Toorloo Arm Primary School

NEWSLETTER 24th of November 2026

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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

ONLINE BANKING - Account Name -Toorloo Arm Primary School Council
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

Nicks Online Uniform Shop: https://nicksbairnsdale.com.au/toorloo-arm-ps/

Principal's Report

Spartan Race



At this week's assembly, we had the students who participated in the Spartan race over the weekend stand up… and what a wonderful turnout we had. It was fantastic to see so many of our students and families getting involved. Events like these are a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together while promoting physical activity, perseverance and having a go. A huge congratulations to all the students who tested themselves on the course, it was great to see such a strong representation from TAPS!



Baked good and Helpers needed

The State election is happening this Saturday at the school and there will be a sausage sizzle and cake stall as a fundraiser. **If you could please help out by either donating baked goods or time to help out on the day with selling or on the BBQ**, it would be very appreciated. Please let the office know.

Please make sure that the baked goods are at the school by Friday at the latest on the paper plate and with the slip of paper filled out.
Thanks for your help and support, it is always a great fundraiser.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Hopkins

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Wellbeing

Students are currently completing their PIVOT week 5 Wellbeing check in. Your child has had the opportunity to reflect on their wellbeing regularly over the year and learn more about the things that affect how they feel each day. It is also a safe way for them to communicate if they need help.

Evidence-based studies show that students using the Student Wellbeing check-in have reported increased wellbeing over the course of the check-ins, along with an increase in their confidence to ask for help when they need it. Findings also provide guidance to teachers and the wider school on how to better support student wellbeing and student voice. Please speak to your classroom teacher, Mrs. Plant (Wellbeing Leader), or Miss Hopkins if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing.

Over the next 2 weeks, your child will also have the opportunity to share what helps them learn by completing their second PIVOT Teaching and Learning Survey for the year and have a genuine say in how learning happens in their classroom. Their feedback helps teachers understand what is working well and where they can adapt their teaching to better meet students' needs.

Barb (Wellbeing Leader)



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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P12

Welcome to week 8 of Term 4!
This week, Miss Cock's awards went to **Jandamarra Harrison** for building his self-belief and independence in writing and **Alyssa Rushton** for her positivity and adaptability while at school.
Ms Jackson's award went to **Frankie Bolding** for consistently showing the school values in everything she does, and **Luca Douglas** for his excellent progress in his writing.

Our Week










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 - We are continuing to explore non-fiction text features. This week, we are focusing on paragraphs and how each paragraph talks about one topic.

Writing - We are continuing our work on information reports. Students will write facts about their topic making sure to use paragraphs and subheadings.

Maths - We will continue our work with measurement. P/1 will focus on mass, while the 1/2 will focus on capacity. 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 Parents and Guardians
Students of the week are:
Evie Jackson: For showing resilience and being able to "bounce back."
Jack Tunnage: For his excellent effort with home reading.
Darcy Eastham: For his efforts he has put into his reading in reading groups. Well done Darcy!

Literacy

In reading we are focusing on the changes characters make throughout a story, both in their actions, feelings and traits. Students are practising this with our mentor text *Charlotte's Web*. In writing we are focusing on narrative writing skills, in particular, using paragraphs correctly in a story, using connectives and creating an introduction that describes a character in detail. We are also finishing off our information report posters and publishing our narrative picture stories.

Mathematics
In Mathematics we are revising and extending on skills from previous terms. This week's focus is multiplication and division. The key skills are practising times tables, uses mental strategies for multiplies by 10's and 100's, and using a ratio table to assist in multiplication problem solving.

Science
In Science, we are continuing to investigate forces. This week's lessons involve magnets and investigate the magnetic force and gravity on different objects. Students will be conducted a 'floating paper clip' challenge.

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

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Student of The Week
Isaac Whitford his creativity in taking a prompt, focusing on a specific feature and giving his story both humour and an unexpected twist. At the same time, Isaac used a mix of sentence types, correct punctuation and fabulous language! Awesome effort!
Kobe Sheard the way you have consistently been taking on feedback relating to your learning. It was fabulous to assess your reading and listen to your fluency and accuracy and then observe your improved comprehension. You have also taken on feedback to grow as a writer and mathematician and should be proud of your achievements! Great effort!
John Parkhill for your excellent reading responses. You are including impressive detail and thoughtful examples to support your ideas. Your response exploring the theme of trust demonstrated a great understanding of the text. Keep up the fantastic work John.
Brysen Jonkers for being receptive to feedback and making positive choices to strengthen your learning and manage your behaviour effectively. Great effort Brysen.

