



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 (subject to change)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 Jan	29 Staff resume	30 Students resume	31 No Preps at school	1	2 First Assembly
Week 2 Feb	5 Swimming 3-6	6 Swimming 3-6	7 Swimming 3-6 No Preps at school	8 Swimming 3-6	9 Swimming 3-6
Week 3 Feb	12 TAPS Swim Carnival	13 Questacon Circus Inc	14 Swimming No Preps at school	15 Swimming 3-6	16 Swimming 3-6
Week 4 Feb	19 Swimming 3-6	20 Swimming 3-6	21 No Preps at school School Council	22 District Swim Carnival	23
Week 5 Feb	26	27	28	29 Divisional Swim Bdale	1
Week 6 Mar	4	5	6	7	8
Week 7 Mar	11 Labour Day	12	13 NAPLAN	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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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 Families and Carers,

Welcome to the 2024 school year. We hope everyone had an enjoyable break. We are looking forward to another year of *learning together and succeeding together*. Special welcome to our new families and our prep students who had their first official school day today.

Thanks to our staff who have prepared classrooms that are neat and orderly ready for the start of the school year. Thanks to Gary and Mick who have taken care of the yard. It was great to see the removal of the temporary fencing last week, so students once again have full access to all the play spaces available.

This week teachers will be working with students to establish their classroom culture, setting high expectations of behaviour, learning goals and work ethos. They will be seeking student voice about what students believe the behavioural expectations should be both in the classroom and in the yard and aligning those behaviours to our revised and condensed school values of:

RESPECT, READY TO LEARN, RESILIENCE and COLLABORATION

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Home School Communication

1. Newsletter

This newsletter is our major source of communication to families and is produced weekly. Our teachers detail the learning program, so that you are totally informed of what your child is learning at school. To stay abreast of all that is happening you can request a hard copy like this one and your child can bring it home on Tuesdays, or you can view the newsletter on our website www.taps.vic.edu.au or you can download it onto your devices via the Audiri App – see instructions later in this newsletter.

2. Parent/Carer Information

Another really important piece of information required for home/school communication is up to date parent/carers information. You will have received an email on the 15th of January requesting an update of enrolment information for you to check/update and return to school. If you require assistance in printing this document, please call the office and we will arrange a hard copy for you. If all details are correct, you can return the signed front page to the office.

3. Open Communication

Our staff love getting to know your children but we also want to get to know you. Please feel free to drop in and introduce yourself to your child's teacher and our specialist teachers. We encourage your feedback and questions, so please if you have anything you would like to chat about or clarify you are more than welcome before or after school. If you think it needs a longer conversation, please see the staff member concerned to negotiate a suitable time. Teachers are available most days after school for quick catch ups but do have meetings on Monday and Wednesday's, as well as after school duties such as side gate and bus duty. We will hold our first formal parent/teacher conversations the week starting March 4th.

4. Assembly

Our whole school assemblies are held on Monday and Friday mornings. On Monday's we talk to the children about our school values and celebrate student achievement by handing out our weekly awards. Friday's assembly is a little less formal with students giving community announcement and talking about what's coming up in the week following. All families are welcome to attend our assemblies as it is a great way to hear about what's happening at our school.

General Forms

Attached to this newsletter are forms for

- General Excursion Permission Form
- Publication of Students Photo and schoolwork – please indicate your request
- Permission to conduct Headlice Inspections – this helps keep the little critters get identified and treated promptly
- Stay Safe with ICT Agreement – parent and student agreement

Please complete these forms and return them to school as asap.

School Uniform - New School Shirts

To support families with the transition to our new uniform, school council is supportive of providing all students with their first shirt **FREE**, this will be given out to students this week, if they haven't already collected one. We ask that until we have completed this process families can purchase one other of the new shirts for the cost of \$26.00. After this week parents can purchase more if required. Our cotton shirts remain as school uniform and can also be purchased at a reduced cost of \$20.00 each and there is plenty of stock available. If you are experiencing hardship and need assistance with the purchase of uniform, please speak to Quita and she will be able to help you through support of State Schools Relief.

HATS, HATS, HATS are compulsory this term in line with our SunSmart Policy. Children must have a school hat, **black bucket or broadbrim** only, available at the office, to wear at recess, lunchtime, and any other outdoor activity during the school day. Students who do not have a school hat, are required to stay on the art room deck in the shade during recess and lunch and cannot fully participate in the school programs.

Leggins/pants/shorts must all be **plain black** and are available at the office for purchase.

Grade 6 shirts – we will be taking orders for our grade 6 shirts shortly, please keep an eye out for the order form.

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**Safe passage to school**

We are very fortunate to have Greg our crossing supervisor helping students cross Mill Point Road and access the path around the hall to the school gate. This is the safest passage for students to and from school. The front of the school is extremely busy particularly at the end of the day with three buses parking and exiting the service road access, this is why we encourage as many parents as possible to utilise the parking across the road at the reserve and use the crossing. Greg loves to see and get to know all the children.

Camps Sport Excursion Fund (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF for a primary school student is \$150.00.



New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Parent Voluntary Payments

School Council has set the voluntary parent payments at \$150.00 per student this year. This payment helps to cover the costs of local excursions, visiting artists, rewards day activities, art and craft supplies and educational items that students own and use on a daily basis. Payments can be made at the school in cash or bpay of direct debit to the school bank account BSB 063 983 Account 10022188

Grade 3-6 swimming

Our swimming program for all students in grade's 3-6 start on Monday. Information and the medical form went home today. Please return the medical form tomorrow if possible, indicating your child's participation in this very important Water Safety Program. If you have any concerns or can help out with supervision, please contact Barb Plant

Free Tennis Coaching

Barb has once again gained funding for free tennis coaching for Toorloo students. Free tennis lessons with Nigel Carr will start **this Thursday** at the Lakes Entrance tennis Club (behind the aquadome) for any Toorloo students from 4.15-5.15pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get active and hone their tennis skills.

Lunch orders

Below is a new update lunch order menu, with some new healthy and tasty treats to enjoy. First lunch orders will be from this Friday.

Looking forward to a great year ahead.
Kerry Hughes, Principal.

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583 Esplanade Lakes Entrance. Phone: 5155 3839

Sausage Roll \$5.50
Sauce .20

Spinach and Ricotta Roll \$5.50

Nacho's
Corn chips, salsa, cheese and sour cream **\$7.00**
Add guacamole \$1.00

Spaghetti Bolognese \$7.00

Chicken Salad bowl
lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber and Mayo **\$8.00**
Add Egg \$1.00
Add Avo \$1.00

Zucchini slice \$5.00

Chicken Strip Wrap
Lettuce, Chicken, cheese and Mayo **\$4.00**

Side Salad \$3.00

Fruit and yoghurt cup \$5.00

Please have lunch orders in office by Thursday mornings. Late Orders can not be guaranteed
their choice

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