Toorloo Arm Primary School

NEWSLETTER 17th of November 2026

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7	16	17 SC 4pm	18	19	20 Report writing- Student Free
Week 8	23 Book Club due back	24	25	26	27
Week 9	30 Nagle College Orientation 8:50-3:15	1 Nagle College Orientation 8:50-3:15	2 Nagle College Orientation 8:50-3:15	3	4
Week 10	7 LESC Orientation 9:00-3:10	8 LESC Orientation 9:00-3:10 BSC Orientation 9:00-3:05	9 TAPS transition BSC Orientation 9:00-3:05	10 TAPS transition	11 TAPS transition
Week 11	14 Grade 6 Beach Day	15 Grade 6 Graduation	16 Last Assembly Whole School Pool Day	17	18 Last day of Term 13:30 finish

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BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188
Please include details – Surname and description e.g., Fees, camp etc.

Compass, Toorloo Arm Primary School and Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School

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Principal's Report

Shelter in Place – Upcoming Maintenance Works

As we prepare for the upcoming bushfire season, there are several measures that we put in place as part of our emergency management plan and bushfire preparedness.

One of the buildings that are part of this plan is our Shelter in Place building (main building). It is a designated building that provides additional protection for students and staff in the event of a bushfire emergency, particularly when it is unsafe to evacuate. In the next few weeks, possibly as soon as next week, maintenance works will commence on this building. These works will involve upgrades to ensure the building continues to meet the required safety standards of the Education department. As part of these works, some vegetation, including trees, will need to be removed as they are located within the required 10-metre clearance zone surrounding the building.

While we understand the importance of maintaining our beautiful natural environment, these works are necessary to ensure the safety of our school community. Please be assured that we will be replanting these areas with suitable vegetation once the works are completed and will have a plan in place. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation while these important works are undertaken and there will be minor interruptions to normal school operations.

Due to these changes, in the meantime we will have a temporary change to our bushfire plan. There has been a separate letter sent out to all students today detailing the changes. Please note that this is only temporary (until the Shelter in place building gets an upgrade) and the changes are only for 'extreme' days.

As always, please let me know if you need any further clarification.

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Last call for class requests for 2027
This is the last week for requests for next year's classes. Please email if you have any requests that you would like considered before we start to create 2027 classes.

Report writing day (Student free)- this Friday the 20th of November.
Please remember that this Friday is a student free day as teachers will be preparing Semester two reports. Thanks for your support.

State Election
Toorloo Arm PS will be a polling station on the 28th of November for the State Election.
We will be running a sausage sizzle and cake stall as a school fundraiser.
We will be asking for **families and Friends** to donate baked goods and hopefully a little time, to help the stall run smoothly.
Paper plates will be coming home this Thursday to be filled for the stall, please return with baked goods before Friday the 27th of November.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Hopkins



Uniform sale

Shorts - $12
Skorts - $12
Tracksuit pants - $16
½ zip polo - $24

Limited stock and sizes

Students of the week



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Welcome to week 7 of Term 4!

This week, Miss Cock's awards went to **Mackenzie O'Shea** for recognising that cup size will change how many cups we need in capacity as well as recognising that a tall container can hold the same as a wide container. Grade 1's for demonstrating all the TAPS values while at sleepover, we were so period of you all both at school and down at the Apex park.

Ms Jackson's award went to **Samuel Wickham** for his amazing support of others during Grade 1 sleepover pack up.

Congratulations to these students for their efforts.

Our Week

Grade 1 sleepover







Grade 1 Sleepover

Well done to all our grade 1 students for their efforts during sleepover last Thursday. We had a wonderful time at the park playing on the equipment and making new friends before coming back to school to make snacks for Friday's recess and watching a movie before bed. A great time was had by all, and we couldn't be prouder of all of you.

We also have to say a huge thank you to the parents that helped ferry students to the park and their wonderful cooking skills at the BBQ. Thank you so much to the Woolen family, Bolding family and the James family.

Assessment Period

Please be mindful that all teachers are starting their end of year assessment and we would be grateful if all students could attend school on a daily basis.

