

Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

November 19th, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 (subject to change)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7 Nov	18	19 SOMERS CAMP begins	20 School Council	21	Prep Transition 9.00-3.00
Week 8 Nov	25	26 NAGLE College Transition	27 SOMERS CAMP finishes	28 Grade1 Sleepover	29
Week 9 Dec	2	3	4	5	6
Week	9 PUPIL FREE DAY LESC	10 BSC Transition LESC	11	12	13
Dec	TRANSITION OSC Transition	TRANSITION OSC Transition	OSC Transition		
Week11 Dec	16 Grade 6 Big Day Out	17 Grade 6 Graduation In school transition Reports given out	18 Last Assembly Rewards Day	19 CLEAN UP DAY	20 POOL DAY 10.00-1.00

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was my pleasure to introduce Miss Hopkins to the school community at last Friday's assembly. Alli visited all the classrooms and chatted with the students. Alli is really looking forward to her Principalship at Toorloo Arm Primary School and can't wait to get started.

Student Support Group meetings for students with additional needs and students in out of home care have been scheduled in over the coming weeks. You should have received your appointment time from Jenny Vine our Disability Inclusion teacher. These meetings are really important as we value parental input into the students individual learning plans and your thoughts for 2025. If you are unable to make your appointment, can you please give the office a call.

Student Assessment and Report Writing

Teachers are in the process of completing students end of year assessments that help to inform the writing of reports. It is very important that students are at school each day to that teachers can complete these assessments. Reports will go out to families on the last Tuesday of term and they are a great way for parents to understand your child's growth and successes.

Class Placement Preferences for 2025

If you have information to share regarding your child's class placement for 2025, please let me know in writing as soon as possible as we're in the process of planning for the upcoming school year.

Have a great week, Kerry Hughes



Students of the Week



Prep/1

Good Morning, welcome to week 7! Congratulations to our award winners this week, **Archer Rushton** for focusing on his literacy skills, particularly in writing. **Hannah Wickham** for her respectful choices towards everyone.

Grade One Sleepover

The grade ones received their note about the sleepover, this has a permission, medical and menu form that needs to be returned by Friday the 22nd of November.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- Letter sounds Segmenting and Blending. They are listening to a word and pulling out the sounds they
 hear.
- **Inferring** while reading students think about what they know about the story, use their own connections and the things they know to answer questions.

Writing: Students will be demonstrating their independence this week, trying to use all the strategies we have worked on this term through free writing.

Maths: We are exploring time using a clock and how it works. Students will look at how a clock is arranged, o'clock and half an hour time.

Integrated Studies:

For the next few weeks we will be experimenting with light, we will be looking at how it is produced and some of the science behind it.

Have a great week,

Miss Cock and Harry.



1/2A

Hello and welcome to Week 7 of Term 4!

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My awards this week went to **Eli Spiker** (from last week), **Seth Geddes** and **Casey Bills**. Eli's was for his helpfulness and collaboration when cleaning up at camp on the final day. Seth's award was for his awesome ability to take in what he has learnt about persuasive writing and implement it in his own piece. Casey's award was for his collaboration skills when working on different ways that his team could move a toy car. Well done to all students.

This week in reading we are looking at common and proper nouns, before moving into looking at conjunctions and how they are used to join sentences together to make a compound sentence.

In Writing we are working on writing our own narrative as an assessment piece.

In Handwriting we will focus on the letter Zz, before beginning to write an explanation of how something works. In Maths we are continuing to work on fractions, this includes understanding that a whole is made up of a number of parts. Students will use the words 'out of' to describe the fraction.

Finally, next week is Grade 1 sleepover, if students could return their forms for this ASAP that would be awesome! Thanks and have a great week!

Eliza Cunningham, Brenda Power, Hunee and Lisa

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Hi all 3/4 families.

What a fantastic few days we had in Healesville with the 3/4 students, exploring Healesville Sanctuary, travelling/playing/working/playing/sleeping with our school friends and enjoying Puffing Billy. We even managed three emergency drills effortlessly! Consequently, Mrs Mackie and Mrs Murray have given out class awards this week to recognise the great behaviour and performance of all of the children on camp. Special awards have also been given to:

3/4A **Edward Vincent** for an awesome first camp experience with Toorloo Arm Primary School; and 3/4B **Griffin Reggardo** for being an outstanding, resilient, helpful, cooperative and considerate participant on the 3/4 camp.



All students have been provided with a personalised collection of photos to keep. If you would like copies of the photos from camp, please provide a memory stick to Mrs Murray and we will copy all photos.

This week students will be engaged in a range of activities including some testing in preparation for the end of year reports. Students will complete a writing piece for assessment as well as working on their information report on a native Australian animal. This report relates to our science unit on food chains and the children are researching a chosen animal to find out what it eats and what eats it!

In maths, students will be playing a number of games that support maths concepts we have covered this year. Students also being playing games that investigate probability and recording their results as part of the data and statistics unit.

