



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 7</b> <i>Mar</i>	<b>9</b> Labor Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Naplan	<b>12</b> Naplan	<b>13</b> Naplan Scholastic Orders due back
<b>Week 8</b> <i>Mar</i>	<b>16</b> 3-6 Swimming Naplan	<b>17</b> 3-6 Swimming	<b>18</b> 3-6 Swimming	<b>19</b> 3-6 Swimming	<b>20</b> 3-6 Swimming
<b>Week 9</b> <i>Mar</i>	<b>23</b> 3-6 Swimming KINNET Dance	<b>24</b> 3-6 Swimming KINNET Dance	<b>25</b> 3-6 Swimming KINNET Dance	<b>26</b> 3-6 Swimming Evening Dance performance 6pm	<b>27</b> 3-6 Swimming
<b>Week 10</b> <i>April</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> TAPS Color Run	<b>2</b> Early Finish	<b>3</b> Good Friday

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BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188

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Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School

## Principals Report

### Whole school performance- Dance

We are excited to welcome the talented team from Kinnect Dance Company to our school on **Monday 23rd March**. Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to work with the dancers and take part in engaging workshops that build confidence, creativity and teamwork through movement.

To celebrate all of their hard work, the whole school will come together for a **special performance on Thursday 26th March**, where students will showcase what they have learned.

Traditionally, this program takes place toward the end of the year. However, due to some confusion with the booking schedule, we will instead enjoy this wonderful experience as an **end of Term 1 celebration**. We look forward to a fun and energetic week of dance for all students!

### Naplan

Reminder that Naplan for our Grade 3's and 5's commences on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 16th of March. The format follows the required format from the Education Department, which is writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy. Catch up tests will be conducted after this to allow all students to participate. Please chat to your class teacher or contact the office if you would like to discuss in more detail.

Have a great week,  
Miss Hopkins.



Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School are now calling for donations for the Easter Raffle, please send donations along to the office. The more donations we get, the more children could win a prize. It doesn't need to be chocolate; it can be any Easter themed items.

Easter raffle tickets will be coming home this week, if you need more, just ask at the office

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### Wellbeing

Kate has started as our school counsellor to assist one on one with students with wellbeing concerns. This includes if your child is going through a significant change in their family life, a change in mood at home and/or at school for a prolonged period or has experienced trauma. Please let your child's classroom teacher, Ms Hopkins or Mrs Plant know if you have any wellbeing concerns, as early intervention in wellbeing supports can be very helpful. We have a referral and consent process to facilitate the next steps.

### Swimming Grades 3-6

Please complete permission and payment for swimming via the Compass App.

If you need any help with this or you think you may still have money in your school family account, please get in contact with the office.

### P12

Welcome to week 7 of Term 1 P/1/2 families. We hope you had a wonderful long weekend and enjoyed a little sunshine!

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- Students are revising and learning different reading strategies such as getting knowledge ready, visualising, giving a retell and making inferences.
- Students will participate in guided reading groups, focusing on a key reading goal to extend their reading.
- Students are working within their spelling groups based on their needs, ranging from consonant CVC work, digraphs, blends and long vowels.

Writing:

- Preps are starting to build and write simple sentences using colourful semantic cards.
- Ones are looking at how to add detail to their sentences to make them more interesting.
- 1/2's are revising their knowledge of conventions to place full stops and capital letters in the correct position in a short piece of text.
- 1/2's are learning to write a recount using correct time markers such as first, then, next and finally, to add detail and expand on their ideas, and to finish with how they felt about the experience they are recounting.

Maths:

This week in maths, the P/1/2's are exploring pattern recognition and the repeating unit within a pattern. We will begin to explore patterns using colour and shape, number sequences, and skip counting.

We will also be continuing our work on place value, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and looking at the importance of '0' when writing numbers.

Integrated Studies

- Exploring different emotions through body language and exploring what different acts of kindness looks like for everyone.
- Preps will be spending time with their grade 6's to find their buddies.

Have a great week,

Miss Cock, Ms Jackson, Bree, Lindy, and Hunee.

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Hello Grade 3/4 Families

Naplan for grade 3's is beginning tomorrow. Writing will be our first session followed by reading on Thursday, Language (spelling and grammar) on Friday and Numeracy on the following Monday. Students have been exposed to practice questions and have been given tips for how to answer them.

Next week we begin our swimming lessons with students swimming every day.

In writing and reading we have been looking at the author's purpose which could be to inform, persuade or entertain. Students have been reading mentor texts about a dingo and a platypus which contain a story and factual information in the same book. Students have then made a poster to persuade people how special these animals are and why it's important to look after them.

In maths we are beginning a unit on addition and subtraction.

Thank you

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Lisa, Hunee and Lindy

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We hope that everyone enjoyed the long-weekend and especially the wonderful sunshine on Monday! This week our normal teaching program will be modified to fit in the Grade 5 NAPLAN. Grade 6 students will be with Mrs Mackie or Ms Haldane while the Grade 5 students will complete NAPLAN under Mrs Murray's supervision. Please remind your children that this is just one test and they just need to do their best. Remind them to think about what they know rather than focus on what they don't know.

