



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

|                | MONDAY                          | TUESDAY                         | WEDNESDAY                       | THURSDAY                                   | FRIDAY   |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Week 2         | 27                              | 28<br>SC 4pm                    | 29                              | 30   | 1<br>Staff first Aid training-<br>Student free day           |
| Week 3<br>May  | 4                               | 5<br>Division Cross<br>Country  | 6                               | 7<br>Scholastic<br>Book orders<br>due Back | 8<br>Mother's Day<br>Breakfast-8:30am<br>Do it for Dolly Day |
| Week 4         | 11<br>Grip Leadership<br>Sale   | 12                              | 13                              | 14   | 15   |
| Week 5         | 18                              | 19                              | 20<br>SSG Meetings              | 21<br>SSG Meetings                         | 22<br>Walk to School Day                                     |
| Week 6         | 25                              | 26<br>SC 4pm                    | 27                              | 28   | 29   |
| Week 7<br>June | 1                               | 2                               | 3                               | 4  | 5<br>School Photo Day  |
| Week 8         | 8<br>Kings Birthday             | 9                               | 10                              | 11   | 12   |
| Week 9         | 15<br>TAPS Aths                 | 16                              | 17                              | 18   | 19   |
| Week 10        | 22<br>56 Camp<br>Sovereign Hill | 23<br>56 Camp<br>Sovereign Hill | 24<br>56 Camp<br>Sovereign Hill | 25<br>56 Camp<br>Sovereign Hill            | 26   |

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BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188

Please include details – Surname and description e.g., Fees, uniform, camp etc.



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Toorloo Arm Primary School and



Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School

### Principals Report

Welcome to week 2 of term 2.

#### Anzac Day ceremony.

Well, done to our school captains, Willow and Zoe, for conducting our ceremony on Friday. It was impressive to see your organisation and leadership on display. The ceremony was a heartfelt and fitting tribute to pay our respects to the soldiers who fought for our country.

In addition, a big thank you to the many students and families who attended the ANZAC Day ceremony in Lakes Entrance on Saturday. It was fantastic to see such a strong turnout from our school community (one of the biggest that we have had in many years), and the respectful way our students represented the school made us all very proud.



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### **Attitudes to School Survey**

Looking ahead, the ATOSS survey will be starting on the 11th of May. This is an important opportunity for students to share their thoughts about their school experience. All Victorian government schools complete this each year and is a survey for students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Questions are around areas such as, how they feel about their learning, their relationships with teachers and peers, their sense of belonging, and their overall wellbeing. It's an important chance for students to have a voice and let us know what's working well and where we can improve. Please note that while we encourage students to participate, it isn't a mandatory survey, and families do have the option to opt out. If this is the case, please contact the school as soon as you can. Thanks for your support.

### **Preps 2027**

We have started out school tours for families wishing to enrol their child in for next year and have had quite a few over the last month or so. We will also be conducting our formal school tours and information session in the upcoming weeks. If you know of any families with children starting school next year, we'd really appreciate you spreading the word and encouraging them to come along and see what our school has to offer.

## **TOORLOO ARM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*We warmly invite all future  
foundation children and their  
families to our:*



*Open Morning on  
Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May at 9:30am  
(where you will be able to see the Prep  
class in progress and tour the school).*

*Also  
an Information session on Monday  
the 11<sup>th</sup> of May at 10am  
(information relating to enrolment and the first  
year of School).*

*If you are unable to attend at this  
time, please call the office to  
arrange another time to come in and  
see our school.*



*kindest regards,  
Alli Hopkins, Principal*

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### Student Free Day

A quick reminder that this Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May is a student-free day, so no students are required at school. This day will allow all staff to complete their first aide training and finetune their curriculum planning for the rest of the term. Thanks for your support.

Have a great week.  
Miss Hopkins

### Wellbeing

#### **Breakfast with My Special Person ((Mother's Day Brekky) Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

You're warmly invited to our yummy croissant and coffee Breakfast with their special person.

Join us as we celebrate the wonderful people in our students' lives who care, support, and nurture them every day. Students are welcome to bring a parent, grandparent, carer or another special person to share a relaxed breakfast together. We look forward to celebrating with you!