On Friday, all 3-6 students will be involved in science activities run by *Engineers Without Borders* investigating ways to distribute water in areas where water resources are depleted. This will be a fun and engaging activity for all students.

Have a great week and remember to support your children in their reading. Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray and Alyssa



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Hello 5/6 Families

Students of the week are:

Fay Whitford for really trying hard in maths and improving her understanding of fractions.

Marshal Jessep for trying hard to be more focused and for great contributions to class discussions.

Sam McDonnell for showing greater independence when working on classroom activities. Well done on giving things a go Sam!

Gabby Reggardo for the excellent information reports writing she completed last week. Fantastic work Gabby!

In reading this week we are continuing to summarise and take notes in order to write a report about an animal and its adaptations. Students have been amazed at some of the adaptations developed by animals to help them survive.

In writing most students have chosen to present their research in a slide show, practicing their IT skills as well as their ability to turn their notes into informative sentences and paragraphs.

In maths we have been comparing and ordering fractions as well as writing fractions as mixed numbers. Next, we will focus on representing fractions as decimals and percentages.

In Health and Respectful Relationships, we have discussed gender equality in Australia looking at data to facilitate our discussions and we have also looked at the changes that happen in puberty and ways we can manage these changes.

Good luck to all the students who are attending Somers Camp. Have fun! Thank you.

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Bree, Janet and Hannah

FRENCH

Bonjour,

This week, **Edison Stapleton** received his award at assembly for his hard work and great understanding of two of our grammatical concepts two weeks ago. His progress this year has been astonishing.

Addie Magee also received an award for consistently showing our school values in French class. She has made good progress too because of her beautiful listening and weekly efforts.

Ethan Reinke in Prep received an award for his great thinking during a number activity. He took the time to work out by counting what the given number was, and then used his skills in addition to make the number.

This week, students in grades Prep to 2 will listen to a French story and practise their understanding of fruits and expressing some emotions like hunger and thirst. They will practise their understanding on how to order a fruit juice or say that they would like something.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will play a game to practise building up full sentences with -ER verbs. They requested to have another go at the Kahoot quiz we played a few weeks ago too.

The following students tried particularly hard last week:

P-1: Ethan, Oliver, Evelyn, Indy and Hannah

1-2: Amaya, Addie, Eli C, Milly, Ruby, Sienna & William

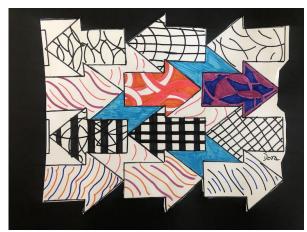
Bonne semaine à tous!

Madame Samson



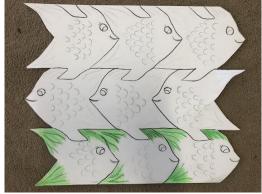
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This week students have focussed on their skills in making tessellated patterns using traditional template techniques in preparation to use digital software.



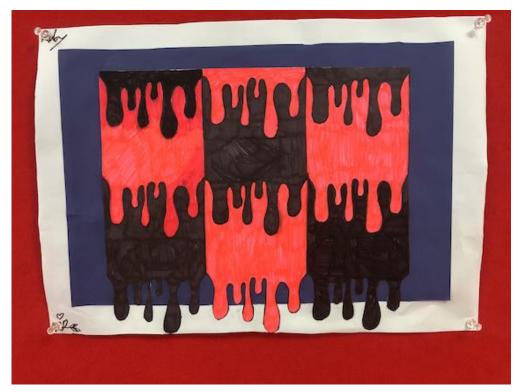


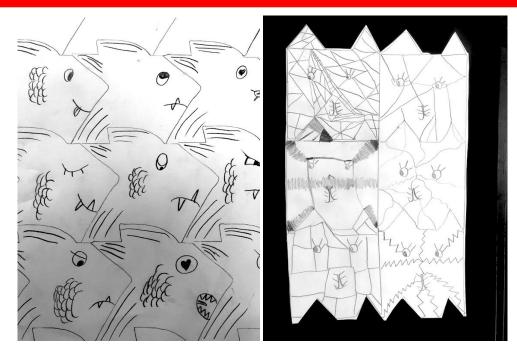














Artist of the Week, **Evelyn Murdoch**, with her 'tessellated cat' artwork.

Jobi Laybourne.

PERFORMING ARTS

Term 4, week 7

Hello everyone,

Here we are at week 7 and our performers of the week are **Evelyn Murdoch** (P/1) for getting into character and following instructions, and **Casey Bills** (1/2) for his enthusiasm with sharing his 'worm' moves. Well done to these students' efforts in performing arts.

This week, P-2 students will learn the moves to the Ocean Song Warm-Up dance and why warming up our bodies is important before we dance.

Students from Grade 3/4 will collaborate as a class and in small groups to create moves for each letter of the alphabet. These moves will be used to spell out words and create unique dance sequences simultaneously. The Grade 5/6 students are continuing to work in small groups to refine and sequence their Fizzie Dance moves based on a variety of sports. The aim is to perform these within 16 counts of music and to incorporate the elements of dance including body, energy, space and time.

