



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 9 Dec	1 Artist in Residence	2 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm Nagle Collage Transition	3 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	4 Performance Night 6pm OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	5 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm
Week 10 Dec	8 LESC Transition	9 Victorian Statewide Transition LESC Transition	10	11	12
Week 11 Dec	15 Grade 6 Big day out	16 Grade 6 Graduation	17 Last Assembly	18	19 Last day early finish
Week 1 Jan 2026	26 Australia Day	27 Whole staff PD Office closed	28 Staff planning Office open	29 Students resume	30

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Principals Report

Welcome to this week's newsletter. As we head toward the end of the year, there's plenty happening across the school—celebrations, planning for 2026, performances, transition, report writing, it's a busy time of the year. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement; it truly helps keep our school community strong and connected.

Bollywood showcase

We're looking forward to a vibrant and colourful evening this Thursday at 6:00 pm as our students take part in the Nexus Arts Bollywood-themed performance. We would like students to **arrive at 5.45 pm for a 6.00 pm start**.

Everyone's been working so hard, it's going to be an amazing spectacle. This show celebrates music, movement, and culture, and our students have been working hard to learn the choreography and bring the story to life. Looking forward to seeing you at the performance to support our talented performers.

It promises to be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a great year.

Whole school Transition

Next week, our whole-school transition program will run across three consecutive days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) giving students the chance to connect with new classmates, meet their new teacher, and experience a smooth introduction to what next year will look like. We have extended the time to ensure that students get the best opportunity to build confidence, strengthen relationships, and create a sense of stability as we prepare for 2026. We know this early familiarity makes a real difference, and we're looking forward to a positive and supportive transition for all students.

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Student Leadership in 2026

We're excited to introduce a refreshed student leadership structure for 2026. We will be offering a range of new leadership positions for senior students, giving more of our young leaders the chance to contribute, grow, and learn leadership skills. We have a general idea of what this structure will look like, however we also want to get some insight from the students into what roles they would like to do across the school; therefore, these roles will be discussed with students next week in the transition sessions.

To support students in these roles, the school has enrolled in a Grip leadership course for students to participate in early next year to help foster their skills and confidence. I'm really looking forward to seeing our future leaders step up and help set the tone of the school in 2026.

Hope everyone has a great week and always happy to have a chat with anyone if they have a concern. Take care.

