



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 4	11 Grip Leadership Sale 2027 Prep Information Session	12	13	14	15
Week 5	18	19	20 SSG Meetings	21 SSG Meetings	22 Walk to School Day 56 Winter Sports
Week 6	25	26 SC 4pm	27	28	29
Week 7 June	1	2	3 Reconciliation Day at TAPS	4	5 School Photo Day
Week 8	8 Kings Birthday	9	10	11	12
Week 9	15 TAPS Aths	16	17	18	19
Week 10	22 56 Camp Sovereign Hill	23 56 Camp Sovereign Hill	24 56 Camp Sovereign Hill	25 56 Camp Sovereign Hill	26

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Toorloo Arm Primary School and



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Principals Report

Mother's Day/Special person brekkie

I hope all of our mums, grandmas and special loved ones had a very happy Mother's Day yesterday. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Special Person/Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday morning. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout to celebrate the important people in our students' lives.



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Cross Country

Well done, to all our fabulous students for competing in the Cross-Country event held at Nagle College last week. Students represented our school with determination, resilience and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and giving their best effort. The Nagle track is a big step up in terms of competition and the track itself, so well done for giving it your all.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is incredibly important for student learning, wellbeing and social development. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for students to build friendships, develop confidence and continue progressing in their learning. Even missing one day here and there can add up over time and impact student achievement. We appreciate the support of families in ensuring students attend school regularly and arrive on time each day wherever possible.

Sometimes the mornings can be a little tricky to navigate, so please reach out if you need support.

There are also some great resources out there to support as well- one of these is linked below that has some strategies to help, as well as further resources that are listed at the end of the article.



[School refusal and anxiety about going to school | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-refusal-and-anxiety-about-going-to-school)

AToSS (Attitudes to School Survey)

This week, students across the school will be participating in the ATOSS survey. We encourage all students to take the opportunity to thoughtfully share their voice and experiences about school life. Student feedback plays an important role in helping us continue to strengthen and improve our school community, learning environment and wellbeing supports.

Have a great week.
Miss Hopkins



Walk to school

On Friday the 22nd of May students will be invited to meet Miss Cock at the corner of Lake Tyers Beach and Cliff Roads at 8:20am and walk, skate or ride to school to help promote road safety, environmental sustainability, and the physical/mental health benefits of daily activity.

Do it for Dolly Day

Thank you to everyone who came to school on Friday wearing blue and gave a gold coin donation towards the DO IT FOR DOLLY foundation.



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Wellbeing

Just a heads up we will be holding the big Reconciliation Week event at TAPS for the local schools and community again on Wednesday 3rd June. A fantastic day of connection and sharing culture, we are so lucky to be holding this day at our school. More information to come closer to the date.

Students of the Week



P12

Welcome to week 2 of Term 2 P/1/2 families. A huge congratulations to our award winners this week, from Miss Cock's class, **William Thomson** for his understanding and use of number lines in mathematics. **Ethan Reinke** for his participation and effort in spelling groups.

From Ms Jackson's room, awards went to **Austin Reggardo** for taking action to help the class, and **Nikiah James** for her systematic thinking when doing addition problems. Congratulations to these students!

Last few weeks of fun!



(STEM aeroplane flights and Mother's Day reading)

This Week

Reading - We are looking at a mentor text that supports students' comprehension, sentence structure and reasoning skills. This week is all about high order thinking, this is when students focus on the words the author has chosen. Building their vocabulary, understanding of sentence structure and breaking down what the text is telling the reader.

- P/1: Are focusing on *Alexander's outing*
- 1/2: Are focusing on *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*

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Reading Strategies

P/1 - This week students are practicing:

- Getting our mouth ready: This draws the student's attention to the initial letters of a word and starts to use the picture as a secondary support.
- Back up and revise: This encourages students to listen to the words that they are saying as they read and think whether this makes sense.

1/2 - This week, students are practicing:

- Take the ending off: This encourages students to read the base word first by hiding the ending eg -ing to make it easier to read.
- Flexible Sounds: This is when you think about what other sound a vowel can make and trying this to read a word.

Writing - This term we are starting to develop our narrative skills. This week will be encouraging students to develop brilliant beginnings. We will be exploring engaging narrative starters such as:

- **light camera action:** the writer makes something happen.
E.g The monkey was swinging from branch to branch.
- **single word starters:** the write starts with one word, then builds on it with the next sentence.
E.g Gum! The gum was in my hair.
- **listen up:** the writer starts with a sound and explains what made it in the next sentence.
E.g BOOM, BOOM, BOOM! The musician hit the drum hard.

