



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 (subject to change)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5 Feb	26	27	28 No Preps at school	29 Divisional Swim Bdale	1 School Council nominations close
Week 6 Mar	4 Preps start fulltime this week	5 Parent/Teacher	6 Conversations	7 Parent/Teacher	8 Conversations
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 Anti Bullying Incursion	26	27 REWARDS DAY	28 EARLY FINISH 2:15pm	29 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 1 Term 2	15 th April	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th

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Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School

Dear Families and Carers,

We wish Kerry a very restful break until the end of Term 1! I will be Acting Principal for this time, so please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place during weeks 7 & 8 for students in grade 3 and 5. If parents have any questions regarding this program, they can have a chat at next weeks Parent/Teacher Conversations or contact their child's teacher. Mrs Murray will be supporting our grade 3's and Mr McPhee will be supporting our grade 5's by doing some practise tests in the coming weeks. Parents can also sit with their child at home and complete the practise tests giving parents insights into the content and further supporting students to become familiar with the test content. If you would like to do this the website is <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site> or just google NAPLAN demonstration site.

Wellbeing Surveys

Following on from last year, students will again be taking part in the PIVOT Wellbeing and Student Survey on Teaching to give students a voice and have a say about their learning. Contact the school if you have any questions.

It is also the last chance to book in for parent/teacher conversations via the Audiri App this week.

Thanks Barb

School Council Nominations –

It is with pleasure that we can announce the return of Michelle Whelan, Meaghan Lunny, Taryn Humphries, Gail Penfold and Alec McPhee to school for the 2024-2026 School Council term. As there are still three parent vacancies, the nomination process for those 3 remaining parent vacancies will be extended until Friday 1st March at 4.00pm. Please consider self-nominating or nominating someone to join School Council. The greater diversity

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of members the more ideas we have to consider and we can represent our whole school community. It's also a great way to know what is going on in the school, get to know other parents and help guide the improvement agenda.

Students of the Week



Junior School Council Semester 1 2024



Absent: Kayden Smith

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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 must be given completed to Mrs Murray before Tuesday 5th March. You can win up to \$10!

Prep/1

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through this term. Everyone is doing an amazing job, keep it up. Congratulations to our award winner, **Zavier Austen** for his thinking, recognising 6 is 2 more than 4 and 5 is on less than 6, allowing him to count on and back instead of count all. **Archer Rushton** for a week of great effort, no matter what he did he gave it 110%.

This Week's Fun



Wednesdays

This is the last Wednesday the Preps have Wednesdays off. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at school next week.

Take home Readers

Please remember that take home readers need to come back to school every day, so students can swap over their books and get a reading star. If you have misplaced your reader folder, please let me know and I can get you another.

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**Library**

We go to the library every Friday, so on these days students can choose a new library book if they have returned their previous one. Make sure to bring back your library book every Friday.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- This week in our Readers Workshop we are looking at G.K.R (Getting Knowledge Ready) focusing on connections and predictions.
- We are building a range of reading strategies, such as doing a picture walk, getting our mouth ready and pointing to words.
- We are focusing on the letters a & i looking at name, sound, and visual cue.

Writing:

- Segmenting CVC words– this is when you break apart the sounds you hear, in short three sound words and write the sounds you hear.
- Learning correct letter formation for a & i
- Putting pen to paper and building our confidence to have a go.
- Building a sentence with correct structure, using the colourful semantics as support.

Maths: Number knowledge: Building our friends of ten knowledge, 2 numbers that when added together make 10, and finding strategies to help us quickly find all the pairs. Number representation: looking at how a number can be displayed and made by other smaller numbers.

Have a great week,
Miss Cock.

1/2

Hello and welcome to week 5. This week my awards went to **Seth Geddes** and **Eli Spiker**. For the knowledge and ideas that they bring to all of the books that they read, particularly in Guided Reading and whole class activities. Keep it up!

This week in reading we are learning to look closely at the vocabulary in texts using our mentor text *Big Rain Coming*. Students will be thinking about the meaning of different words and writing different vocabulary in new sentences.

In Writing, we are continuing to learn how to write about our weekends in detail and ensuring that we include who, what, what doing, where and when in our writing in order to give the reader as much information as possible. Later in the week, students will be learning how to appropriately write the letter 'Ee'.

In Maths we are working on our place value skills by playing a game called Race to 100. We will also be practising placing different collections of numbers in order.

