

Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

September 3rd, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 (subject to change)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 September	2	3	4	5 Writers Festival 6.00pm -7.30pm	6
Week 9 September	9 Swim P-2	10 Swim P-2	11 Swim P-2 SCHOOL COUNCIL	12 Swim P-2 Science Incursion – grade 3/4	13 Swim P-2 Gr 3/4 BARC Excursion Science Incursion – grade P-2
Week 10 September	16 Swim P-2	17 Swim P-2	18 Swim P-2	19 Swim P-2 Rewards Day	20 Footy colors day Swim P-2 Early finish 2:15pm
Week 1 October 7 th	7 th First day of term 4	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th District Summer Sport – Grade 5/6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers:

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025 or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

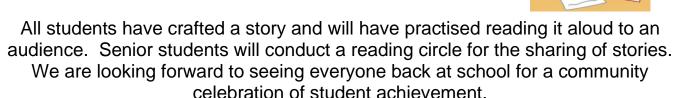
Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email. More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks



You and your family members are all invited to our

2024 WRITERS and ARTS FESTIVAL

Thursday 5th September 6.00pm-7.30pm



Please arrive after 5.45pm, you can view your child's published work in their classroom (grade 5/6 A and B will be in the French Room) and then find a seat ready for a 6.00pm start.

Students know that they are to be seated on the floor when the music begins.

2025 enrolments

We have had considerable interest in students enrolling in our school for 2025. If you are intending on enrolling a student at our school, can you please complete and return the enrolment as soon as possible as this information helps us to plan for the coming year.

Enrichment Writing Program

Last week we hosted an enrichment Young Writers Program for students across four schools with Meridith Costain a successful author of children's books. Students in grades 3/4 and 5/6 engaged with Meridith for a full day, focussed on the craft of writing. It was also a great opportunity for students to work with students from other schools.







Getting to and from school safely

A call out to parents to assist with students using the path to and from school, the crossing and the reserve in a safe manner. We have asked the students to please walk in those areas, as they are high pedestrian traffic areas both before and after school. We ask that you reiterate and monitor that with your own children. Let's work together to keep our children safe.



School Council News

At last week's school council meeting I informed school council of my intention to retire from my principal position at the end of the year. After 38 years working for the Department, 25 years as a principal, it's time for me to step aside and spend some quality time with my family. The timing of this announcement gives the Education Department and School Council the best opportunity to advertise the position and find the most suitable applicant to take over the reins at the start of the new school year. The selection process is a joint venture between DET representatives, school council representatives and a staff representative and will take place over the coming months.

Kindest regards, Kerry Hughes

Students of the Week



Wellbeing



Delivered by experts at Butterfly Foundation, this free 75-minute webinar aimed at parents of teens will teach you practical strategies for reducing the focus on appearance and body comparisons, increasing self-compassion and body appreciation, supporting healthy attitudes towards eating and movement in teens, responding to negative self-talk and appearance-related teasing, and what to do if you are concerned.

Date: 17th September 2024

Time: 7pm - 8.15pm (AEDT), plus questions

Via Zoom (time-limited recording available)

(For info: Full registration link

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4 days to go! Please hand your challenge sheet to the office.

Spelling Bee participants



Well done to those students who participated in the Prime Ministers Spelling Bee and a special congratulations to John Humphrey who goes onto round 2 this week and will be competing with other top spellers from across the state and country. Certificates of participation were distributed on Friday.

PREP/1

Hello everyone,

Welcome to a windy week 8! Our class awards go to **Indy Geddes** for her problem-solving and for the connections she made between real life and maths, and to **Evie Jackson** for her inquisitive contributions to class discussions. Well done to these students!

This week in the Prep/1 classroom:

Reading:

This week in reading, we will be reading narratives and learning about inside traits (personality) and outside traits (appearance) of the characters featured in these stories.

Writing:

In writing this week, we will carry on with our study of 'Big Rain Coming' to learn about how the author uses various writing techniques to tell the story. Students will utilise these techniques to continue writing their own stories. Students will also be rehearsing their 'Lost' writing pieces and will draw pictures to match their stories. The Writers Festival will be a wonderful opportunity for students to share their stories with their families and schoolmates. We would love you and your family join us for a wonderful evening of story-telling this Thursday evening. Maths:

In maths this week, we will continue learning about sharing using real-life examples as a basis for multiplicative thinking.