Testing does create stress, but it also brings out the best in many however, it has been wonderful to measure the growth of all of the grade 5/6 students ready for reporting. As teachers we recognise that every student will grow in different areas and different ways; we also have an understanding of this growth through their work over the year. It has been very pleasing to see our anticipated results reflected in the test results over the last two weeks. Congratulations to all students on your effort, determination and growth this year!

We will be continuing with our Mentor Text *Pannikin and Pinta* focusing on character actions/behaviour and student responses to events in the text and the overall story. While this book looks like a picture story book, it reaches much further and it has been wonderful to read student responses to the text as we have worked through the book.

All students will be writing a reflection on their learning 2026 this week which will be included with their report. We look forward to hearing what students have enjoyed, felt successful and what they have found challenging.

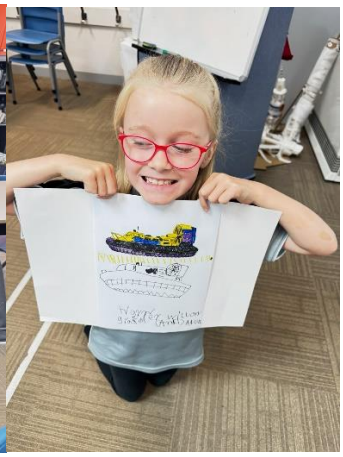
We are continuing with work on cartesian planes this week and then moving into financial planning (could be a good segway into students planning their school holiday budget!).

Reading comprehension growth this year has been largely correlated with reading at home. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly as this supports their learning in so many areas.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a wonderful week!
Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Lizzy Haldane, Alyssa and Dee

Art/Stem
This week students in STEM will be consolidating their understanding the topics covered over the past couple of weeks, with Prep to Grade 4's putting their knowledge of friction into practice, while Senior Students will fine be tuning their building designs.





In art, all students will be finishing off works allowing them to have 'student voice' for the coming weeks by choosing their favourite art materials and techniques to create their artworks.



Jobi Laybourne.

Language and Culture

Focus on Italy-Artwork by students



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SPORT AND PE NEWS

Students of the week:
Logan McGee: for his growth in PE this year, a credit to his positive mindset, seeking help from others and believing he can do hard things!



Grade 5-6s have continued their Sport Ed unit this week. Student leaders have selected teams, and we have now completed round 2. The program gives students voice on what they would like to play (basketball and volleyball were the chosen sports), practice at leadership (such as team selection, refereeing, scoring, timing) and also noticing how others are going by nominating the fairest and best each week.

Prep – Gr 4s have started the racket sports unit, we are getting used to holding the racket with one hand, which is different to cricket. We are also being really aware of space and careful of others, so we don't hit them!

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Barb (PE SPORT COORDINATOR)

BREW BAR
on the ninety miler

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.

FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Sensitive Santa

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

Santa Visit For Children With Additional Needs



Join us for a very special visit from Santa!

Santa has taken time out of his very busy schedule and agreed to join us at the library for a talk and a photo!

Sensitive Santa is for children and families who would benefit from a low sensory and supported environment.

Children with additional needs are invited to meet Santa in a free private 20-minute session with their families.

This project is supported by the Uniting Vic Tas - East Gippsland Communities for Children program, using funds provided through the Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS)

Bairnsdale Library
Thursday 26 November 9:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday 28 November 9:00am - 12:00pm

Orbost Service Centre
Wednesday 25 November 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Book Now

Speak to our friendly library staff to book your time or call 5152 4225

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WORD BY MOUTH
SPEECH PATHOLOGY
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JANUARY 2027 | SCHOOL HOLIDAY
GROUP PROGRAMS

Supporting your child's language, social and writing skills ready for 2027.

Advanced Writing Group
Years 10, 11 & 12
Tues 19th – Thurs 21st Jan
With Melinda Schambre

Primary Writing Group
Years 4, 5 & 6
Tues 12th – Thurs 14th Jan
With Melinda Schambre

Upper Primary Language Group
Years 4, 5 & 6
Wed 13th – Fri 15th Jan
With Dr Tristan Nickless

Early Secondary Language Group
Years 7, 8 & 9
Wed 20th – Fri 22nd Jan
With Dr Tristan Nickless

Mid Primary Social Skill Group
Years 3, 4 & 5
Mon 18th – Wed 20th Jan
With Ruby White

All groups:
2 hours per day
(total 6 hours)

- **Clients of Word By Mouth** will be prioritised.
- **Non Word By Mouth Clients** will be required to participate in an initial consultation.