This Week

Reading - This week, we are continuing to explore non-fiction text features. This week, we are focusing on the different text and how some might be bold, italic or underlined to identify the important detail. Students will also look at a glossary and how one works.

Writing - This week we are revising our Narrative writing skills with a range of picture prompts for our creative writing.

Maths - This week, we will continue our work with measurement. P/1 will focus on capacity while the 1/2 will focus on mass. Using informal units and making direct comparisons, students will use their reasoning skills to make predictions and follow the measurement rules to find how much objects weigh or hold. Grade 2s will also be learning about fractions, including halves, quarters and eighths.

Have a great week!
Miss Cock, Ms Jackson, Ildi, Lindy, and Hunee.

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Hello 3/4 Families
Students of the week are:
Maverick Blank: For his energy and enthusiasm which always brings a positive atmosphere to our classroom.
We are continuing to read our mentor text Charlottes Web, studying the relationship between Wilbur and Charlotte and studying words from the text such as terrific. Students have looked at the origin of the word terrific and looked at other adjectives that end in "ic".
In writing the 3/4's have been publishing their research report about First Nations inventions and making their "Shrinking" stories into book. It is great to see them taking such pride and care in their presentation.
After completing testing in maths last week, this week we will be revising multiplication and division strategies. We will be looking at areas where students need to improve their understanding and how to apply their multiplication and division knowledge when problem solving.
In our physical science unit, we will begin to introduce the topic of magnets and their properties.
Thanking you
Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Lisa, Hunee and Lindy

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Student of The Week
Katarlis Atherton-Gorden for her commitment to her learning. You are approaching all tasks with the desire to do your best and completed a fabulous reading response and piece of writing last week.
Zoe Nairn for your collaboration with other students. You demonstrated great leadership, understanding and tolerance. Great effort Zoe.
Amelia Moss For her commitment to being the best she can be across all areas of the curriculum. She is always prepared for lessons, persists when tasks are challenging and work well collaborating with her peers. You have a great attitude to learning Milly , well done.
River Johnson for her excellent reading responses . I am so impressed by the detail River puts into her work and the great examples she uses to support her ideas. Keep up the great work River.
Sam Davies For taking on feedback in writing and using it to add detail and produce deeper reading responses. Well, done Sam.

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We will endeavour to continue our assessment this week focusing on reading and maths. Last week students completed a writing piece, a maths assessment and a spelling test. Student's commitment to doing their best is evident and we appreciated the flexibility the kids showed when our testing was interrupted by digital issues beyond our control.

Students are demonstrating a great understanding of the characters and emotions in our Mentor Text *Pannikin and Pinta*. It has been wonderful to see how the depth of thinking relating to their reading responses has developed across the term. All students should feel very proud of their growth.

Between testing in maths, students will continue to create their 'dream bedroom' and will learn about mapping using cartesian planes.

We've been enjoying BTN (Behind the News) again and finishing each session with a team quiz. John Parkhill, Harry Friend and Lochlan Tunnage were our outstanding quiz winners last week scoring 13 points (next closest was 7). Great listening and teamwork boys!

Please continue to encourage regular reading at home and chat with your child about the books and texts they are exploring. This helps your child have more meaningful discussions about the book they are reading and write more meaningful responses.

Don't forget, Friday is a pupil free day for report writing. Thank you for your ongoing support and have a wonderful week!

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

Art/Stem

Thae past week has been a busy one, with students in art having fun with optical illusion artworks, and textural rubbings using oil pastel.





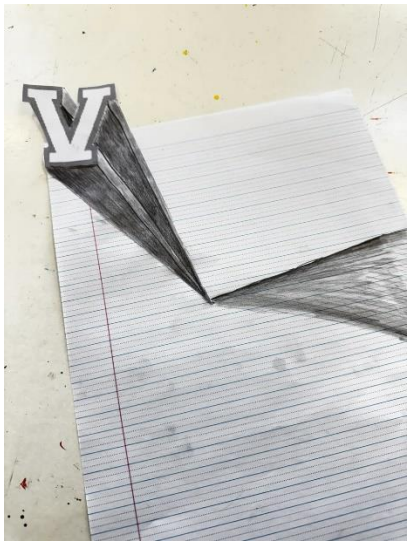
In STEM, Senior Students have 'gone back to basics' , temporarily trading their architectural knowledge of computer aided design skills (CAD) to design buildings and structures using more traditional techniques such as pen, paper, rulers and cut and paste. Other classes have been investigating how friction can be a positive and negative force.

