



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 4 August	3 Staff PD Student free	4	5	6	7
Week 5	10	11	12	13	14
Week 6	17	18	19 3/4 Camp Healesville	20 3/4 Camp Healesville District Aths	21 3/4 Camp Healesville
Week 7	24	25 SOMERS SC 4pm	26 SOMERS	27 SOMERS	28 SOMERS Book Week Dressup day
Week 8	31 SOMERS	1 SOMERS	2 SOMERS	3	4
Week 9 September	7	8	9 Writers' festival Night performance	10	11
Week 10	14	15	16	17 Jnr School Aths	18

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



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

Principals Report

Writers' festival Performance Night/ Far East Writers Showcase 2026

The Far East Education Network Writers Showcase is back for 2026! Following the success of previous years, schools from across Far East Gippsland are once again coming together to celebrate and showcase the outstanding writing of local students. This year's theme, **Connections**, will inspire has students to explore relationships, community, place, culture, identity and the many ways we connect with the world around us.

TAPS writers' festival night will be held at the school on the **9th of September**, so please mark it in your diary to ensure that you are able to help us celebrate writing across the school. In addition, students will have the opportunity to attend the Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall from Tuesday 15th September to Thursday 17th September 2026 where approximately 400 student writing pieces from schools (prep to Year 12) across the region will be on display. Families and community members are warmly encouraged to visit and enjoy the exhibition.

Naplan Results.

I am incredibly pleased to share that our 2026 NAPLAN results have shown improvement across the majority of learning areas in Grade 3 and Grade 5. One of the markers that showed considerable growth was the growth of our students from Grade 3 to Grade 5 where we had approximately 50% of the group showing high growth in reading, writing, numeracy and grammar and punctuation. An amazing achievement. There is considerable evidence that students that students who achieve well in grade 3 and grade 5 set themselves up with the best chance in achieving in secondary school and a high ATAR score in year 12.

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While NAPLAN is only one measure of student learning, it is encouraging to see the progress our students are making and the positive direction our school continues to head. These results don't happen by chance. They are the result of the hard work and commitment of all our staff, teachers and ES, who continue to provide students with the best possible learning opportunities. Well done to the students who continue to approach their learning with confidence and resilience throughout the year. Thank you to our staff, students and families for working together to support learning at TAPS.

2027 Prep enrolments

If you know of anyone who is intending on enrolling their child at TAPS for next year, please encourage them to give us a call so we can set up a time for a school tour. Thanks to all our families who continue to spread the good word about all the great things our school offers.

Keep safe.
Miss Hopkins



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2026

Dear parent/carer,

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is in its last month for 2026.

This year's Challenge theme is '*Stories to discover. Stories to tell*'. Stories can inspire and challenge us and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Happy reading!



Last Friday, we celebrated Crazy Hair Day to raise money for kids with cancer. Many of us got creative with styling our hair in a different shape, colour or with objects that really stood out! Together we raised \$110.20 for the Kids with Cancer Foundation. Well done to everyone for getting involved and for their generosity.



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**P12**

Welcome to week 4 and we hope you are staying warm during these cool chilly times.

Last Week's Fun

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(Crazy Hair Day, paired reading and jigsaws, What's the time Mr Wolf with our buddies)

Slippers

As conditions in the schoolyard remain cold and damp, we invite families to pack slippers to be worn inside the classroom.

This Week

Reading - We will continue to read our mentor text to support students' comprehension, sentence structure and reasoning skills. This week, we are diving into high-order thinking. This is when students consider the authors word choices and how they build on the meaning of the story, it supports students to use interesting vocabulary, add description and build strong imagery.

- P/1: Are focusing on *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*
- 1/2: Are focusing on *Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten*.

Writing - This week, we will be drafting a new narrative piece on this year's Writers Festival theme of 'connections'. Students will choose to use the problem-try-problem gets bigger idea, or the problem-try-try-solve structure of narrative writing. Over the next few weeks, students will work through the writing process, which includes generating and collecting ideas, developing ideas (planning), drafting, revising, editing, and publishing to create a narrative for our Writers Festival in week 9 of this term.