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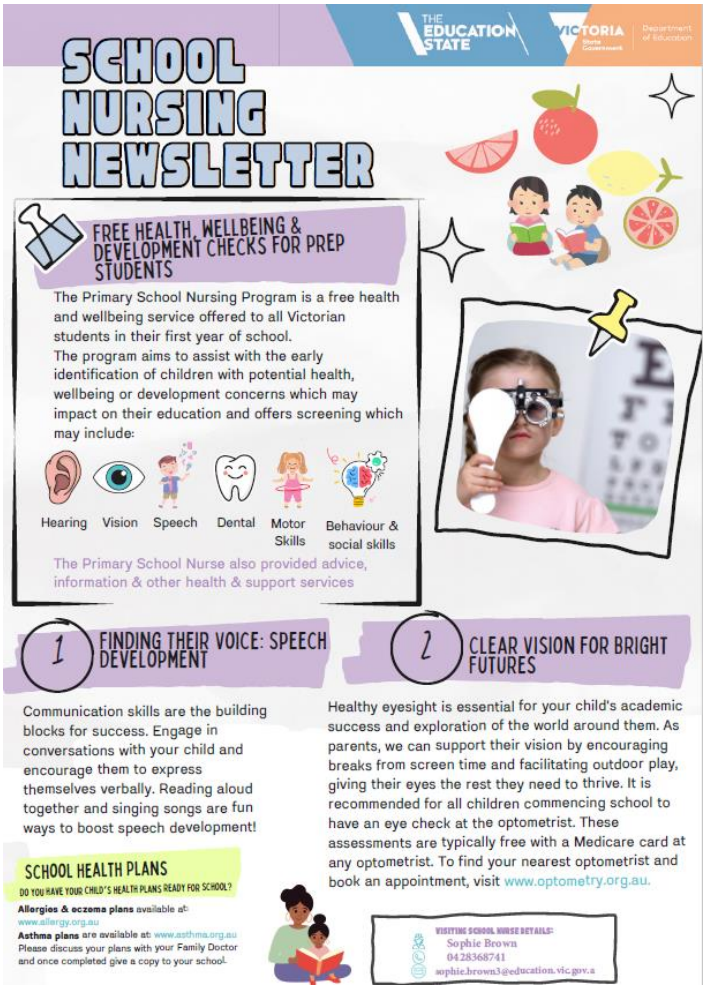

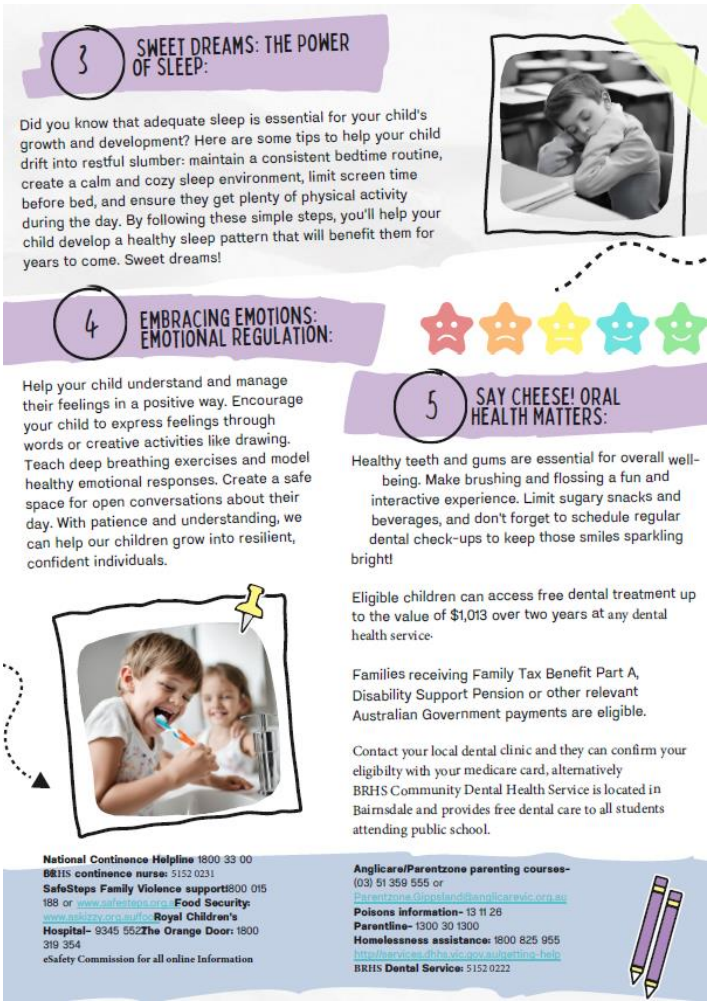

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