

Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

May 6th, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Week 3 May | 5 Finance meeting Division Cross Country | 6 | 7 School Council Smile Squad Visit | 8 Smile Squad Visit Mother's Day Stall | 9 Book Club Order return issue 3 |
| Week 4 May | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Walk to school day |
| Week 5 May | 19 Prep 2026 Information Morning | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 District Winter Sports |
| Week 6 May | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Week 7 June | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Week 8 June | 9 Kings Birthday | 10 Student Free Day | 11 School Council | 12 | 13 |
| Week 9 June | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 TAPS athletics |
| Week 10 June | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Week 11 July | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 Auskick Gala Day | 4 Parent Teacher interviews |

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Principals Report

Great to see some sun out, hopefully you got to enjoy the beautiful weather over the weekend. It has been exceptionally pleasing to see so many students start the term strongly with their attendance. Strong attendance supports great learning and social connections so let's continue this going into the middle of the term. Always remember we are here to help, so if there's anything that you are struggling with in getting your children to school, please reach out.

Thank you!

Thank you to the families that contributed baked goods to the cake stall that was held over the weekend. An extended thank you to Michelle and helpers for taking time out of their busy life to run the stall and the BBQ. The commitment and out of hours work that you put into the school is always appreciated.

2025 Attitudes to School Survey (AToSS)The AtoSS is a voluntary student survey offered to students in Grades 4 – 6 by the Department of Education every year to help schools and the department understand students' experiences of school. We will ask your child about their thoughts and feelings about their school, their learning, relationships with other students, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in



general. This information helps the school plan programs and activities to improve engagement, wellbeing and learning. This year the survey will be conducted in class from the 12th to the 23rd of May.

When completing the survey, some students may find some questions personal or sensitive therefore students are able to skip questions or withdraw at any time if it makes them uncomfortable or upset.

The survey is voluntary. If you do not want your child to participate you have the option of opting out. Please let the office know by the survey start date of the 12th of May.

For more information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's survey information page. If you would like more information or have any concerns about the survey, please speak to the school, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Smile Squad

Your child will have brought home some goodies from the staff at Smile Squad yesterday, consisting of a drink bottle, toothbrush and toothpaste. Smile Squad are visiting from this Wednesday the 7th of May and will be seeing all children who have returned their completed Consent forms. The van will be set up at the front of the basketball court and will be there until completion.

Mother's Day Stall

Our parents and friends are planning to hold their Mother's Day Stall this Thursday the 8th of May. Each class will get a chance to visit the stall and there is a \$15 maximum per student.

Please consider if you are able to lend a hand on that day and keep an eye out on the P & F Facebook page for the details.

2026 Prep Enrolments

If you have a little one who will be joining us next year, please feel free to pick up an enrolment form at the office. If you hear of families who are considering enrolling their child at Toorloo, let them know that we will be running a school tour and an information session on Monday 19th of May at 9.30am or to give us a call and we can arrange a tour at a mutually convenient time.

Year 7 Placement Forms 2026

Grade 6 students have been given their year 7 placement forms. Once you have made your decision can you please complete that form and return it the office. They need to be returned by the 19th of May, so we can send them to the High Schools.

Prep School Nursing Program

School Nurse packs were sent home with the Preps yesterday and they will need to be completed online before the 16th of May.

Walk to School

Walk to school is back! It is so important for young children to be active every day. Walk to school is a fantastic way for students and families to get some physical activity in a social way. Please come along and join us on foot or bike:

Date: Friday 16th May When: 8:15am

Where: Opposite Cliff Rd



"Learning Together, Succeeding Together"



Student of the week



PREP

Good morning to all, I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. Congratulations to our award winners this week, **Poppie Mallen** for showing respect to everyone she meets and **Alyssa Rushton** for challenging herself with her reading.



Mother's Day Stall

This Wednesday we will be having a Mother's Day stall and students are welcome to bring some money, to get something for a special person in their lives.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- We are focusing on verbally segmenting and blending sounds together to make CVC words.
- We are reading 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins, focusing on what we see in the illustrations and how this will get our knowledge ready to read the story.
- We are looking at the meaning of specific words Pat Hutchins has used in the book Rosie's Walk.



Writing:

- We are becoming more aware of our letter choice, listening carefully to what we hear at the start of the word and the end.
- Imagination In our writing this term we will be encouraged to use our imagination to create fictional stories, not just writing what we see.
- Recounts we are trying to write recounts of different events, using time markers such as first, next, then.

Maths:

- Before, after and between when working with number to 20
- Length We are looking at some of the key rules we need to follow when measuring the length of something eg. starting at the same point and leaving no gaps.

Integrated Studies: My Family and I - This is Me

We will be looking at all the different milestones we have reached throughout or lives such as birthdays, crawling, getting a first tooth, starting kindergarten...

It would be a great help, if you could help you child with this creating a list of milestones and an estimated time it happened, to support our class work.

Have a fun week, Naomi and Bree

12AB

Hello and welcome to week 3 of term 2!