This week we will be focussing on setting and character relationships as we read our mentor text, *Sister Heart*. We will also be asking students to have a go at designing an alternative cover sleeve for the book based on what they know so far, the themes we've encountered so far and what they are feeling. We look forward to sharing these with you in the coming weeks.

Students demonstrated some great recall of how to write a persuasive text last week and it was lovely to read their pieces. Students will complete a rocket write persuasive text on Tuesday and have the opportunity to improve their first draft later in the week.

The kids have taken really well to our new daily fluency program, and they are already seeing progress in what they can do. This week in maths we will be focusing on finding the equation(s) to be solved in worded problems. Students will be encouraged to then solve these problems using their choice of method.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home. It does not have to be a schoolbook; all we ask is that they record what they read in their reader cover as evidence of their home reading. We would like to see all students reading 3-4 times a night.

While grade 6 students were with their buddies on Friday, the grade 5 students worked with grade 1 students to complete a directed drawing. It was lovely to see every child participate and the grade 5s encouraging the younger students. Another example of collaborative learning.



Have a wonderful week.

Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Lizzy Haldane, Alyssa and Dee 😊

**Language and Culture**

Hello and welcome to Language and Culture in 2026!

Now that we have completed our first unit, I thought it was time to share what we have been up to! We started the term thinking about our place 'on the map' exploring continents, countries and wonders of the world with our middle and senior students. With our Prep-2 students we have kept it local, zooming in on our house, our town, our state and our country.

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We then celebrated and explored the Lunar New Year as a whole school! We have been immersed in Lunar New Year customs and symbolism including dragons, lanterns, fireworks and food.



Our grade 5/6 students did a fantastic job of making Chinese spring rolls, one of the celebrated foods of Lunar New Year. We are now looking at other special holidays and celebrations that take place around the world with our middle and senior students including Ramadan and Eid, St. Patrick's Day, Songkran Water Festival and many more.



The students have loved learning about the diverse ways people around the world celebrate their culture. In Prep-2 we are continuing to learn about our own place in the world. We love learning about any cultural customs you have at home, perhaps you were born in another country or have relatives overseas? Perhaps you speak a language other than English? Perhaps you have some special artifacts that you have collected on travels overseas? Share these with your children and encourage them to share with us!

Ms. Haldane

### **SPORT AND PE NEWS**

Loving how all classes are using their PE time to practice their skills in the excitement of the game. P-2s have been reflecting on whether they were a gentle tagger (using one hand, not swinging the whole arm around as they run), using kind words and actions and being careful of others using equipment by finding your own space. Gr 3-6s have been playing complex games and reflecting on and co-creating rules to suit the level of challenge and making it fair for everyone. We also introduced our first challenge by choice teamwork challenge with a big focus on looking after each other and checking on if we feel safe with the Infinite Human Ladder Challenge.

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TAPS Run Club

We had two sessions of run club last week again. Thanks to Charlotte, Maddy and River for tracking the laps and collating who has achieved a bracelet this week.

Congratulations to these students who achieved 10 laps or more this week and will receive their blue bracelet:

P/1/2 William T Frankie Luca Ethan Fraser

These students have also reached 25 run or more and will receive their green bracelet:

These students have also reached 25 laps or more and will receive their green bracelet:

P/1/2 Zavier Austin

Gr 3/4 Ruby Oliver Amaya Lutarrna William F

Gr 5/6 Harry Willow Tesa John Mack Kobe Fletcher Brysen

These students have also reached 50 laps or more and will receive their yellow bracelet:

Ollie 55, Lochy 51, Zoe 52! Unbelievable!

Get Active Kids vouchers:

Round 10 applications are now open! Victorian families can now apply for \$200 vouchers or reimbursements to help cover the costs of sport and active recreation for eligible children. If you have already paid you can get reimbursed. Please note that funding is available only for aligned sporting organisations.

**Applications close 10am on 2 April 2026**, or earlier if the allocated budget is fully exhausted.

You can apply using the following link to the Get Active Kids website:

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/apply-for-vouchers/>

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### Gr 3-6 Swimming Program

Don't forget that the swimming program for Gr 3-6s begins in a couple of weeks, commencing on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March EVERY DAY until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Information and permission are now available on Compass. Please note there is a \$20 cost for transport for the 10 sessions. A Sporting Schools grant has been successful this term so this will cover the cost of the instruction again. If you have any further questions, please contact the school.

**Please don't hesitate to catch up with us 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, we 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.

Thanks,  
Barb (SPORT COORDINATOR)

### **Important Sport dates for Term 1 2026**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** Gr 3-6 Swimming Program Aquadome  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** Cross Country Colour Run Whole School

**BREW BAR**  
*on the ninety miles*

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 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*

Pizza Muffins (2 pieces)  
Ham & Cheese \$6  
Roasted Capsicum & Olive \$6  
Add pineapple .50c

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

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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**LEFNC**  
**Junior footy**  
 Training is starting!  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
 U 11 s Training - 4.30pm  
 U13s training - 5pm  
 U15s Training - 5pm  
 U 13s coach - Brett Campisi  
 U15s coach - Gerard Kennedy  
 U 11s - TBA  
**Registrations are open!**  
 EGJFA DATES OF BIRTH FOR U11 AGE GROUPS  
 U11s - start date 01/01/2015 end date 31/12/2016  
 U11 has to turn 10 years old this year to register **2026**

<https://www.playhq.com/af/register/53314b>

Junior Football Training will commence next Wednesday night from 4.30pm.  
2026 junior registrations are also open from 8.30pm tonight .

