



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 (subject to change)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 Scholastic book orders due back	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 No Preps at school	29 Divisional Swim Bdale	1
Week 6 Mar	4	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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Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School

Dear Families and Carers,

It was great to see all students respond positively to their new learning environments, start building new relationships and rekindling old relationships with friends and staff during last week. Our teachers prepared the classrooms as bright, organised learning spaces over the break and all students have settled back into the routines of school extremely well. I overheard one of new preps last Monday prior to starting school on Tuesday say, "Tomorrow is going to be a great day." How inspiring is that mindset from one of our littlest community members, taking on the challenges that lay ahead with such a positive mindset.

Uniform

We hope everyone liked the new uniform top provided last week. You can now come and purchase more if you wish but please remember the old uniform is still accepted as school uniform. Can I remind parents again that the pants/leggings/ shorts need to be **predominately black, preferably all black**. Shorts with patterns, logos or prints printed all over the garment are not acceptable school uniform. School hats are also **only black** and available from the school office for \$7.00.

Parent/Teacher Conversations

Teachers will make themselves available to meet with parents and carers in week 6, Tuesday to Friday. If you would like to book a time to chat your child's teacher, keep an eye out for the invitation to book a timeslot on the Audiri App by the end of this week via the events tab.

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**Condolence Message**

There was some sad news over the holidays with the passing of Ann Turton. Ann was an ex-teacher who volunteered to read with students at Toorloo over many years. She could tell a great story, a hilarious rhyme and talk about words forever. She never failed to bring in a sweet treat for staff to help get us through the term. Our condolences reach out to her family and her friends. She was a longtime friend of the Toorloo Community and will be sadly missed. We have graciously received a number of Ann's children books from her sons, so will be creating an "Ann's Book Nook" so she will be forever remembered her at TAPS.

Swimming

We are looking forward to the 3-6 swimming program this week and our 3-6 swimming carnival next Monday. Thanks to Barb who has once again coordinated this important program and to the team at the aquadome for the delivery of the program.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice. Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. A copy of this policy is available on the school website or available at the office.

Have a great week everyone,
Kerry Hughes

Students of the week

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**Prep/1**

Welcome everyone to a new year at school! We are excited to welcome our new Preps who have settled in well. We are busy decorating our new room with our work and getting to know each other. I believe in an open-door policy, so feel free to come see me for any reason.

This Week's Fun!**Take home books**

Students have set up their book boxes and they are bringing a reader home every day. We encourage you to sit with your child a read each night. Their readers need to come back to school every day so students can swap their books over.

Pickup

During home time we are getting the students into the routine of being picked up outside our classroom, so it would be great if parents/guardians or siblings could be waiting near the picnic table when the bell goes.

Wednesdays

Just a reminder that the Preps have Wednesdays as a rest day. The preps 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 Math online interview. It is a program that allows me to find their level of understanding and skills, so I can create appropriate activities for their abilities. Please be prompt and if you have any issues with your time slot, I will do my best to change it but please be aware that it can only be done on Wednesday.

School hats & Sunscreen

Term one is a Sun Smart Term, and it has been great to see the amount of students who are remembering their hats. It would be fantastic to make sure student's hats are named for they do get lost, especially on the monkey bars!

This week we are looking at:**Reading:**

- We are setting up our Reading Workshop structure, class library and book boxes.
- We are focusing on the letter 'm & s' looking at their sounds and visual cues.
- Grade ones are exploring short vowels.

Writing:

- Student's names and directionality using the line.
- Grade ones are starting to use dotted thirds.

Maths: Number knowledge and counting.

Have a great week,
Miss Cock.

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1/2

Hello and welcome to 2024. It has been great to see so many smiling faces (from parents and students) over the last week. If you haven't had the chance to pop in, see the classroom and meet the 1/2 team yet, we encourage you to do this.

This week my awards went to **Jack Tunnage**, **Mahalia Hibberson** and **Dawson Milner**. Jack's award was for his awesome growth mindset and encouragement of others to do the same during maths. Mahalia's was for the way she displayed all of the school values last week, and Dawson's was for his awesome leadership he has displayed as a Grade 2, particularly in class discussions.

This week in reading we are Getting our Knowledge Ready of our mentor text 'Big Rain Coming, Students will learn skills to use on their own books that prepare them when reading a new text.

In Writing, we are focusing on getting our Writer's Notebooks up and running. These books are a way for students to generate ideas to assist them in their free writing. On Friday we will decorate these books, so that each student can individualise their book and make it a reflection of their own personality and ideas. You should have got a note today outlining some things that students can bring along to help them with the decoration of this.

In Maths we are practising our counting skills, particularly by counting up and down from various starting points and spotting the patterns in numbers and using this to develop our counting knowledge.

