Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

February 20th, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 (subject to change)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 4 Feb	19 Swimming 3-6 School Council nominations commence	20 Swimming 3-6	21 Swimming 3-6 No Preps at school School Council	22 District Swim Carnival	23 Swimming 3-6
Week 5 Feb	26 School Council nominations close	27	28 No Preps at school	29 Divisional Swim Bdale	1
Week 6 Mar	4 Preps start fulltime this week	5 Parent/Teacher	6 Conversations	7 Book a timeslot	8 on the Audiri app
Week 7 Mar	11 Labour Day	12	13 NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5	14 NAPLAN Regional Swim Carnival	15 NAPLAN
Week 8 Mar	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN School Council	21 NAPLAN	22 NAPLAN
Week 9 Mar	25 Anit Bullying Incursion	26	27	28 EARLY FINISH 2:15pm	29 GOOD FRIDAY

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Dear Families and Carers,

We hope all families are back on track after the events of last week. So many people popped in to see if we were all okay, which really speaks volumes for the type of school community we have.

Special thanks to Sam Anderson and Grant Warfe for pitching in and removing the fallen tree from the school fence and school grounds in that storm. Luckily, that was the only damage we had and I was particularly grateful that the storm hit out of school hours.

Questacon Science Circus

We had a great incursion last Tuesday, when Len and Adam from Questacon presented their show on the science of fluids and sound. Students thoroughly enjoyed the show and were engaged in the three steps to doing science of ask questions, make predictions and conduct experiments.









Condolence

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Lukah and Arlia Beveridge after the passing of their father last week. We hope you can draw on some happy memories and the strength of your family to get you through this very sad time.

Grade 3-6 Swimming

Our grade 3-6 swimming lessons continue this week with all children showing confidence in their swimming and water safety techniques. We are very grateful that the Aquadome is able to reschedule two lessons from last week into this week. Therefore, students have swimming lessons on Wednesday and Friday this week. Thanks to the swim instructors and staff at the Aquadome for the program and to Barb for her coordination of this very important part of our school program.

Parent/Teacher Conversations

Don't forget to book a time to catch up with your child's teacher via the Audiri App. Teachers are looking forward to chatting up with you on how your child has transitioned into their new class and clarify any of your questions.

Lastly, I will be taking long service leave at the end of this week for the remainder of this term. Barb Plant will be the Acting Principal during my absence. I am very confident in the Toorloo Team that things will continue to run smoothly whilst I take the opportunity to recharge.

Kindest regards Kerry Hughes



Students of the Week

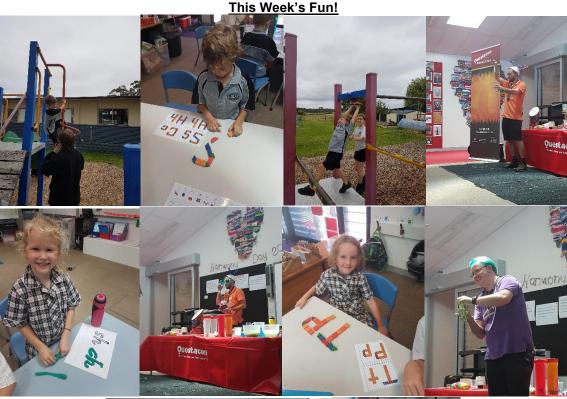


Orbost Agricultural Show 2024 Colouring Competition

Colouring pages with instructions on what to do can be collected from the office and completed at home or during lunch time in the Quiet Room. All entries <u>must</u> be given completed to Mrs Murray before Tuesday 5th March. You can win up to \$10!

PREP/1

Well done everyone for surviving the heat! Congratulations to our award winners, **Indy Geddes** for using her time well to find multiple ways to make 9 and **Liam Parkhill** for saying individual sounds of a word and blending them together to help him read the word.





Take home Readers

We are starting our super reader challenge, so students will need to remember to bring their readers to school every day. Then they can swap over their books and get a reading star.

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 Maths online interview.

Library

We go to the library on Friday's, so on these days students can choose a new library book, if they have returned their previous one. Library books get returned every Friday, please remember to bring them.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- This week in our Readers Workshop we are looking at G.K.R (Getting Knowledge Ready)
- We are building a range of reading strategies, such as using the picture, getting our mouth ready and pointing to the pictures.
- We are focusing on the letters t & p looking at the name, sound, and visual cues.