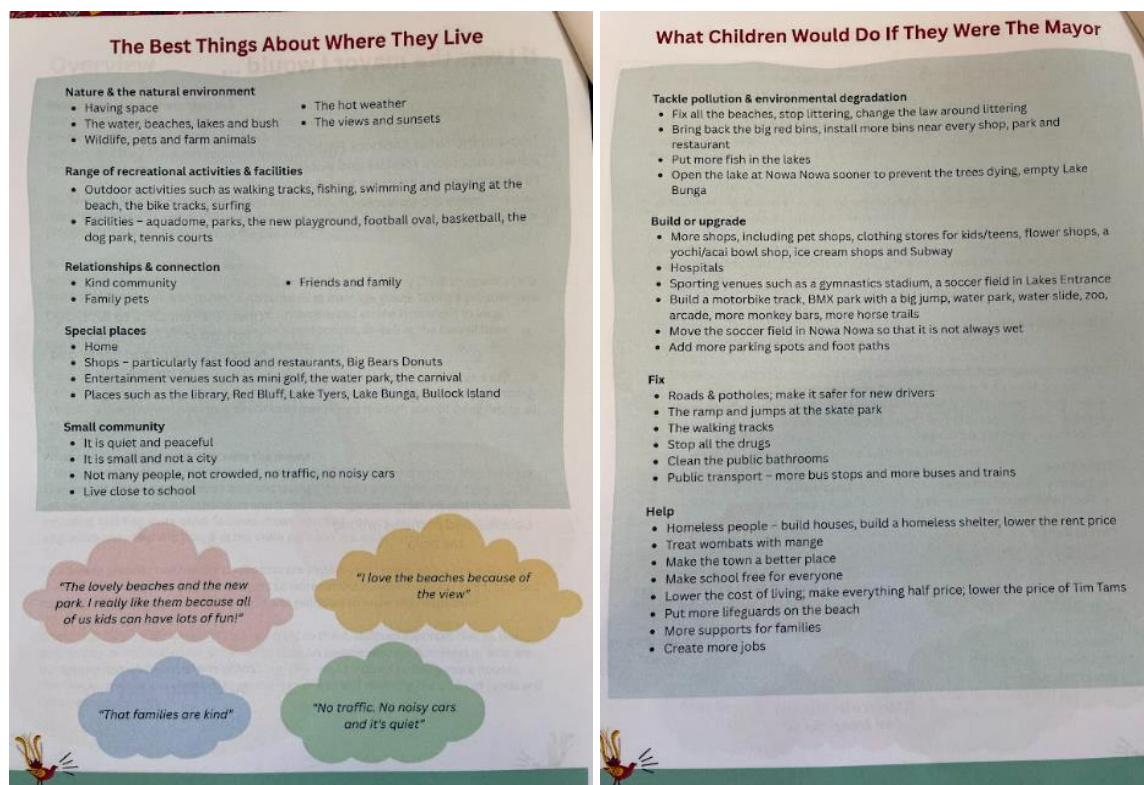
Miss Hopkins

Wellbeing

Earlier this year, our school was invited to participate in the "Messages from East Gippsland" project, where 107 TAPS students shared their ideas about what it's like to live where we live, and also what would they do if they were the Mayor.

This joint project between schools, East Gippsland Shire and Uniting has been a fantastic opportunity for reflection and for children and young people to have a say about things that affect their lives. It's great to see children really thinking about why East Gippsland is a such a good place to grow up!

Here are two pages from the Toorloo Arm Primary Summary:



KMART AND SALVATION ARMY WISHING TREE APPEAL

We have a Kmart Tree appeal Gift donation box in the foyer; it would be great to see the community come together and give some gifts to those who need a little extra help this Christmas.

Thank you to all the families who have already donated.

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Christmas Carols

We have a group of students from across the school that have been giving up their lunch times to practice Christmas carols for a short performance at the last assembly on the 17th of December.

This week we haven't practiced due to the visiting Artists in Residence but will make up for it next week with practices at lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hello from the library,



As we are now in December, it's time to return any **take home books and library books** that you still have at home, as there will be no more borrowing after this Friday.

Please assist your children to have a really thorough look for any of these books, as we would love to have them back on our shelves for 2025.

Thank you so much,
Lisa

Prep

Welcome to week 8! It is set to be a busy week of dance.

Artist in Residence

This week we are having a visiting artist group coming to teach us some Bollywood dances for a performance on Thursday night.

For the performance, the preps will become bees, so please start hunting for **black and yellow clothes**. This does not need to be anything more than black pants and a yellow shirt, if you have it.

Performance: Thursday 6th at 6:00pm

Please make sure your child is there at 5:45 to get ready.

Boxes

This is another call out to anyone who has some spare boxes around the house. The Preps would greatly appreciate them for box construction.

This week we are looking at:

Along with practicing all our dances and making costumes for Thursday night, we are looking at...

Reading:

- **Inferring** – while reading student think about what they know about the story, use their own connections and the things they know answer questions.

Writing: Student attempt to finish their free writing stories and move into the publishing space.

Maths: Data

We are looking at gathering data, making sure you give the same answer to all who ask. Then we will be graphing gathered data into bar and picture graphs.

Respectful Relationships: For the next few weeks, we will be exploring positive gender relationships. This week we are talking about how all students regardless of gender can play in a fair, inclusive and friendly way. Students will also identify the emotions people can have when others are being mean or violent.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Cock and Bree.

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Hello everyone and welcome to week 9 of Term 4!

This week in reading, we are revisiting visualising through drawing and acting out various parts of the short stories we have been reading in 'Stories for 8-year olds'.

In writing, we are continuing our exploration of writing persuasively. Students have enjoyed writing a letter to their audience to try and convince them of something that they want. Students are now enjoying typing these.

In maths, we are exploring mass and capacity and comparing how much different items weigh/hold.

This week, both classes will focus on positive gender relations through the Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships program. This topic is about understanding gender-based violence, including unfair and hurtful behaviours. This week and next week in particular students will be learning about consent, which parts of their body are kept more private than others and the importance of personal space and keeping their bodies safe. We encourage you to have a chat with your child about what strategies they can use to help themselves. Should you have any queries about this unit of the program, please get in touch for a chat.