**WELCOME BACK**  
**2026 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**  
 For Boys ages 6-13yrs & Girls ages 6-15yrs  
 Saturdays at Howitt Park, Bairnsdale  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> 2026  
 Finals August 8<sup>th</sup> - August 15th  
**LINK & INFORMATION IN THE DESCRIPTION**



# SNAAP

SPECIAL NEEDS AQUATIC AWARENESS PROGRAM

SLSLE is running our second SNAAP session! A water safety program ran for people of any age or ability.

Surf Life Saving Lakes Entrance, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am-1pm

Come on down to learn about key water safety messages, and get hands on experience in and around the water.

Sign up now!



Proudly supported by LSV Gippsland Sporting Hub Project, made possible by the Victorian Government's Strengthening Regional Community Sport Program.



**LAKES ENTRANCE LITTLE ATHLETICS RAFFLE!**  
 Support Our Club  
**Major Prizes**  
 1st - Peels cruise 2x Adults & 3 Children \$150  
 2nd - Yoga with Kristina 10 sessions \$150  
 3rd - Venture Out 2x Kids Adventure sessions \$98  
**Minor Prizes**  
 4th - Wyanga Winery \$50 Voucher and bottle of wine  
 5th - SeaShanty \$50 Voucher  
 6th - Bass Strait Bait & Tackle - Mad Keen metal dirnck bottle & kids polarised sunglasses  
 7th - Fulton Butchers \$40 Voucher  
 8th - Lakes Books & Games Gift Pack  
 9th - Kids Bike kit gift pack & mini golf voucher  
**Tickets sold at weekly Friday meet and participating stores**  
**Prize Winners Will Be Announced on 28 March 2026**  
 Ticket Prices: \$2 each or 3 for \$5  
**CASH ONLY**



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**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](http://PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK)

**LAKES ENTRANCE AUSKICK CENTRE**

LAKES ENTRANCE RECREATION RESERVE

**FRIDAYS | 5:00PM - 6:00PM**

Starting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026





**AFL Superkick**

**ANYBUDDY CAN PLAY**

[PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK](http://PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK)

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**For local kids who want to be 3D developers and digital world creators. Call Connie 0409 421 390 for info.**



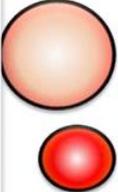
**NOWA NOWA YOUTH TECH GROUP**



**Next Sessions:**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
-music tech

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
-360° camera  
**4pm-5.30pm**



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Nagle Catholic College is an active and proud faith-led learning community that provides a rich holistic education to the young people of East Gippsland.

### DISCOVER NAGLE YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

We welcome you and your family to discover firsthand what makes our College community so special - from our welcoming learning spaces to the natural beauty that surrounds us.



There are 3 information sessions, followed by the opportunity to explore our campus:

**Wednesday 25 March**

**4.00pm, 4.45pm & 5.30pm**

Sessions are limited.  
Bookings essential.

SCAN HERE  
TO BOOK

### ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN YEAR 7 2027



Enrolment Applications are now open for families seeking to join the Nagle Catholic College community for Year 7 in 2027.

To assist with timely processing, please ensure required documents are provided at time of application.

APPLY TODAY

APPLICATIONS CLOSE **FRIDAY 18 MAY 2026**

For further information, visit our website: [www.nagle.vic.edu.au](http://www.nagle.vic.edu.au)



**LAKES ENTRANCE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
OSHC**

## Before & After School Care

## PROGRAM

Our OSHC is the ideal setting for students to explore new interests or establish lasting friendships, while also having a great time together!



**5-12  
YEARS  
OLD**

### LEARN MORE:

- Homework Assistance
- Creative Art & Crafts
- Exciting Group Activities
- Snacks & Refreshments Provided



(03) 5155 1812



[oshc.lakes.entrance.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:oshc.lakes.entrance.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## Kindergarten and childcare places now available!

Looking for a gentle, supportive kindergarten or childcare setting in Lakes Entrance where your child is known, listened to and cared for?

**Our programs include:**

- Calm, spacious learning environments with plenty of room to move, explore and grow
- Outdoor and sensory play, including water, music, movement and hands-on discovery
- Coastal Kinder, Nature Kinder and regular local outings.

We welcome enquiries and are happy to give tours, discuss programs or answer any questions you might have.

☎ 5155 3946  
✉ [childrenscentre@glch.org.au](mailto:childrenscentre@glch.org.au)  
📍 GLCH Children's Centre: 45 Coates Road. Gippsland Lakes Early Learning Centre: 44 Carpenter Street.



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