Writing:

- Looking at who and what doing, to form a sentence.
- Learning correct letter formation for t & p
- Putting pen to paper and building our confidence to have a go.



Maths: Number knowledge: Recognising how different numbers can be made such as 5+1, 4+2, 3+3 all equal 6 and learning our friends of ten, 2 numbers that when added together make 10. Have a great week,

Miss Cock

1/2

Hello and welcome to week 4. This week my awards went to Savannah Blank and Travis Tregonning. Savannah for her motivation and readiness to learn by asking questions, being curious and always wanting to improve in all areas of her learning. Travis's award for his commitment and persistence towards our maths task 'Delicious Donuts'.

This week in reading we are learning to retell texts by thinking about what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the text. We will also be looking more closely into the background of 'Big Rain Coming' in order to better understand the text.

In Writing, we are continuing to learn how to write about our weekends in detail. Later in the week we will be focusing on our handwriting by accurately writing the letter D.

In Maths we are working on our counting and place value skills by exploring how to count large collections of objects efficiently and effectively.

Thanks and have a great week! Eliza Cunningham, Brenda Power, Tasha and Lisa

3/4

It is always great when teachers find it difficult to choose a couple of children for Student of the Week awards because of the enthusiasm for learning shown by all students, and that is exactly what the 3/4 teachers are finding. This week our SOTW awards went to:

3/4A: Chloe Jackson for giving 100% during our swimming carnival. She participated in all the events she could and had a fantastic positive attitude, always trying her best. Well done, Chloe.

Owen Reinke for being a help seeker and asking for support when he wanted to use talking marks in his story. He realized he needed to use them, and sort help to use them correctly. Well done.

Harry Friend for enthusiastically completing his writing task about the recent storm event AND for using great vocab to enhance his writing. Great work Harry, we all loved your story.

3/4B: Laila Gritt for her fabulous reading response about 'The Pigeon Finds A Hotdog' where she gave an overview of the story, explained why characters were reacting as they were and why she liked the story. Our first WAGOLL!

Rebecca Jones for her recount after the storm in which she provided many details about what she saw and heard, how she felt and how those around her reacted. Great effort Becky. This week:

Literacy - In reading we are exploring how readers record their thinking as they are reading. We will then look at how we can organise our notes in their Reader's Notebook and use them to talk or write about what we have read. In writing we are exploring the 'generating ideas' and 'drafting' steps of the writing process. We will be looking at sizzling starts and changing the starts of some existing writing, so that our pieces are interesting to read.

Maths - We are continuing to explore place value with a focus on rounding numbers to the nearest ten. Children are also working on their fluency in a chosen area of maths.

Don't forget, homework for grade 3/4s is reading a minimum of 3 nights a week. It is important that children are provided with as many opportunities as possible to read so that they can improve their accuracy, fluency and expression....and just enjoy reading!

Have a great week.

Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray and Alyssa 😊



5/6

Hello 5/6 families

Students of the week this week are:

Oceanna Greaves for showing great organisation, being committed to her learning and displaying positivity to all learning tasks. Super stuff Oce!



Mason Kellalea for showing persistence during literacy tasks. Well done on not giving up, you were so proud of vourself!

Gracie Lunny for an excellent effort with her reading group activities, thinking carefully about the book and producing her best at all times.

Alex Jones for a great start to grade 6 and being an active participant in our class.

This is our last week of swimming, there will be swimming on Wednesday, no swimming on Thursday as the swimming sports are on in Orbost on this day. Friday will be our last swimming day and all students will need to make sure they bring and extra t-shirt and pair of shorts for the survival component of the course. We wish all those competing in the Orbost swimming sports good luck. It should be a good day and the weather is going to be nice and warm.

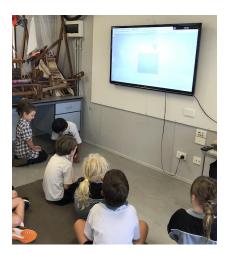
On Friday afternoon a representative from Rotary will be visiting to talk to the grade 6's about participating in the Rotary Awards Program this year. Students will have an opportunity to find out what the program entails before they make a decision about whether they would like to participate.