Students are also revising their knowledge of adjectives, nouns and verbs while being encouraged to use them in their writing.

Maths - Students will be entering the addition and subtraction space. This week students will be working with an addition and subtraction skill to their ability level.

- **Turn arounds** - the 'whole' in the addition sentence stays the same, even when the 'parts' are in a different order. E.g $5 + 2$ and $2 + 5$
- **Facts of 20 in a sequential way**- This is when students use their 'friends of ten' knowledge to add 2 numbers together to make 20 such as if we know $7+3$ is 10, $17+3$ makes 20. While setting out their work to find all combinations without missing any.
- **Making 20 using three parts** - adding three numbers together to make 20 and setting these out in such a way to make it easier to find as many combinations as possible.

Integrated Studies

This term students will be looking at colour and light. This week we are looking at natural and man-made sources of light.

Have a great week!

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

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Hello 3/4 Parents and Guardians

Students of the week are:

Ruby Brooker: for her excellent commitment to improving her persuasive writing skills

Xander Gray: for the amazing efforts he has shown in persuasive writing

Christian Murdoch: For having a positive attitude and never giving up in maths sessions.

Lutarnna Nicholas: For working hard to improve her maths skills.

Literacy

In reading we have been having a big focus on asking questions about the story we are reading. Students have been practising this when the class reads '*Nim's Island*'. These questions included 'why did the character make that choice?' and 'how will the character get out of the problem?'. In writing, students have been writing persuasive arguments using the TEEL paragraph structure. They have been writing a Topic sentence, Elaborating and giving more detail, giving Examples and Linking it back to their overall argument.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we are continuing our addition and subtraction unit. A big focus has been on using the most efficient strategy and balancing missing number equations. We have also been learning about temperature and graphing the weather using Microsoft Excel.

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History

Last week the students presented their indigenous posters. They did a wonderful job researching and sharing what they learnt about local indigenous sites. This week students will begin learning about explorers. They will find out about how they travelled, how they navigated and what resources and equipment they needed.

Thank you
Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Lisa, Hunee and Lindy

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Hello Families

Thank-you to all the families who came on Friday for our Mother's Day Breakfast and dressed in blue for **Do It For Dolly Day**. It was lovely to see so many families at school.

Yesterday we took the TAPS student leadership to Sale for the GRIP (Gratitude, Responsibility, Integrity, People) Leadership Conference. It was a great opportunity for our school leaders to focus on the qualities that make a good leader and reflect on ideas they could implement at school and the steps they could take to achieve their goals. The conference was structured for children and included a range of engaging games and reflection opportunities. It was a great day, and we look forward to supporting our leaders at school to develop their ideas and leadership capabilities.



This week as we read *Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger*, we are asking students to record their visualising. Forming images in our mind as we read is an important strategy to help us understand what we are reading. It has been pleasing to be a part of our Lit Circle rotations hearing the students discuss the content of the book they are reading and how they are feeling, what they are questioning or their predictions about where the story might go. Keep up the great reading and thinking!

Students have begun preparing timelines for their biography of a person featured in the Little People, Big Dreams book series. This week they will be publishing a retell/biography and reading it to the Unit, great practise for public speaking. .

We are continuing to expand the knowledge of multiplication strategies. It has been wonderful to see the number of students who have been completing the paper tasks and supplementing this with the online Timetable Rock Stars program. Already we are seeing an improvement in times table recall for these students.

REMINDERS:

- Camp responses so we know how many students will be going. Please note money is not required immediately, we just need to confirm numbers;
- Year 7 2027 enrolments returned to school ASAP

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

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Art/Stem

This week has seen grade 3-6 students using their knowledge of stop-motion animation and honing their filmmaking and storytelling skills, while junior students have investigated insect textures and camouflage to create artworks that suddenly 'appear' in certain conditions.



In STEM, students have concentrated on improvements to their paper aeroplane design using their engineering perspective of designing, testing and refining.

Jobi Laybourne.

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Student of the week:

Xander Gray: for his attitude and effort in Winter Team Sports, it's been amazing even in the cold!

Logan McGee: his personal growth in PE this year has been outstanding, well done on a fantastic approach!

Division Cross Country

The Division Cross Country was on last **Tuesday 5th May at Nagle College.**

The sun was shining and conditions were perfect for running. Everyone should be so proud of their 100% best efforts to come home strong and complete the course under "competitive" conditions. There were so many memorable and outstanding moments, and a big thanks to all the family support in Bairnsdale, it means a lot to the runners to know you are there. Congratulations to Ollie Douglas who has now qualified to represent TAPS at the Regional Cross Country in Drouin on the 5th of June after coming second in his age group, beating his PB by 3 mins and completing the 3 km course in 11 minutes. Amazingly fast.