Finally, Miss Cunningham is taking the rest of the week off. Replacing her will be Ebony Bills. We are sure that students will make Ebony feel welcome. Miss Cunningham will be returning to the classroom on Tuesday 5th March.

Thanks and have a great week!

Eliza Cunningham, Brenda Power, Ebony Bills, Tasha and Lisa

3/4

Students of the week.

Fletcher Hindle for his great attitude to school and learning and for always being willing to “have a go.” Keep up the great work Fletcher.

Talulah Comber for her great story writing. She has great ideas and thinks carefully about word choice to really engage her audience.

Logan Magee for pushing himself and overcoming challenges on swim survival day. He really went out of his comfort zone to complete the program. A terrific effort.

John Humphrey and Declan Bills: Awesome listening skills that allowed you to stay on task during maths and to support others in their maths tasks and learning.

Dartanyan Milner: Fabulous transition back into the classroom after a break, showing great enthusiasm for all learning tasks.

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This week.

Literacy – In reading we are launching our Mentor text, *The Bugalugs Bum Thief* by Tim Winton. We will start by “Getting Our Knowledge Ready” and look at some key vocab from the text prior to reading. It’s a great book, very funny and we are sure the children will enjoy it. In writing we are exploring persuasive writing. We will be focused on the first step of the writing process- “generating ideas” before we put pen to paper. We will continue to practice our sizzling starts and ways we can hook our audience through engaging sentences.

Maths - We are continuing to explore place value and the students will play a range of games that develop an understanding of trading. Children are participating in a range of games and activities to practice their number fluency.

It’s back to a more ‘normal’ week this week now that swimming is finished. We will be starting our Respectful Relationships program with a unit on Emotions – identifying emotions and recognizing the body language that indicates how people are feeling.

Have a great week.

Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray and Alyssa

5/6

Hi Year 5/6 families

The award winners this week are:

TJ Baxter for getting involved in all classroom activities in a positive manner. Fantastic TJ!

Abby Jackson for stepping outside her comfort zone when presenting the weekly assembly. Well done on your beginning to Year 5 Abby!

Isabel Thomson for having an amazing “Ready to Learn” attitude. Isabel always puts her best effort into everything she does.

Charlotte Angel for showing a growth mindset during writing. Charlotte was willing to ask for help to improve her writing.

Last week the swimming lessons at the Aquadome were completed. The Year 5/6 students were outstanding in their efforts. Well done to all the students who attended the district swimming at Orbest. Good luck to those that qualified for the regional swimming carnival. Next week we have parent teacher interviews, we look forward to seeing everyone.

In reading this week we are focusing on summarising and vocabulary. Students have identified reading goals that will help them improve their understanding of a text or reading speed. Literature circles have begun in both 5/6 classes, with students having roles for each discussion. We are encouraging students to read at home each night, it would be great to have support with this. In writing, students are working on personal memoirs, identifying key memories they have had and writing about them in a narrative style. In mathematics we are continuing to work on place value knowledge and building number fluency for a range of operations and skills. Students are enjoying our Paul mentor text, listening to and responding to his short stories.

Thanks, Alec McPhee and Carolyn Smith

Art

Junior Students have begun their investigation into different types of structures and buildings, particularly ones that have ‘special meaning’, such as landmarks. Middle School and Senior Students are continuing to develop their digital technology skills using Computer Aided Design software (CAD).



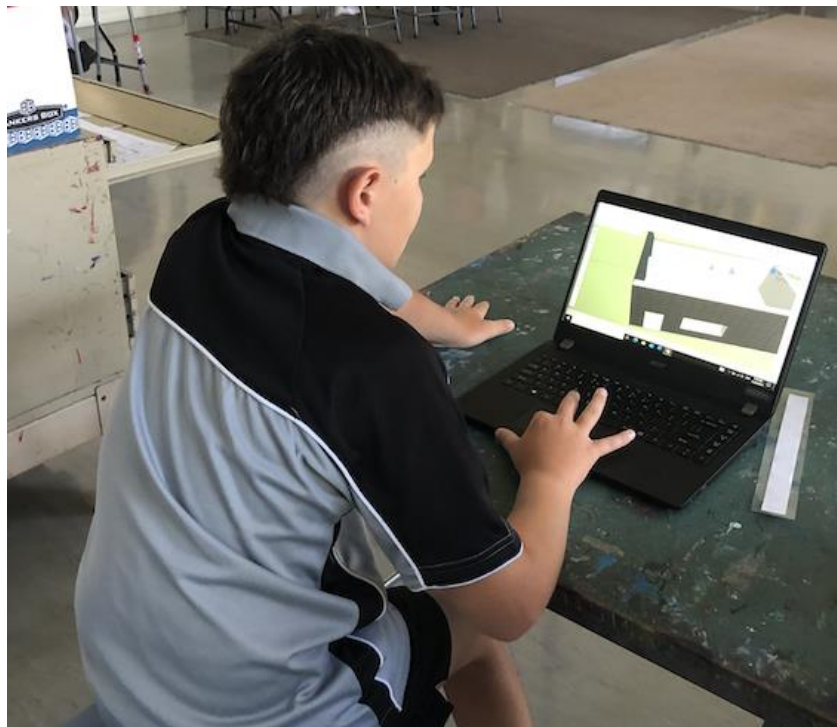
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Miss Cock's class exploring the idea of 'landmarks at night'.