In addition:

Prep/1 - will continue their work with adjectives, nouns & verbs when building sentences.

1/2 - will be building their reasoning skills to write strong arguments in their persuasive writing.

Maths - This week, students will focus on place value in their groups to review:

- one more/less, ten more/less, hundred more/less, using number charts to support learning.
- Breaking down 'teen' numbers, exploring before and after and viewing 'teen' numbers as ten and some more.
- Regrouping and renaming 3-digit numbers in non-standard ways.

We will also start looking at multiplicative thinking by learning about and revising skip counting by 2s, 10s, and 5s and sharing into equal groups.

Have a great week!

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

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Hello 3/4 Parents and Guardians

Literacy

In reading we have begun focusing on inferring and vocabulary throughout our mentor text '*Fantastic Mr Fox*'. Students have been practising to find clues to assist in understanding what the author is really saying and to help identify work meanings. In writing this week we will begin our writer's festival pieces. The theme this year is "Connections", and the genre is a narrative story.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we are continuing our focus on multiplication and division. Focuses for the upcoming week are continuing to build efficiency in recalling multiplication facts, using skip counting to solve multiplication, solving real world problems for multiplication and division and learning mental strategies to solve more complex division problems. In Shape, we furthered the students understanding of different regular and irregular shapes, including discussing the prefixes that help identify each shape, e.g. hex for hexagon.

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**Science**

In science we are looking at how living things grow. We are currently looking at animal food chains and classifying animal based on what they eat and how they contribute to the food chain. We will also be completing our procedural report on our seed experiment.

Don't forgot to get the notice back for our Healesville camp. It is fast approaching!

Thank you

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Lisa, Hunee and Lindy

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Hello families

In Literacy week both classes have been reminded of the expectations for both Reader's Notebooks and their writing. It has been pleasing to see students lift their efforts after this discussion. It is important that all students work to their best abilities, think deeply about their reading responses, reread their writing to make sure it makes sense, and check they have completed the task. Both classes have been reminded that their work will have to be rewritten in their own time (recess or lunch) if students have not attempted correct punctuation (capital letter to start a sentence, full stop to end) OR the teacher cannot read the handwriting.

We are starting a new unit in Mathematics exploring fractions. All students will be exploring equivalent fractions (modelling, naming, finding). Some students will be extended to addition and subtraction of fractions and finding the lowest common denominator.

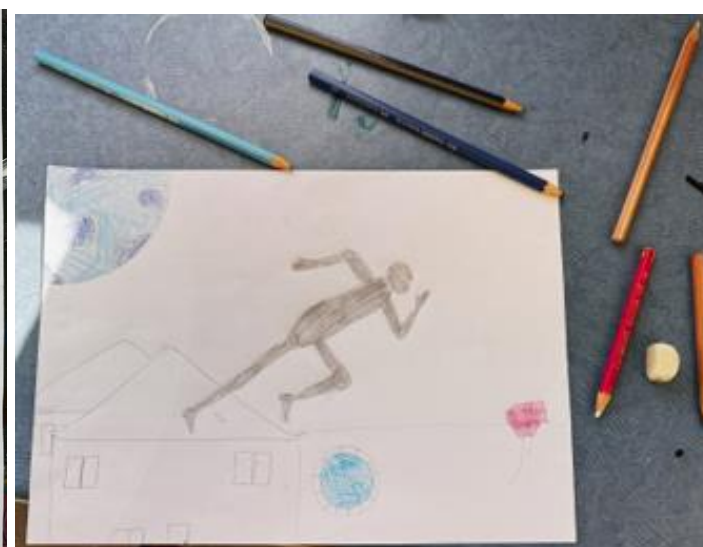
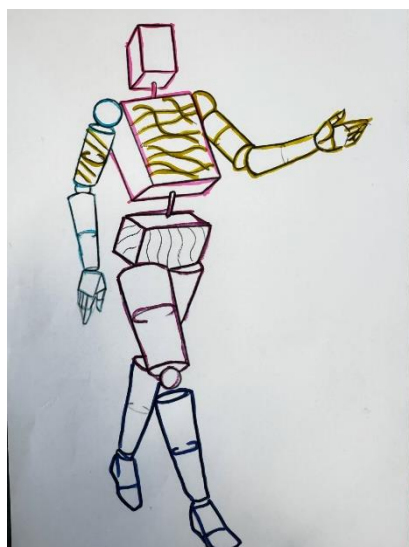
In Integrated Studies, we are adding the finishing touches to our history unit dioramas and finalising our *Australian Greats* presentations. We will have our presentation night on Wednesday 26th August starting at 5 pm. We are looking forward to seeing family and friends come and meet a range of famous Australians who have had an impact on our country. The students have created some very impressive dioramas and are excited to share them.

