the ordinary!
\$60.00pp

Kids Pottery Wheel Throwing - Introduction to the basics

Thursday 9th of January 10.00am - 11.30am

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\$65.00pp

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Saturday 25th of January 1pm - 2.30pm

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head to our website to book tickets or visit us at the studio

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