Senior Students working on their 'virtual buildings'.



Artist of the Week is awarded to **Kobi Caldwell** for his persistence when using new and unfamiliar creative skills in SketchUp design software.

Jobi Laybourne.

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**SPORT AND PE NEWS****Students of the Week**

Alex Jones-for fantastic swimming during the entire program at the Aquadome, great persistence and focus!



The 2024 winners for our 2024 TAPS Swimming Carnival with 264 points was the Green Sea Snakes, followed by the Red Seals with 250 points and in 3rd this year was the Blue Dolphins with 233 points. A close one, congratulations to all the competitors for their contribution to their team, well done **Ollie and Arlia**, the top point scorers for the Green Sea Snakes who accepted the award on behalf of their house.

Junior classes have been really collaborating nicely in their games and movement challenges.



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

Well done to the swimmers that represented TEAM TAPS at the Orbost Swimming Carnival. It was a pleasure taking them to this event and seeing everyone support each other on such a hot day! Thanks to all the parents and families for their help on the day, especially **Alyssa, Meagan and Alicia** who were place judges on the hot concrete and drove students to the venue. TEAM TAPS were 100% all in for their races and should all be proud of themselves. Well done to the relay teams for coming 3rd in their races:

11 year old boys-**Ray Wang, Sam McDonald, Jake Spiker and Max Friend**

10 year old boys-**Mannix Blank, Lochlan Tunnage, Harlan Smith and Coen Buck-Robert**

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Individual highlights were **Gabriella Reggardo** 3rd backstroke and **Gracie Lunny** 3rd breaststroke.

Congratulations also to the following students who will be representing the school at the Division Swimming Carnival on Wed 6th March:

Declan Bills 1st 10 year old boys backstroke

Lochlan Tunnage 2nd 10 year old boys backstroke

Jake Spiker 2nd 11 year old backstroke

Ray Wang 1st 11 year old breaststroke, 1st 11 year old freestyle Multiclass, 1st 11 year old backstroke Multiclass and 1st 11 year old breaststroke Multiclass.

A fantastic effort from everyone!



Thanks,
Barb (SPORT PE 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. The next sessions for the term will be 14th March, then 21st March as Nigel has school camp commitments.

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**Important Sport dates for Term 1 2024**

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

Thurs 14th March Regional Swimming Carnival Sale

Thurs 14th March ATF Tennis Coaching

Thurs 21st March ATF Tennis Coaching

FRENCH

Bonjour,

This week, we'll keep on working on some common phrases, especially for manners, to use in and out of the classroom. We are also going to set learning goals for ourselves on French numbers for the term.

I will also present students in grades 3 to 6 with a possible challenge. The Alliance Française in Melbourne is running a poetry competition. It is the 130th anniversary of this competition and new schools can enter for free. Students who are willing to participate must learn by heart a short poem and present it to a jury on a zoom meeting in May. Poems are different for each year level and students can choose one from a selection of 2 per year level. There is the possibility to listen to audio recordings of the poems on the Alliance Française website: <https://www.afmelbourne.com.au/schools-and-teachers/bmc/info/poems/>

Students interested in competing will be taking home a permission slip, to be handed back as soon as possible, and at the latest on the 14th of March.

Our student of the week in French is Maddy, in grade 4. Maddy showed great listening and a positive attitude towards learning during our last French lesson.

Here are the other students who performed particularly well last week:

Gr.1: Mave, Oliver & Lutarnna

3/4A: Charlotte, Emily, Edison and Luna

3/4B: Bella, Lochlan, Griffin and John H

5/6A: Jake, Kayden, Max and TJ

5/6B: Gracie and Alex

Bonne semaine à tous!

Madame Samson



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