#### **Do it for Dolly Day**

Next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, our Junior School Council will be holding a whole school **Do It for Dolly Day**. Students can be out of uniform in **BLUE** colours and bring a gold coin donation. By going **blue**—Dolly's favourite colour—wearing **BLUE** we are supporting anti-bullying initiatives to create a kinder, safer world.

### 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, **Iver Rooks** for using his letter sound knowledge to write a cute story about his pet Minmin, **Poppie Mallen**, for always demonstrating our school values. The kindness of the week awards went to **Samuel Wickham** for helping Christian with his car from Hannah and **Hannah Wickham** for helping others find friends out in the yard from Isabella. From Ms Jackson's room, awards went to **Indy Geddes** for her super

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supportiveness of others, and to **Samuel Wickham** for his resilience whilst injured. Congratulations to these students!

**Last few weeks of fun!**



Easter egg hunt last term, outside learning in the sun and ANZAC Day craft with our buddies

**This Week**

**Reading** - We are looking at a mentor text that supports students' comprehension, sentence structure and reasoning skills. This week is all about low order thinking, this is when students do a deep dive into the pictures to see what is happening. This allows them to make predictions, connections and ask questions.

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

**Reading Strategies**

P/1 - This week students are practicing:

- Finding the repeating part of the text, this allows students to recognise specific words and follow a clear sentence structure.
- Connecting the pages together, this is when we use what happened on each page to build our knowledge of the topic allowing readers to make increasingly accurate predictions.

1/2 - This week, students are practicing:

- Rereading to think and understand what we are reading. We read, stop to check if we understand, then reread if we don't understand.
- Skip and return is a strategy we use when we find a word difficult. We keep reading to the end of the sentence and think about what would make sense. We go back to the beginning and reread to figure out the word.

**Writing** - This term we are starting to develop our narrative skills. This week will be encouraging students to develop their own characters thinking about their inner and outer traits. Students are also starting to look at what adjectives are and how 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.

- **Number bonds** - This is a number bond. The 2 smaller numbers are called 'parts and the larger number is called a 'whole'.
- **Number splitting** - This is how to effectively add 1-digit numbers to teen numbers. We separate the teen numbers into tens and ones then add the ones together before adding the tens back on.
- **Facts of 20** - 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.

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

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### 34AB

Hello 3/4 Parents and Guardians

Students of the week are:

**Amaya Spathas:** for showing excellent engagement when responding and sharing about the class mentor text.

**Xander Gray:** for his fantastic progress in subtraction and the effort he put into his maths fluency.

**3/4A:** Class award for working diligently and responsibility and showcasing exemplary kindness and respect.

### Literacy

In reading we are continuing to link reading strategies with our mentor text '*Nim's Island*'. The comprehension strategies that we are focusing on are 'check for understanding', 'asking questions' and 'inferring with evidence'. Students are completing guided reading each week and completing activities relating to their book as well as the focus strategies. In writing, we are looking at the structure of a persuasive text and how to use organise a convincing paragraph. In spelling students are completing weekly activities, focusing on a key sound and looking at common spelling patterns.

### Mathematics

In Mathematics we are continuing our addition and subtraction unit. A big focus has been on mental subtraction skills including using addition to solve subtraction. Students are also solving equations with a missing component using addition or subtraction. Last Friday the 3/4s completed activities involved estimation of mass, measuring the mass of different objects and using formal measurement tools accurately.

Just a reminder for those students that qualified, the district cross country is next Tuesday. We also have a footy clinic on Thursday before lunch.

Thank you

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Lisa, Hunee and Lindy

### 56AB

Welcome to week 2

Students of the week

5/6 A

**Harry Friend** for his thoughtful and insightful thinking about both our Mentor Text and his Lit Circle book encouraging others to have deeper conversations about the books. Great work Harry.

**Mason Livingston** for the way he took an everyday activity and using literary devices like repetition and short phrases turned it into a sizzling start for our Rocket Write.

**Zach Seaton** for his fabulous approach to all learning tasks in term 2.

5/6 B

**Declan Bills** for making great inferences and thoughtful annotations whilst reading his Lit Circle text.

**Maddy Angel** for her persistence in maths fluency activities and her commitment to improving her number knowledge. A great effort Maddy.

**John Parkhill** for his excellent participation in our discussion during the reading of our mentor text, *Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger*. His wonderings and ideas really enhance our class discussions. Thank you John.