Lastly, just a reminder that swimming lessons start next Monday 9 September. Please remember to pack bathers, towel and goggles in a plastic or waterproof bag.

Have a safe week, folks and hold onto your hats!

Caitlin and Harry

12A

Hello and welcome to week 8 of Term 3. Awards this week went to **Dawson Milner** and **Casey Bills**. Dawson for his resilience and adaptability when working in groups and choosing to work in places where he works best.



Casey's award was for his collaboration skills, particularly when working through our task 'Bunches of Balloons' on the whiteboards.

This week in reading we are continuing to look at making inferences about characters in different books, talking about their character traits using evidence from the text.

In writing we are working on practising reading our Writer's Festival stories aloud in preparation for Thursday evening. In addition, we will be looking at how we can develop characters to make our stories more interesting by looking at how Bob Graham has done this in our mentor text, *Rose meets Mr Wintergarten*.

In Maths we are continuing to practise our early multiplication and division skills through the concept of equal groups and sharing.

Finally, next week we begin swimming. We will be heading to the pool every day. Please make sure that students have a towel, goggles and bring their bathers in their swimming bag (we will get changed before we go).

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

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Here we are at week 8 and it's going to be another fun filled week.

The students of the week this week are:

3/4A – **Coen Buck – Roberts** for his great work during our division problem solving activities. He worked accurately and efficiently using his knowledge of multiplication facts to help him.

Payton Angel for her great maths thinking during our multiplication/ division unit. You showed great persistence and worked hard through a range of challenges.

Zach Seaton for your great writing during our figurative language poetry activities. I really enjoyed reading your personification poem. Well done Zach.

3 / 4 B – Mrs Murray has awarded a Resilience Award to all her students in anticipation of the way she knows they will embrace new teachers over the coming three weeks and share their learning with these teachers.

Our reading mini lessons this week we will continue explore the use of figurative language in writing. We will be drawing on examples from our Mentor Text and other Paul Jennings stories, as well as stories written by a range of other authors. Children then have the opportunity to independently find and explain figurative language during independent reading time. This week in maths we will begin a measurement unit which involves learning about area and perimeter.

On Friday we had a number of students involved in a Writing Workshop with author Merideth Costigan. These students were thoroughly engaged in exploring different techniques to start and continue their writing. We look forward to them sharing what they did over the coming weeks.

The students remaining in the classroom were involved in a rewards session where they learnt how to weave friendship bracelets. It was amazing how every single student was so engaged and enjoyed this opportunity that they can now share with others.







Have a great week.

Mrs Ali Mackie, Mrs Larissa Murray and Alyssa

56AB

Hi Year 5/6 families

The Award winners for this week are:

Sam McDonnell for his hard work writing, revising and editing his 'Lost' narrative.

Storm Stoddart for her excellent help revising, editing and assisting her classmates' writing pieces. Fantastic help!



Well done to all students on completing their 'Lost' writers' festival pieces. We look forward to seeing families on Thursday at writers' festival night. On Friday our Year 6 students will be assisting the junior students in their athletics day, they did a fantastic job practising this on Friday. Good luck to the students attending the regional athletics day this week, well done on your achievements so far.

In reading we have been using our mentor text to focus on inferring and perspective. This has connecting with students' own writing, where they have tried to ensure we know who is speaking in their stories. In writing we are moving onto persuasive writing. We are beginning with a whole class topic and then moving into real world topics students are passionate about. In maths we are beginning to explore volume and 3D shape. We will focus on description of shapes, classifying shapes by characteristics and using nets to build 3D shapes. Thanks, Alec McPhee, Carolyn Smith, Bree, Janet and Hannah.

FRENCH

Bonjour,

This week, I gave an award to Luna Sutherland and to Mason Livingston for their outstanding progress with French numbers. It feels good to see them stick at it and achieving their goals!

This week, students in grades Prep to 2 continue to practise with our words on fruits. We will learn a new song too. They will also keep on learning some new numbers.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will work on pronouns and -er verbs in order to practise how to conjugate them to make full sentences on their own in French. We will also work on our sport topic.

The following students tried particularly hard last week:

P-1: Evelyn, Evie, Hannah, Matilda, Tyler and Oliver

1-2: Addie, Amaya, Ryder, Travis and Dawson

3-4A: Fletcher, Sammy, Owen, Charlotte, Harry and Luna

3-4B: Harlan, John H. Mason and Zoe Bonne semaine à tous!