Finally, we have our Bollywood Extravaganza on Thursday night. Students are super excited to show you, their dancing. It would be awesome if you could help your child find some clothes to go with their class theme (please don't go out and buy anything new).

Grade **1/2A** students should wear water **colours (like blues, aquas and greens)**.

Grade **1/2B** students should wear **white, with colourful colours as decoration**.

Feel free to send us an email or pop in for a chat should you have any questions or queries.

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Thanks and have a great week!

Eliza Cunningham, Caitlin Jackson and Lisa

34AB

Hello families and welcome to a huge week 9!

This week the focus will be on Bollywood! This is our fabulous Artist-in-Residence for the year and time when students get to learn, practise and have fun performing. Students will be learning dance moves ready for our whole school performance on Thursday evening, starting at 6pm. Students are asked to arrive at 5.45pm to get ready with their class.

Families are reminded to look around the clothes cupboards for:

3/4A - a range of colours - basically any colour or all colours together (tie dye); and

3/4B - red, orange or yellow coloured items.

Please start bringing these in so that we know who has what and who needs something. It would be great if families with extras would be willing to share.

In between Bollywood, students will continue to study the author and illustrator Oliver Jeffers. They will have opportunities to read his books, write reflections about his books or even try writing a Christmas story about '*the boy and the penguin*'.

In maths students will be provided with a range of engaging games to play that will support our maths teaching this year focusing on addition/subtraction, multiplication/division, place value and location.

We hope to allocate sometime this week to allow students to work on the island maps. We have been super impressed with the growth in knowledge within the unit about the climate zones across the world, the imaginary lines of latitude (Equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Arctic Circle and Antarctic Circle) and the Continents. Great work kids!

Have a great week.

Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Lindy and Hunee

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Hello 5/6 Parents and Guardians

A few reminders of events/dates over the coming weeks:

This week students have been rehearsing their Bollywood performances for Thursday night's show. The show is at 6pm, with students to arrive at 5:45pm to prepare.

For the performance **5/6A needs to wear yellow/blue or orange/green** (students know which colours they are). Scarves in those colours is a bonus.

56B need to wear colourful clothes.

On Friday students will be attending at 'Engineers without Borders' incursion. It is a STEM incursion and should be a lot of fun.

For Year 6's Graduation is on Tuesday 16th of December. Students arrive just before 6pm for dinner with staff. Then the graduation ceremony begins at 7pm in the main building. Parents should arrive 10 minutes prior to 7pm.

A note will go out this week for Year 6's about the Year 6 Big Day Out. It will be on Monday the 15th of December.

This week students are finishing off their literature circle texts. In writing we are practising to build writing stamina and write in a variety of genres/text types. In mathematics, students are practising their fluency with mathematical algorithms and investigating patterns.

Thank you

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Alyssa

French

Bonjour,

This week, I had some awards ready but, as there was no assembly, they will be handed next Monday.

Prep students are continuing their revision work on colours and numbers up to 39. We'll do some Christmas colouring too.

Students in grades 1-2 will spend some time on their number goal before taking a little revision quiz on what we have covered this year.

Students in 3-4B will have their last French lesson this week, because of school transition next week. They will take a little quiz on our topic on hobbies. 3-4A will keep on using our vocabulary on hobbies and sports through games. They will first spend some time working on their number knowledge.

5-6A continued to impress me last week with their work on saying how much money they have. We will have a look at how to ask and say how much something costs today.

Well done to these students for working noticeably hard last week:

Prep: **Harper, Willow and Larnee**

1-2A: **Evelyn, Evie, Ned and Oliver**

1-2B: **Grace, Austin and Serena**

3-4A: **Michael, Travis, Fletcher and John**

5-6A: **Inca, Jake S., Mannix, Alannah, Edi and Sam M**

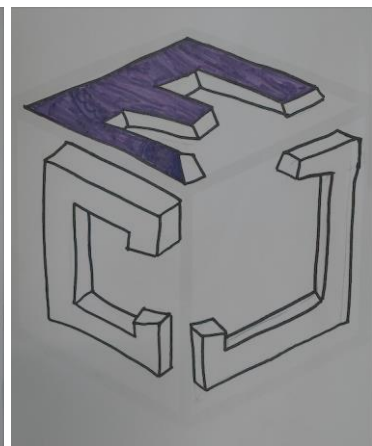
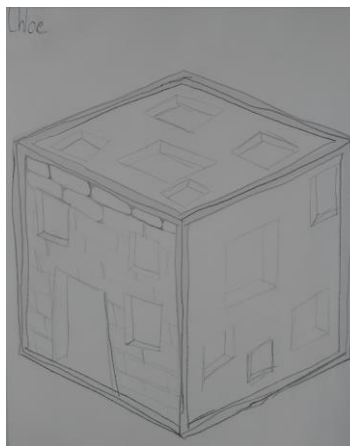
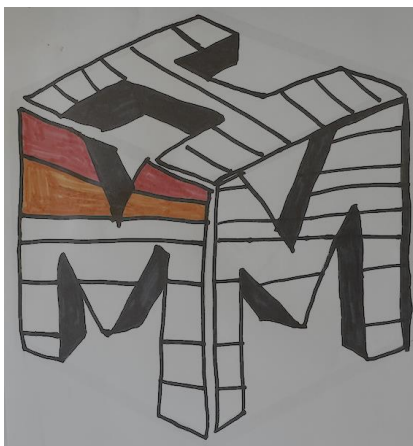
Bonne semaine a tous!

Emmanuelle Samson

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**Art**

We have been having lots of fun in art this past week, with junior classes getting outside to apply their skills to the different parts of the schoolgrounds. Middle school and senior students have been experimenting with letters art and three-dimensional drawing techniques.



Jobi Laybourne.

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Prep to Gr 2s are now learning to use forehand hitting and working with partners with rackets in the striking program. The focus has been on working together safely. We have made some great progress in our individual skills of flipping bean bags, bouncing the ball on the ground and in the air using our rackets.

Grade 3-6s are continuing to assess their personal fitness. We are aiming for growth and maintenance in the Beep Challenge this week. We are recording and monitoring our data against their performance earlier in the

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year. The primary goal is to assess aerobic capacity, which is the body's ability to use oxygen to sustain endurance performance. We have been discussing how our personal fitness can make us feel good, change our mood, protect our bones as we grow, and over time help protect our health and wellbeing over our life.

After our fitness session, the Grade 5/6s are doing "Kids Choice" and picking a fun game to play, giving students the chance to show leadership and have a voice in PE. It was great to see Will and Jake; and Lynken successfully run their dodgeball games for their classes last week.

Important Sport dates for Term 1 2026

Monday 9th February TAPS Swimming Carnival Gr 3-6

Thursday 19th Feb Eastern District Swimming Carnival Orbest pool

Monday 16th March-Friday 27th March Gr 3-6 Swimming Program Aquadome

Thanks

Barb (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

The last tennis session is on this Thursday Dec 4th from 4.15 to 5.15 pm. Keep an eye out on Compass for any changes or inclement weather.

Lakes Entrance Netball Association

REP TEAM TRIALS

MONDAY 1ST DEC 2025
&
MONDAY 8TH DEC 2025

4:30pm - 6pm

LAKES ENTRANCE NETBALL COURTS

MEET THE COACHES

Sheree U11

Janet U13

For registration see link on Facebook or email us at lakesentrancena@gmail.com

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BREW BAR

on the ninety miles

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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 Bolognese \$7.00

Toasties

Cheese \$5

Ham & Cheese \$6

Cheese & Tomato \$6

Chicken, Cheese and Mayo \$7

Extras .50c

Avocado \$1

Choice of High fibre white bread, Multigrain and Wholemeal

Chicken Salad bowl \$8.00

lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber, 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.

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KIDS 'N STITCHES CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS



**4 HOUR BEGINNER SEWING WORKSHOPS
FOR KIDS aged 9 -15 yrs.**

DATES
NOV: 22ND, 23RD, 29TH, 30TH,
DEC: 6TH, 7TH

TIME: 10AM-2PM



**All fabric
included**

**\$95.00 FOR ONE
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**Create a
small
Christmas
project**



Workshop Details:
Small class sizes- : 3 children
Snacks and drink provided
All sewing machines and supplies provided for use on day
Leann to sew fun and easy projects suitable for Christmas gifts .
Julie - Current police check, working with children , registered RN

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