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Brrr a cold day for Winter Sports in PE last Thursday, but I'm pretty impressed with the resilience shown by all Gr 3-6 classes. It was good practice for the Eastern District Winter Sports Carnival to be held in Lakes Entrance on **Friday 22nd May (permission is on Compass, please complete asap)**. This week's focus has been on a thorough warm up, practising receiving the pass in a space on the run in the different games of netball, soccer and AFL, and then applying these skills to mini games.

The focus in gymnastics for P/1/2 has been balances this week. Lots of fun and holding our position for at least a count to 5! We have been really careful of how we move our body and checking with each other that we're ok.



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Cheers,

Barb (PE SPORT COORDINATOR)

Important Sport dates for Term 2 2026

WEEK 5

Friday 22nd May District Winter Sports Lakes Entrance Gr 5/6 students (back up Fri 29th May)

WEEK 7

Thurs 4th June Regional Cross Country Lardner Park Qualifying students

WEEK 9

Mon 15th June TAPS Athletics Carnival at school

Important Sport dates for Term 3 2026

Thurs 20th Aug District Athletics Howitt Park Bairnsdale Qualifying students

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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.



Toorloo Arm Primary is after a **New Crossing Guard**,

Greg is leaving and we need a replacement.

If any Parents or Grandparents are interested, please call Nicole Guns,

Senior Community Laws Officer at EGSC on 51539500.

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DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE!

@ LAKES ENTRANCE SECONDARY COLLEGE YEAR 7 OPEN NIGHT

Discover your future at Lakes Entrance Secondary College Open Night. Meet our dedicated staff, explore our curriculum offerings and learn about the transition and enrolment process as you take the next step in your educational journey.

We warmly encourage all prospective 2027 Year 7 families to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.



Tuesday 19 May, 5-7 PM
in the Library



1-11 North Street, Lakes Entrance

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JUNIOR MIXED REGISTRATIONS

Now Open!

- 12 Rounds + Finals
- Start - 4th May
- End - 7th Sept
- Cost - \$115 Plus BV fees



Questions?
Please text Junior
Coordinator:
0475 518 250

🏀 Juniors Mixed Rego is now open

Cost - \$115 + BV fees

Under 10's, 16's & 19's play on a Monday night
Unser 12's & 14's play on a Thursday night

Age groups
 U 10's - 2017 - 2018
 U 12's - 2015 - 2016
 U 14's - 2013 - 2014
 U 16's - 2011 - 2012
 U 19's - 2008 - 2010

If you would like you child to play up a grade please text the Junior Coordinator
0475 518 250

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/6b1de2>

🏀 Girls Competitions Registrations NOW OPEN!

New registrations are welcome for both competitions.

🏀 Our Senior Girls competition is at a minimum for girls born in 2015 and over, and is designed for more experienced and older players.

🏀 Our Junior Girls competition is the perfect environment for girls new to the game or looking for the opportunity to gain confidence and grow their skills.

Registrations for both competitions use the link below.
Games are held on a Friday afternoon.

New registrations are more than welcome to message the junior coordinator to discuss the best competition fit for the player.

✗ No late registrations will be accepted.

To register please use the link at the bottom this post.

Any questions please text 0475 518 250

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/d5a69e>

Registration will close on Friday 24th of April.

GIRLS COMP REGISTRATIONS!

Now Open!

- Start - 8th May
- End - 11th Sept
- Cost - \$80 Plus BV fees



Questions?
Please text Junior
Coordinator:
0475 518 250

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON



Join us for the 2026 Cross Country Season
2 FREE Trails are available.



SATURDAY'S
2ND MAY - 29TH AUGUST

**LAKES ENTRANCE
SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Start at
9:30AM

*VENUE MAY CHANGE ON CERTAIN DATES

U6 - 500m
U7 & U8 - 1km
U9 & U10 - 1.5km
U11 & U12 - 2km
U13 & UP - 3km

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"...that perfect performance combo of hilarity and community"
Xavier Dannock, Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool

HALL STORIES

Damian Callinan

A night of comedy & storytelling celebrating the quirks, traditions & characters of Australian halls and meeting places.

Wednesday 20th May 7pm
Lake Tyers Beach Hall

Also performing at Johnsonville Hall
Saturday 23rd May

Presented by **THE FORGE**
(03) 5152 1482

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