Madame Samson

ART

Hello all.

This week we spent much of our session competing work on the phasmids we started last week. Those who finished their work experimented with hand drawn flip book animation. It takes a lot of drawing to make just one small movement work.

Coding a maze was a very popular task with the younger grades, so we revisited this skill using a different format. Grades 2-4 continued or were introduced to coding via https://microbit.org . By request the 5/6 classes made an animation using the 'Scratch' tool. I took my lead from their skills, as the students showcased some past animations then developed some new works.

Julie Holden

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Students of the week:

Mave Blank-for trying his best in our Junior Sports training. He knows he can be so proud of himself - no matter what the outcome- if he puts in 100% effort!

Junior Sports Day this Friday 6th September

Families and friends of Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students can come and watch us leap, run, jump and throw at the Junior Sports Day at school next Friday, 6th September, weather depending! It could be warm, so please make sure your child has a water bottle and suitable footwear for the events. Starting just after assembly and finishing up at lunch time. We have been working hard on hurdles and relays, jumps and throws. It has been so fantastic to see



everyone try their best in these new challenges. We have discussed how if you try your best, you should be proud of yourself, and we will be proud of you too! The Grade 6 Buddies are pumped to be supporting the juniors and running the events for the Junior Sports Day and we had a practice at this leadership opportunity last Friday as a rehearsal.









Preps, Grade 1 and Grade 2s have been practising for the Junior Sports Day this Friday.

Seniors have finished off the basketball unit, while Grade 3/4s have been playing games using soccer skills as their focus. We have been practising being resilient in these games, aiming to demonstrate being a good sport, using kind words and actions, trying new games and skills and to keep trying when things are hard.

Junior Swimming Program

Just a reminder that the Junior Swimming Program commences on Monday 9th of September, running every day until the end of term. It will be helpful if your child brings extra snacks and a water bottle to school to ensure they stay energised and hydrated over the two-week program!

Division Athletics Sports Howitt Park

Tarzaiyah Sellings (discus), Jake Spiker (triple jump, 800 m, relay), Kobi Caldwell (high jump, relay) Max Friend (hurdles, relay) and Jake Hartley (relay) will be representing the school on Monday 9th September. We have been running training sessions for these students at school so we can keep practising!

Thanks, Barb (SPORT PE COORDINATOR)



Important Sport dates for Term 3 2024

Monday 9th September Division Athletics Howitt Park (back up Tues 17th Sep) Monday 9th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome starts Friday 20th September P-2 Swimming Program Aquadome finishes

Important Sport dates for Term 4 2024

Friday 11th October Eastern District Summer Sports Lakes Entrance



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

Tennis is on next Thursday, September 5th with Nigel, so come along and **receive a FREE** tennis racquet!

Newcomers are welcome to join!

The final term 3 date for tennis will be Thursday, September 19th, 4.15pm to 5.15pm at the courts at Lakes Entrance behind the Aquadome





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Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au

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Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890 (9am to 1am daily)

headspace.org.au

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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

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

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13 92 76

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Pop-up Clinic Details

Location: Lake Tyers Beach Hall - 1 Mill Point Rd, Toorloo Arm VIC

11,18, &; 25 (Wednesday) September 2024

10:30 am to 2:30 pm

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FUTSAL

SEASON STARTING 7th OCTOBER 2024

SPRING COMPETITION

Mondays - 7 weeks + Finals

Juniors (ages 7+) & Seniors (Small Court Games)

Come and Try days & Practice Matches at the BARC

7th October - Juniors 4:30 to 6pm / Seniors 6 to 7:30pm

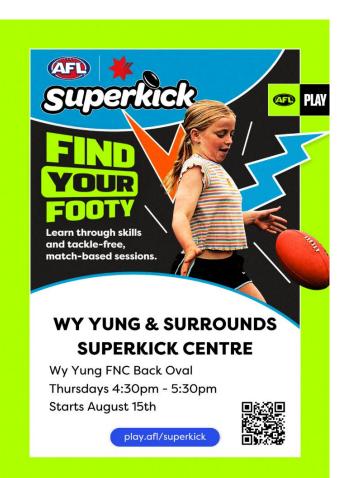
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