Our class awards for this week from 1/2A went to **Zavier Austen** for his growth mindset and improved attitude towards his learning, particularly in reading and **William Fotheringham** for the way he explained his mathematical thinking clearly and succinctly through writing. In 1/2B awards went to **Jasper Melville** for being productive in writing, and **Grace Jackson** for her vehicle construction and description. Congratulations to these students!

Our focus in reading this week is on non-fiction text features and we will be using these when reading mentor texts titled 'How Frogs Grow' and 'Incredible Insects'. Students will continue to explore the features of these texts using a range of texts at their individual reading levels.

In writing, students will continue working on descriptions, this week in particular we will be writing about a special someone.

in maths, we are exploring additive thinking, our friends of ten and how we can use our knowledge of this to assist in adding larger numbers.

In spelling, groups will focus on digraphs and double consonants. We will also continue our focus on accurately spelling high frequency words based on our individual spelling needs.

Both classes will focus on personal and cultural strengths and understanding how to show respect for others this week through the Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships program. We will be focusing on respect, in particular how we can respect people and their differences.

Last week students were super excited as they began their science experiment on plants. This week we will continue to observe the changes to our seeds and begin to explore the features of plants.

Like always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to send us an email or pop in for a chat. eliza.cunningham@education.vic.gov.au caitlin.jackson@education.vic.gov.au

Thanks and have a great week! Eliza Cunningham, Caitlin Jackson and Lisa Donnellan

34AB

Hello families and welcome to Term 2!

Our awards for this week went to:

3/4A **Harry Friend** for his great visualizing during our reading of *Two Wolves* and for being such an enthusiastic home reader. Well done Harry, it's great to see you enjoying reading so much.



Tessa Manley and Xander Gray both received awards for their great attitude to school and learning. They always try their best, giving 100% to a task. You are both great role models for the rest of the class, well done. 3/4B John Parkhill for his great commitment to maths and for independently finding efficient ways to add numbers.

Mahalia Hibberson for her great attitude towards all activities in class and the way she is working to be the best she can be.

This week in reading we continue to read and discuss our class mentor text, Two Wolves by Tristian Banks. The students are enjoying completing choice activities about the text during independent reading tasks. In writing students will continue to 'upgrade' their writing with vivid verbs, specific nouns and descriptive adjectives and adverbs. In maths we are introducing a range of strategies to help solve subtraction problems. We are continuing to focus on fluency tasks involving number patterns and Friends of Ten. It is really helpful for students to be able to quickly recall their number facts and to be practicing these skills at home. It is great to see more students now reading at home on a regular basis. We would love to see every student reading at least three nights a week as this supports our teaching about reading in the classroom. We encourage parents to support their children in building both reading and math fluency through regular practice at home.

It was great to have so many of our 3/4 students competing at the Divisional Cross Country in Bairnsdale yesterday. A big congratulations to Ollie Douglas for coming third and going through to the next level of competition - the regionals at Lardner Park in Warrigal.

Have a great week.

Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray, Hunee and Lindy

56AB

Hello 5/6 Parents and Guardians

Awards for this week:

Dartanyan Milner: For displaying a positive approach to learning throughout the week. Keep it up Dartanyan.

Chloe Taylor: For having a positive attitude and putting effort into all areas.

Alannah Parker: For her excellent approach to literacy. Great reading and writing Alannah.

Well done to all the students who attended the district cross country yesterday, it was excellent effort and behaviour. This Thursday 5/6 students will have an AFL 9's footy session.

In reading, we are continuing to focus on inferring and vocabulary. We are using our mentor text 'Parvana' to teach these skills and students are using their literature circle texts to practise.

In writing students are continuing to draft and edit their character autobiographies. In mathematics we are beginning our unit on multiplication and division. Students will improve their times tables fluency, and we will build our multiplication strategies using arrays and other solution methods.

Students have been really enjoying our economics unit for inquiry. They have been designing their houses and writing descriptions about their house design.

Thank you.

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Alyssa

ART

Students this week have explored the environment that surrounds them, whether it through photography or perspective drawing techniques.



















Artwork by Artists of the Week, Zoe Nairn and Isaac Whitford.

Jobi Laybourne.

FRENCH

Bonjour,

On Monday, at assembly, **Jack Tunnage** received an award for his work in French. Jack is always keen to participate and help others in the classroom. Each week, he shows all our school values, and he was particularly impressive on our topic on family members. Keep it up, Jack!

This week, Prep students will continue to practise their understanding of classroom instructions with games like Simon says in French. We'll review our letters of the Alphabet with a letter treasure hunt in the classroom and will sing our number song to 20.

Students in grade 1-2 continue to practise with our new vocabulary on family members, listening to our song and playing matching games.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will learn more words for places in town. We'll have a whole class game to practise our pronunciation of these new words. Then, students will play a game to check their understanding, either on their own or in pair.

Students in grade 5-6B will have a group competition to revise how to say the time in French.

A reminder to students in grades 3-6 enrolled in the poetry competition that I will be available at lunch time, every Tuesday, to practise with them their poem, should they feel the need for it.