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Jobi Laybourne.

Language and Culture

This week in Language and Culture the 5/6 students are cooking again! We are making a simple garlic and tomato sauce with our very own gnocchi. 5/6A did a fantastic job today, using fresh herbs supplied by the teachers. The whole unit smelled delicious and the end result was popular!













The 3/4 and 1/2 students have been continuing their watercolour and oil pastel artworks of the architecture of Venice, with some beautiful results on display in the assembly gallery. And in Prep/1 we are reading all about the Italian adventures of Piccolo the shrew!

Ciao! Ms Haldane

SPORT AND PE NEWS
Students of the week:
Maddy Angel: for her growing basketball skills, and her focus and effort at the basketball clinic.
Darcy Eastham: for his growth, this year in PE, joining in and following the rules of whole class games.
Mason Livingston: Great refereeing and supporting your team mates to be their best, outstanding leadership!









Grade 3-6s had their basketball clinics last week. A big thanks to Emily from Gippsport Traralgon who came down and ran the sessions, Michelle Whelan for initiating access to the program and Jason Whelan for running some of the groups. Everyone got a lot out of the program, and we hope to see some TAPS students participating in the domestic comp next year.

Preps to Grade 2s are continuing with the Cricket Mascot Challenge, and we have also introduced a new game called Blast Off. Great fun!

Barb (PE SPORT COORDINATOR)

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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

Pizza Muffins (2 pieces)
Ham & Cheese $6
Roasted Capsicum & Olice $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.

LAKES ENTRANCE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Enrolment Evening

Lakes Entrance Secondary College invites our 2027 Year 7 Students and their families to our Enrolment Evening:

- Meet our teachers
- Get help with enrolment forms
- Uniform shop
- Meet the Wellbeing Team

BBQ Dinner Provided

Canteen Area

17 Nov 2026

5:00pm - 7:00pm

More Information:

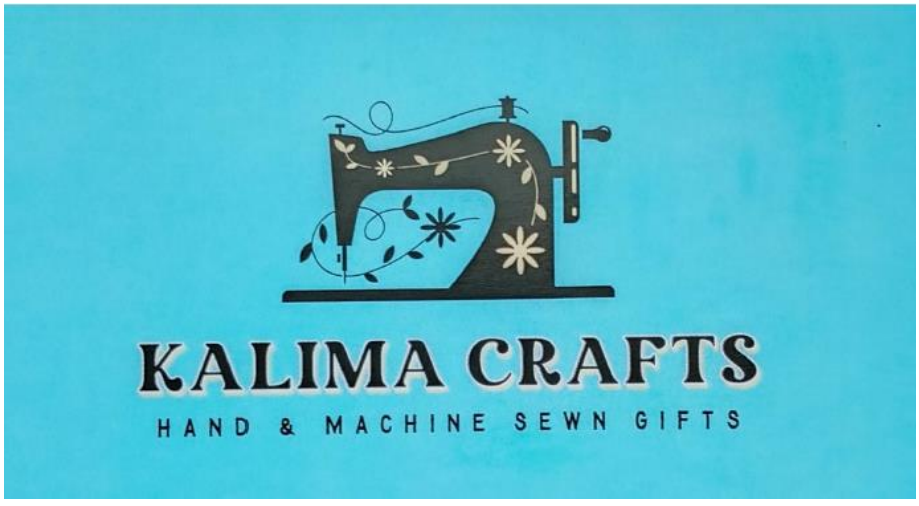
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Hey Everyone

Marie here (Lollipop Lady) I have a side business called Kalima Crafts that I do with my friend Karen. I was at the Le Rocktober Fest in Lakes Entrance, and it was a fantastic weekend.
I make bowl cosy's, aprons, I even have Halloween Trick or Treat bags that are $10 for large and $5 for smaller. I also have stationary such as everyday cards, Christmas cards, note pads, non-confectionery advent calendars plus lots of other things. I'm offering 10% of sales to be donated back to the school, so please take a peek at Kalima Crafts;
Insta: kalimacrafts
FB: Ka-LiMa Crafts
Message me through either of those.

SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER

THE EDUCATION STATE — VICTORIA — Department of Education

FREE HEALTH, WELLBEING & DEVELOPMENT CHECKS FOR PREP STUDENTS

The Primary School Nursing Program is a free health and wellbeing service offered to all Victorian students in their first year of school.
The program aims to assist with the early identification of children with potential health, wellbeing or development concerns which may impact on their education and offers screening which may include:

Hearing | Vision | Speech | Dental | Motor Skills | Behaviour & social skills

The Primary School Nurse also provided advice, information & other health & support services



1 FINDING THEIR VOICE: SPEECH DEVELOPMENT

Communication skills are the building blocks for success. Engage in conversations with your child and encourage them to express themselves verbally. Reading aloud together and singing songs are fun ways to boost speech development!

2 CLEAR VISION FOR BRIGHT FUTURES

Healthy eyesight is essential for your child's academic success and exploration of the world around them. As parents, we can support their vision by encouraging breaks from screen time and facilitating outdoor play, giving their eyes the rest they need to thrive. It is recommended for all children commencing school to have an eye check at the optometrist. These assessments are typically free with a Medicare card at any optometrist. To find your nearest optometrist and book an appointment, visit www.optometry.org.au.

SCHOOL HEALTH PLANS

DO YOU HAVE YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH PLANS READY FOR SCHOOL?

Allergies & eczema plans available at: www.allergy.org.au
Asthma plans are available at: www.asthma.org.au
Please discuss your plans with your Family Doctor and once completed give a copy to your school.



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3 SWEET DREAMS: THE POWER OF SLEEP:

Did you know that adequate sleep is essential for your child's growth and development? Here are some tips to help your child drift into restful slumber: maintain a consistent bedtime routine, create a calm and cozy sleep environment, limit screen time before bed, and ensure they get plenty of physical activity during the day. By following these simple steps, you'll help your child develop a healthy sleep pattern that will benefit them for years to come. Sweet dreams!



4 EMBRACING EMOTIONS: EMOTIONAL REGULATION:

Help your child understand and manage their feelings in a positive way. Encourage your child to express feelings through words or creative activities like drawing. Teach deep breathing exercises and model healthy emotional responses. Create a safe space for open conversations about their day. With patience and understanding, we can help our children grow into resilient, confident individuals.

5 SAY CHEESE! ORAL HEALTH MATTERS:

Healthy teeth and gums are essential for overall well-being. Make brushing and flossing a fun and interactive experience. Limit sugary snacks and beverages, and don't forget to schedule regular dental check-ups to keep those smiles sparkling bright!

Eligible children can access free dental treatment up to the value of $1,013 over two years at any dental health service.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A, Disability Support Pension or other relevant Australian Government payments are eligible.

Contact your local dental clinic and they can confirm your eligibilty with your medicare card, alternatively BRHS Community Dental Health Service is located in Bairnsdale and provides free dental care to all students attending public school.



National Continence Helpline 1800 33 00
BRHS continence nurse: 5152 0231
SafeSteps Family Violence support1800 015 188 or www.safesteps.org.a**Food Security:** www.asklizzy.org.au/fo**Royal Children's Hospital**– 9345 552**The Orange Door:** 1800 319 354
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Anglicare/Parentzone parenting courses- (03) 51 359 555 or Parentzone.Gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
Poisons information- 13 11 26
Parentline- 1300 30 1300
Homelessness assistance: 1800 825 955 http://service.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-help
BRHS Dental Service: 5152 0222

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LAKES ENTRANCE

WARMLY INVITE ALL TO JOIN OUR

'A CAROL EVENT'

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 7PM

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