Students are really enjoying our new mentor text, *Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger*. We will continue reading the story together, asking questions and using clues from the text to help us make inferences. This helps students build a deeper understanding of the characters and important events. We are starting our Lit Circle rotations this week. Students received their new book last week and are expected to read the assigned pages and complete their Lit Circle task before their next teacher/group session.

In writing, we are focusing on autobiographies. Students will begin planning and writing their own autobiography, thinking about important events in their lives and organising them in chronological order.

In maths, our focus is on multiplication strategies. We are learning two main methods: the area (or "window") method and the lattice method. A strong understanding of multiplication facts (1–10) is essential, so we encourage families to support practice at home. This will help students feel more confident with both multiplication and division.

In Integrated Studies, students will begin researching a significant historical event of their choice. They will work in small groups, building their collaboration skills and learning to work respectfully with others to achieve a shared goal.

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.

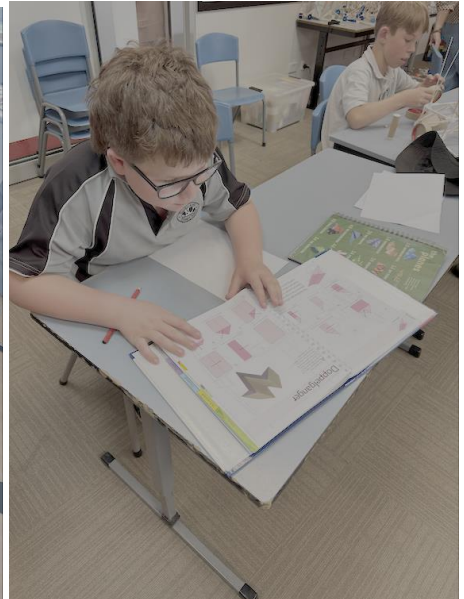
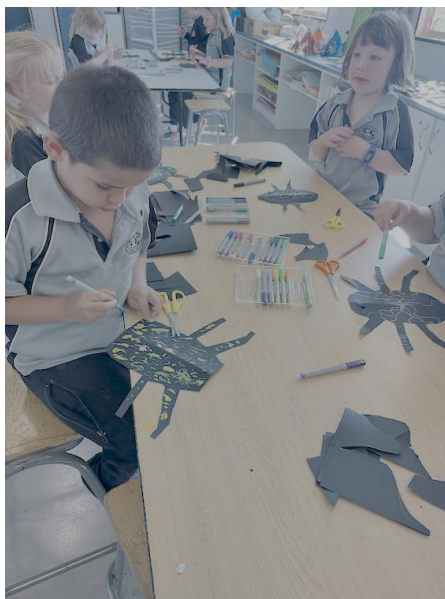
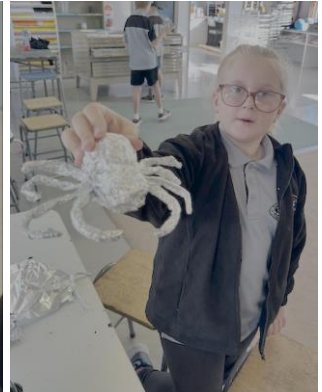
Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Lizzy Haldane, Alyssa and Dee 😊

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### Art/Stem

This first week back has seen students begin to explore the macro world of 'Mini-Beasts' in art classes – looking at the amazing colours, patterns and textures. In STEM, students have begun their exploration into flight and different flying machines.



Jobi Laybourne.

### SPORT AND PE NEWS

Students of the week:

**Laila Gritt:** for going outside her comfort zone during netball training at lunchtime and loving it!

**Travis Tregonning:** showing and helping his partner do handballs in AFL.

**Jyeran Whitford:** fantastic body control in gymnastics

Just a reminder that Division Cross Country will be held next week on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at Nagle College** (first race is 11 am) for those students who have qualified. Permission notifications are on Compass, please reply so we can finalise travel arrangements asap.

Students in Grade 3-6 have started the Winter Sport unit, with the focus on passing in the different games of netball, soccer and AFL. Grade 5/6 students have selected their team options and training has started at lunchtimes on Tuesday. In 4 weeks, the Eastern District Winter Sports Carnival will be held in Lakes Entrance on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** (back up Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May). Keep the date free as we are always needing scorers, goal umpires and umpires for this big day!