Take Home Readers

Thank you to all parents who have already been reading with their children. Students are encouraged to change their books daily in order to have a fresh book to read at home each night. I may even have a little incentive for students who read 4 or more nights in a week. If you have any questions or require support to help your child with your reading please do not hesitate to reach out, we are happy to help.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to pop in for a chat in the mornings. You are also more than welcome to send me an email on eliza.cunningham@education.vic.gov.au if required.

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

3/4

Welcome to the 3/4 Unit at Toorloo Arm Primary School for 2024!

Last week both teachers were overwhelmed by the enthusiastic attitudes displayed by all students to their new year of learning. All students were contributing to discussions, having a go at the activities and asking questions. It was wonderful to see the support students provided each other in both their learning and settling into their new classrooms. Consequently, Mrs Mackie and Mrs Murray gave **whole class awards** at Assembly this week. Well done Grades 3/4A and 3/4B!

We started off last week with the distribution of resources and discussions about the new school values of RESPECT, READY TO LEARN, RESILIENCE and COLLABORATION. We considered what these values look like, sound like and feel like in the classroom and in the playground. This week, both 3/4 classrooms will be creating a motto for their room that describes how students will behave in 3/4A and 3/4B.

We took photos of every student on their first day and these are both outside our classroom and here for you to see.

We concluded the week reading Allison Lester's new book The Silver Sea and then created individual fish. These are on display outside our classroom and illustrate our motto of working together in 3/4.

This week we will be establishing our routines for our Reading and Writing Workshops and introducing our Maths big idea of Place Value. The children will be pretty busy with swimming, so we will be working around the swimming timetable and tired children.

We are expecting children to read at home at least three times a week. Students have been shown how to record their reading in the morning and this will be regularly monitored by the teachers. Students can read books from home or school, as long as they are reading!

We have an open-door policy so if you have any questions, don't hesitate to come in and ask them. If you haven't met your child's teacher yet, please don't hesitate to come in and say "Hi".

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Have a great week!

Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray and Alyssa 😊

5/6

Hello 5/6 parents and guardians.

We have had a great start to the year so far and the students have been really busy already. Swimming has started this week and all children have been participating keenly. Next Monday we will be holding our swimming sports at the pool and this promises to be a fun day. The grade 6 students have also met the preps. They have had a play to get to know them and had a picnic lunch with them. Prep buddies will be allocated shortly.

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This year we have changed our values and we have been introducing our four new values, they are: being respectful, being ready to learn, showing resilience and being able to collaborate. We have discussed these values, and all students have lots of ideas about how we can show these and how we can model these for younger students.

The grade 6 students will also have the opportunity to participate in the Rotary Awards if they choose to. Students have to complete a series of community activities as well as things like cooking a meal for their family and learning a new skill. This will culminate in an award ceremony at the end of the year. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is interested. There will be more information to come on this.

This week students have been learning how to use their reader's notebooks to write interesting responses to texts they have read and they have been learning to increase their writing stamina. In maths students have been focused on place value to millions and beyond.

Students of the Week: All of Grade 5/6B for a fantastic positive start to the year, and from **5/6 A Balin Tuck** for demonstrating a positive attitude to all classroom activities. Great ideas in discussion Balin! **Anika Stewart** for beginning Year 5 in a positive manner. Excellent effort in all areas, great trying your best.

Swimming continues next week and we hope students continue with their fantastic positive attitude.

Ms Smith, Mr McPhee, Bree, Janet and Hannah

Art

Welcome to 2024! The first week of the school year has seen students investigating the structures around them, and how to use their creative skills to create their 'dream house' – exploring how architects create building plans and blueprints. Starting off with tradition equipment, techniques and materials - using rulers, pencils and grid paper, students will begin to apply their skills using digital techniques over future weeks. I can't wait to see what 2024 has in stall!



Artist of the Week, Prep student, **Matilda Ryan**.

Jobi Laybourne.

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**French**

Bonjour,

And welcome back for another year!

What a start we've had! It is not often that the kids have their first French lesson back at school in January, so we took the opportunity to celebrate a special event which occurs that month. From the 6th of January, the Epiphany, French people have a special cake called "galette", in which something is hidden. Whoever finds the hidden token in their slice of cake becomes the King or the Queen for the day.



Grade 5-6 students received the challenging task to bake 12 cakes for the whole school in under two hours. After dealing so well with all the pressure, they surely are ready for MasterChef! Our grade 5-6 students were impressive, ready to learn, showing great listening and initiative, giving their best and sticking at it all the time. A couple of students from each group came to talk to our 3-4 students about what this cake was about. Week 1 and we could already see some great leadership! Both 5-6 classes received an award at assembly on Monday for their efforts and great mindset during our cooking session. Two staff members also had the surprise to become Queens for the day.