In writing students have been writing anecdotes about their first experiences. We have heard some interesting and entertaining stories about riding motor bikes, riding on a roller coaster and eating wasabi for the first time. In maths we are focussing on place value through writing, saying, and renaming larger numbers. We are also focussing on number fluency such as knowing times tables. Children are encouraged to practice and learn these at home, as this will assist them with their maths.

Ms Smith, Mr McPhee, Janet, Bree and Hannah

Art

This week has seen students develop their architectural skills and begin to extend both their understanding of space and surrounding, as well as exploring new skills. Junior Students have continued to look at colour shape and line, while Middle School Students have started converting their two-dimensional houses into threedimensional. Senior Students have transitioned from traditional drawing skills to digital ones using SketchUp.







"Learning Together, Succeeding Together"



Artist of the Week, Jayce Parsons.

Jobi Laybourne.

SPORT and PE NEWS

Students of the Week

Charlotte Angel, Talulah Comber, Luna Sutherland, Chloe Jackson and Isaac Whitford for their fantastic participation and determination in the Swimming Carnival last Monday. They went above and beyond expectations by challenging themselves, especially in the 50 m freestyle. Amazing!

During the very hot weather in the afternoons last week, PE classes have focussed on working together in PE. We co-created what it might take to work well together as a team, and it was great to see that listening, saying names, following rules, everyone joining in, sharing ideas and staying with the group came up as important. A team challenge was presented to the Grade 1/2s, and the Grade 3/4s with Grade 1/2 currently holding the school record of just over 12 seconds. Woohoo, what amazing focus and team work! Once the weather cooled down, we were able to continue practicing lining up carefully, playing games safely, taking turns and looking where you are going when running around and when keeping the hoops "busy"!

Prep/1s having fun in PE















The Grade 3-6 swimming program has been rescheduled this week due to last week's pool closures, with swimming lessons EVERY day this week, except for Thursday 22nd Feb, which is the District Swimming Carnival in Orbost. Please note below the change of Division Swimming Carnival due to pool closures in Bairnsdale to a week later, Wed 6th March.

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

District Swimming Carnival: ORBOST

Good luck to TEAM TAPS at the District swimming carnival in Orbost on Thursday February 22nd at the Orbost Outdoor Pool. The first event (12-year-old boys 50 m freestyle) starts at 11 am. It will be a hot one, so sun protection and water bottles are a must!

Notices have been sent home to those students that have qualified, they must be returned tomorrow. See me if you have any concerns or questions about the interschool swimming carnivals. We will be required to provide place judges at the finish line, so if you are going and don't mind helping out, please let me know. Transport arrangements are as follows:

Travelling with own families: Gracie Lunny, Jake Spiker, Coen Buck-Roberts, Lochlan Tunnage Students who are travelling with staff or another parent will need to complete the transport permission form sent home today.

Mrs Plant and/or Mrs Hughes: Kayden Smith, Harlan Smith, Ollie Anderson, Mannix Blank

Alyssa: Gabriella Reggardo, Isabel Thomson, Ruby Pool (TBC), Willow Douglas

Alicia Friend: Max Friend, Ray Wang, Sam McDonald, Declan Bills

To be confirmed: Ruby Pool

Thanks.

Barb (SPORT COORDINATOR)



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

Newcomers are welcome to join! 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. Final dates for the term are TBC as Nigel has school camp commitments, so please keep an eye on the Audiri app for the next session.

Netball in Lakes Entrance

Janet Parker is again running the FREE Netball clinics on Monday nights from 4-5 pm at the Lakes Entrance Netball Courts. Newcomers, most welcome! She will also run a competition after the skills sessions are finished. What a fantastic opportunity to play a community team sport and meet some new friends!

Important Sport dates for Term 1 2024

WEEK 4

Tues 20 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program Wednesday 21 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program



Thurs 22 Feb District Carnival Orbost Qualifying swimmers (back up Fri 23 Feb)

Friday 23 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program finishes

WEEK 5

Wed 6th March Division Carnival Bairnsdale (back up Thurs 7th Mar)

BREWBAR 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

Chicken Salad bowl \$8.00

lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, <u>cucumber</u> 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



Aged 11 to 15? Learn teamwork, leadership, emergency response skills, community service, and have fun



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