It's been great weather this week and everyone in Prep to Gr 2 has been so enthusiastic in gymnastics. The focus is on body control at different levels to be safe and smooth while we move across and balance on the

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gymnastics mats using hands and feet. This week we have been practising pencil, egg, forward rolls and cartwheels as a super challenge.



Well done to Green Sea Snakes for winning the TAPS Cross Country House award from last term. House Captains **Declan Bills** and **Charlotte Butcher** accepted the certificate on behalf of Green Sea Snakes at assembly this week.

Barb (PE SPORT COORDINATOR)

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**Important Sport dates for Term 2 2026****WEEK 3****Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Division Cross Country Nagle College Bairnsdale** Qualifying students**WEEK 5****Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May District Winter Sports Lakes Entrance** Gr 5/6 students (back up Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May)**WEEK 7****Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June Regional Cross Country Lardner Park** Qualifying students**WEEK 9****Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June TAPS Athletics Carnival at school****Important Sport dates for Term 3 2026****Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Aug District Athletics Howitt Park Bairnsdale** Qualifying students

**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

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## 2027 Year 7 - Information Evening

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**5.00 pm to 7.00 pm**

Bairnsdale Secondary College invite students, parents, and carers to our Information Evening for 2027 Year 7 students.

| Time               | Item   | Location                                     |
|--------------------|--|--|
| 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm | McKean Street Campus open to tour and chat with staff and students from Key Learning Areas including English, Maths, Science and PE. | Year 7 Hub, Science Centre and Inclusion Hub |
| 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm | Information Session - Presentation from current Year 7 students and student leaders.   | Malgobila Building                           |

For further enquiries please contact us on 5150 4800 or at [bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

The enrolment process begins in early Term 2.

Information will be distributed initially via your Primary Schools.

For Government Primary Schools

Your Primary Schools will distribute an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2

For Non-Government Primary Schools

Your Primary School may provide an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2, if you do not receive one please contact the College directly.



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ENTRANCE  
SECONDARY  
COLLEGE**

## YEAR 7 OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

**5PM to 7PM**

**1-11 North Street, Lakes Entrance**



Discover the excellence of Lakes Entrance Secondary College firsthand at our Open Night, where you'll find a welcoming environment, supportive staff, and exciting prospects for your future. Light refreshments provided.

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**Join us at our open afternoon and see our kinders in action.**

Meet our friendly early childhood teachers & educators, explore our learning spaces and ask any questions.

**Wednesday April 29**

**4:30pm – 6:00pm**

- Children's Centre (45 Coates Rd)

*3-year-old kinder*

- Early Learning Centre (44 Carpenter St)

*3-year-old & 4-year-old kinder*

- 🎯 Tour our indoor and outdoor spaces
- 🎯 Meet our educators & teachers
- 🎯 Learn about our kinder programs
- 🎯 Ask questions about enrolments



**Still searching for a kinder spot this year?**

**Contact us, we might be able to help!**



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# Mother's Day Competition 2026

Draw a picture or write a story telling us why your Mum or Grandma is so special, and she will go into the draw to win an amazing prize!

To enter, send your entries with your name, your Mum or Grandma's name, and your phone number to the Bairnsdale Advertiser: 'Mother's Day Competition'.

Email: [competitions@jamesyeates.com.au](mailto:competitions@jamesyeates.com.au)  
or PO Box 465 Bairnsdale 3875  
Entries close 5pm Thursday, April 30th.



Entries will be published on Wednesday, May 6th in the Bairnsdale Advertiser, Lakes Post & Snowy River Mail!



"...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 tyres beach hall

Also performing at Johnsonville Hall Saturday 23rd May

Presented by THE FORGE  
(03) 5152 1482

### HIPPY

East Gippsland

HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS

## FREE PROGRAM

Are you living in the East Gippsland area & caring for a child who is turning three on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2026

Now I am Three

For more information please contact  
Nikki 0403 692 639

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THE SALTWATER CREATIVE CO

# KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLAY

Mondays & Wednesdays

MONDAYS FOR THE TEEN' S 5PM - 6:30PM  
WEDNESDAYS FOR THE KIDDIES 4PM - 5:30PM

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