Last week, all classes learnt about Epiphany and the Kings' cake. We also discussed what we wanted this new year of learning French to look like, with students having their input on the program given.

This week, our 3-6 students will play a game checking on their knowledge of French culture.

Our grades 1-2 students will learn some common French phrases to use in the classroom such as

merci - thank you.
de rien - you're welcome
je ne sais pas - I don't know
je ne comprends pas - I don't understand
Why? - pourquoi?
parce que - because
Je suis - I am
J'ai - I have
Bonjour - Hello
Comment ça va? - how are you?

Bonne semaine à tous!

Madame Samson

SPORT and PE NEWS

Congratulations to our first students of the week in PE for 2024:

Logan McGee: Love your positive approach and the way you communicated what works for you in PE!

Griffin Reggardo: A positive start to PE this year, well done!

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WELCOME BACK! SO exciting to see the many smiling faces this year! PE classes have already commenced for Preps and Grade 6s. I look forward to another great year of challenges, fun and fitness. The overall philosophy in PE at TAPS is to provide ALL students with the opportunity to participate safely in age-appropriate physical activities, games, sports, and fitness activities that can provide enjoyment of physical activity, as well as build pro social, psychomotor and cognitive skills.

We strive to safely provide the opportunity for students to enjoy physical activity, become more confident with their abilities, increase their knowledge of health-related fitness, and help them find ways to be lifelong activity seekers. We really encourage students to **do their best** and develop resilience skills, such as positive self-talk and being a good sport when learning new skills and playing games and sport, whether they are individual, cooperative or competitive.

Please make sure you catch up with me 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, I 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.

The senior sporting calendar at TAPS started yesterday for all students in Years 3-6 with our swimming program at the Aquadome, Lakes Entrance, and will run for 3 weeks. Thanks for getting those permission forms done. The focus of this important part of our school curriculum is confidence, water safety, stroke technique and preparation for the swimming carnivals. Children have been placed into groups according to ability by the swim instructors at the Aquadome.

We encourage parents and carers to come along and support the children. Times are as follows:

Grade	Lesson
Grade 3/4 A and B	11.30 am to 12.15 pm
Grade 5/6 A and B	12.15 pm to 1.00 pm

Next Monday 12th Feb, the TAPS house swimming carnival will be held at the Aquadome. **This is for ALL Gr 3-6 students – opportunities for all levels of swimming ability are provided. TAPS sports carnivals have always been really successful due to the fantastic help from our multi-talented parent group at TAPS -let me or the office know if you can help out in any way if you are able to attend! No experience required.** Swimmers with the fastest time in the 3 age groups 10 years and under, 11 years and 12 +years will go through to the District Swimming Sports in Orbost. The District Carnival is on Thursday 22nd Feb for those students that qualify.



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

A great turnout for the first tennis coaching with Nigel Carr last Thursday. **Newcomers most welcome!** 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. If the weather is not looking great, please keep an eye on the Audiri app for any changes. The next session will be Thursday 8th of February, the rest of the dates TBC



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Thanks,
Barb Plant (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)

Important Sport dates for Term 1 2024**WEEK 2**

Tuesday 6 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

Wednesday 7 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

Thursday 8 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

Thurs 8 Feb ATF FREE tennis coaching 4.15-5.15

Friday 9 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

WEEK 3

Mon 12 Feb TAPS CARNIVAL Years 3-6 Aquadome starts midday.

Wednesday 14 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

Thurs 15 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

Friday 16 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

WEEK 4

Mon 19 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

Tues 20 Feb Gr 3-6 swimming program

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

WEEK 5

Thurs 29 Feb Division Carnival Bairnsdale (back up Fri 1 Mar)

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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

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MONDAY NIGHT COMPETITION TERM 1 ONLY:

- Senior & Junior Mixed
- Ladies Fun 5's

THURSDAY NIGHT COMPETITION TERM 1&2:

- Net Set Go
- Junior 11&U, 13&U, 15&U
- Senior Section 1&2

REGISTRATION



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**FREE
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**Wednesday 31st Jan &
Wednesday 7th Feb
4pm - 5:15**

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Suitable for ages 6yrs up to 13yrs

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**Lakes Entrance
Baptist Church**

Ages
5 to 9

KIDS CLUB



This Term:

Fruit Season



**START DATE
THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY**

Every Thursday 3:30-5:30 pm

Baptist Church 141 Princes HWY, Lakes Entrance

A/Tea, Bible Stories, Music, Games, Art & Craft

Naomi & Brendan 0456657165