Unfortunately, Dee will be away from the 5/6 Unit for longer than we had hoped. We wish her all the best and, in her absence, welcome Melody into the team.

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

Art/Stem

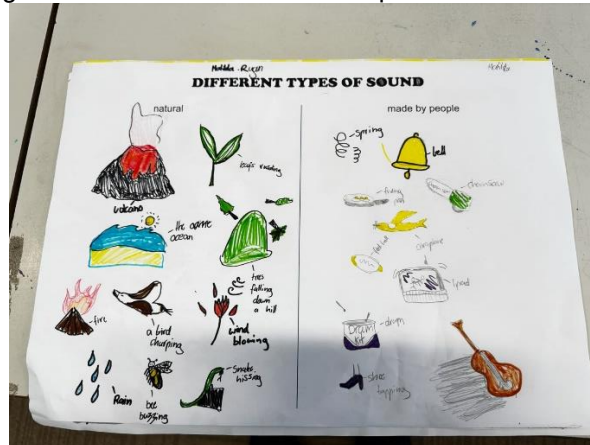
Students in art classes this week are beginning their self-portraits and 'action' figurative drawing looking at motion and movement in poses.



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In STEM, junior and middle students have been investigating the different sounds in their environment, while senior students are researching inventors or inventions that impact on our modern lives.



Jobi Laybourne.

SPORT AND PE NEWS

District Athletics Thursday 20th August

Please sign off the permission form on Compass asap for District Athletics Thursday 20th August.

Just a reminder I am on long service leave for another week, leaving the PE classes in the very capable hands of Mrs Hughes. See you in week 6!

Cheers,
Barb (PE SPORT COORDINATOR)

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 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 & 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.

Important Sport dates for Term 3 2026

WEEK 6

Thurs 20th Aug District Athletics Howitt Park
Bairnsdale Qualifying students (back up 27th Aug)

WEEK 10

Thursday 17th September Junior Sports Day Prep-Gr 2 at school

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🏀 Aussie Hoops Term 3 registrations are now open!

Please text 0475 518 250 with any questions.

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/429141>

AUSSIE HOOPS

LEARN
PLAY
GROW!

TERM 3 - 8 WEEK SKILLS
PROGRAM FOR PLAYERS AGES 4-6
TO GET READY FOR UNDER 8'S

START: 29/7
END: 16/9
COST: FREE
VENUE: LEYRC
TIME: 4.15PM TO 5PM

PELICANS
LAKES ENTRANCE

FUN
FRIENDSHIP
FOUNDATION
SKILLS!

REGISTER NOW!

KIDS IN FISHING 2026

BASS STRAIT
BAIT & TACKLE

DATE - 22ND AUGUST 2026
TIME - 1PM-3PM
VENUE - LAKES ENTRANCE BASKETBALL HALL

TO DO -

- HOW TO TIE HOOKS & SINKERS
- LURE RIGGING
- BAIT PRESENTATION
- INFORMATION BOOTHS
- CASTING PRACTICE
- & LOTS MORE

NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG!

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TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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