Have a great week everyone!

Caitlin Jackson



SPORT AND PE NEWS

Students of the Week:

Savannah Blank: Well done on achieving 60 hits in a row in the air in bat tennis, great persistence!

Archer Rushton: For his enthusiasm and persistence with the bat tennis challenges.

Mannix Blank: This award is for the class voting that Mannix was the Fairest and Best player in the netball practice

match in PE. Well done, that's a nice acknowledgement by your peers.

Ruby Pool: Ruby was voted the Fairest and Best player in the class netball game by encouraging others, being well positioned for her classmates to pass the ball and persisting with her goal shooting. Great job!

Grade 5/6s are continuing Lawn Bowls, we are improving and getting ready for a team of 3 competition next week. Seniors will be launching a Sport Ed Volleyball unit with a focus on the roles and responsibilities of playing and officiating the game, whilst the Grade 3/4s will be introduced to Newcombe, a fun modified volleyball style game.



The junior school has moved into tennis as part of the hitting and striking unit. The focus is on control and challenge, practice and persistence. Don't forget the FREE tennis lessons our school has offered by the Australian Tennis Foundation, if your child is enjoying this unit see below.

I'm on leave this week, so some classes will be held on a different day.

Thanks Barb (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

Thursday after school tennis session THIS WEEK Nov 21st from 4.15pm to 5.15pm at the courts at Lakes Entrance behind the Aquadome, weather permitting, next week. Come along and try tennis and receive your FREE tennis racquet! The final session for the year is Dec 5th.





583 Esplanade Lakes Entrance. Phone: 5155 3839

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 Bolognaise \$7.00

NEW for Winter 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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Empower Students to Manage Bullying

Thursday 14 November 2024 at 7.30pm

Dear School Community, Educators and Administrators,

We are excited to invite you to an important and insightful webinar titled "Empowering Students to Manage Bullying" on Thursday, 14 November 2024, at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

You may have already received this from the VPC's E-News; however, we're just making sure you have seen the information on this very important event about Managing Bullying.

This engaging session will be led by Evelyn M Field OAM, FAPS, a practising psychologist, Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society, best-selling author, and media spokesperson. With her extensive experience as an international expert in addressing school and workplace bullying, Evelyn will share valuable strategies to enhance social survival skills among students.

Evelyn's dedication to combating bullying was recognised in 2014, when she was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

Her approach combines factual insights with practical strategies, ensuring that participants leave with actionable ideas to implement immediately.

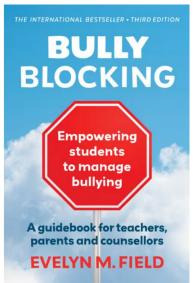
We encourage you to share this invitation with educators and families in your community. Together, we can empower our students to build resilience and effectively manage bullying, creating a safer and more supportive environment for everyone.

Please <u>register</u> for the webinar using the link below:

Thank you for your support in spreading the word about this vital initiative. We look forward to seeing you and your community members at the webinar!

Please register at: vicparentscouncil.vic.edu.au/events/





World-renowned bullying expert, Evelyn M. Field OAM, provides a detailed understanding of bullying in schools and provides tips, strategies and exercises that teachers, parents and counsellors can practice to really understand the concept of bullying and help provide practical and accessible support.



Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890 (9am to 1am daily)

headspace.org.au

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14 lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice. org.au

13YARN

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

13 92 76

13yarn.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au

1800 RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au

QLife

LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral

1800 184 527 qlife.org.au

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.





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The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

Get in quick as applications only remain open until the allocation is exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

Important Dates:

- Applications open from 9 October 2024 until the allocation is exhausted.
- Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 1 July 2024 until submission of application
- Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



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matches on Friday nights
Two teams!









Uniting Become a Family Day Care Educator

Uniting Family Day Care – Gippsland are currently recruiting Educators in your area!

Benefits of being a Family Day Care Educator

- Choosing the hours and days you work
- Building relationships with families in your community
- Caring for your own children at home, while earning ar income

Family Day Care Educators

- Are passionate about working with children
- Have an early childhood qualification
- Are interested in running a business and want the flexibility to work from home.
- Enjoy planning fun activities that support children's development
- Love working with families

Come along to an information night and learn more about the benefits of Family Day Care



Bairnsdale
Tuesday 19th
November
Uniting Office
49 McCulloch St,
Bairnsdale
6.30pm

Orbost

Monday 25th
November
Uniting Early Learning
Centre, 101 Forest Rd,
Orbost
6.00pm

Family DAYCARE

Traralgon

Wednesday 27th
November

MacFarlane Burnet Room
34-38 Kay Street,
Traralgon
6.30pm

Please RSVP by the day before the session by calling 1800 183 103 option 2, emailing uniting familydaycare@vt.uniting.org or by scanning the QR code



Uniting Family Day Care Educator. Visit our website to learn more.