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

Prep: Jaarali, Jakaiah, Nikiah, Mia, Poppie, Kerrile and Samuel

1-2A: Kendrah, Oliver and Ruby

1-2B: Jack, Casey, Hannah, Harper, Max and Serena



3-4A: Laila, Tessa and Amelia

3-4B: Charlotte, Edward, Eli, Fletcher, River and Owen

5-6B: Abel, Balin, Griffin, Isabel and Tarzaiyah

Bonne semaine a tous! Emmanuelle Samson

PΕ

Students of the week:

Harper Angel: for being brave and trying her best to learn a new skill-Jump Rope skipping.

Dawson Milner: for taking on feedback about his batting technique in Tball and applying it so successfully.

Grade 3-6s have been really challenging themselves with their fitness activities, and we have been discussing the different components of fitness and how they connect to their health and performance in different sports. I have been so impressed with students aiming to beat their previous results from last year and not being afraid to put in 100% effort. This week we completed the standing long jump measuring leg power, and wall throws that measure hand eye co-ordination.

On Thursday we will be having a visit from an AFL 9s coach from Bairnsdale. Who will coaching Grade 5/6 students in AFL 9s, practising skills and applying the rules in game time. We are looking forward to that. AFL 9s is a very fast game that emphasises skills and team play. There is a change this year across Victorian schools whereby 18 a side AFL is no longer included as part of the school sport program. Rules for AFL 9s include-9 as side, smaller field, no tackling to ground (wrap tackle only), no stripping/stealing the ball, "soft" zones and other modified rules for safety and increased participation.

Due to the wet days last week, junior classes have been practising their long and short rope skipping to music. It really did warm us up on the cold days, we have some super skippers at TAPS! We have continued with our gymnastics skills on the dry days, practising balancing, rolling and moving across the mats at different heights and solving movement challenges in groups.







Division Cross Country

Well done to Tarzi, Max, Sam, Flynn, Lynken, Zoe, Maddy, Luna, Declan, Mason, Brysen, Balin, Edi, Tessa, Amaya, Beccy, Savannah, Katarlis, Milly, Ollie, Lochy, Mack, John, Owen and Seth for competing in their 2km or 3 km races at Nagle College yesterday. It was a surprisingly warm and sunny day, which made it a great day for runners and spectators alike. Team TAPS put on a really competitive show in every event and age group, everyone should be feeling so proud - it takes a great deal of effort and resilience to be a part of such a big event. A special congratulations to Ollie Douglas for coming 3rd overall in the 9/10 yrs boys 2 km race. He now qualifies for the Regional Cross County in Drouin on Thursday 5th June. Amazing!



Thanks also to all the parents and families that came along to support the runners, it really makes a difference.











Winter Sports Carnival Grade 5/6 Week 5 Friday May 23rd

Just a reminder that all Grade 5/6s are training for the Winter Sports Carnival (AFL 9s, soccer and netball) every Thursday afternoon, so if you could check your child wears appropriate footwear on this day. We are also looking for parent support on the carnival day-if anyone would be willing to umpire/score either netball, AFL 9s or soccer that would be fantastic. Please let Carolyn (soccer), Alec (AFL 9s) or Barb (netball) know! Thanks,

Barb (SPORT PE COORDINATOR)

Important Sport dates for Term 2 2025 WEEK 3

Thursday May 8th ATF After school tennis

Thursday May 22nd ATF After school tennis Friday 23rd May District Winter Sports Lakes Entrance Gr 5/6 students

Thursday May 29th ATF After school tennis

WEEK 7

Thursday 5th June Regional Cross Country Drouin Golf & Country Club 9.30 start

Thursday June 12th ATF After school tennis

WEEK 9

Friday 20th June TAPS Athletics Carnival 9.15 am start.

WEEK 10

Thursday June 26th ATF After school tennis



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at LETC



Tennis is on again for 5 sessions over the term on Thursday afternoons starting at 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm THIS week. (The dates are not fortnightly, see above schedule). Please keep an eye on the Audiri ap to see if we are on if the weather is inclement. FREE tennis racquets are available for newcomers!



A Great place to get up to date health information for your kids.

https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/\







583 Esplanade Lakes Entrance. Phone: 5155 3839

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 Bolognaise \$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.



Kelli from the Brew Bar is welcoming any suggestions to introduce new menu items.

Please pop into the shop and let her know what your favourite is.



GIRLS COMP

Graded Girls Basketball is coming to Lakes Entrance!

You have asked and we have listened! Due to the evolving nature of our Girls Competition and LEABAs commitment to fostering the development of girls basketball, we are excited to launch our brand-new graded Girls Competition.

- Two competitions, tailored to different levels:
- Friday Nights Competitive Division: For experienced players, squad members, and older age groups looking for a challenging competition.

Wednesday Nights – Development Division: Perfect for beginners, younger squad players (U10), and girls wanting to build confidence and skills in a friendly, supportive environment.

We're aiming to tip off by the end of May – and in further good news, registration fees will be heavily discounted!

Interested? Message our Junior Coordinator 0475 518 250 to get involved!

Nowa Nowa Youth Group



NEXT SESSIONS:

THIS Friday 9TH MAY 2025
TOPIC: Virtual reality (VR) headsets

Monday 19TH MAY 2025
TOPIC: Artificial intelligence (AI) stories