



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3 May	4	5 Division Cross Country	6	7 Scholastic Book orders due Back 2027 Prep Open morning	8 Mother's Day Breakfast
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	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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Principals Report

ICAS Academic Competition

Students from grade 2 to 6 have the opportunity to take part in the ICAS Academic Competition for 2026. ICAS is an opt in national assessment and is a terrific way for students to challenge themselves, build confidence, and celebrate their academic strengths across a range of subject areas. ICAS focuses on applying knowledge in new and interesting ways, making it a great opportunity for students who enjoy extending themselves. Each student who participates receives a detailed results report and a certificate, with high achievers recognised with special awards. Students can choose to participate in a range of subject areas, including:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Writing
- Spelling Bee
- Digital Technologies

Students are welcome to enter one or multiple categories depending on their interests and confidence. If your child is keen to be involved, please contact the office or your class teacher to arrange enrolment. Please note there is a small cost for each assessment.

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Auskick Clinic Thanks

A big thank you to Turk and the Clontarf crew for running such a fantastic Auskick clinic for our students. It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved, building their skills, and most importantly, having fun. We really appreciate the time and energy that went into making the day such a success.



Mother's Day Breakfast Invitation

We warmly invite all mums, grandmothers, and special people in our students' lives to join us for our Mother's Day Breakfast this Friday the 8th of May at 8:30am. It's always a lovely morning and a great chance to spend some time together at school. We hope to see many of you there!



Mother's Day Stall

Just a reminder Mother's Day stall is happening tomorrow, Wednesday 6th. **Maximum \$15 per child.**

IOU's will be handed out to those who may forget money tomorrow. Money needs to be paid to office by Friday to collect the pressies.

If any parents/ carers are available to help out tomorrow it would be really appreciated. Even if you have an hour to spare throughout the day between 9am and 1pm it all helps keep these things going for the kids.

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.



I have some sad news for the community.

Greg, our much-loved Crossing supervisor, is leaving! Greg has been a valued and familiar presence in our school community for many years, and his friendly nature and care for our students have made him a truly special part of the TAPS fabric. He will be leaving us as he relocates. He will be greatly missed by students, staff, and families alike. Greg's final week with us will be next week. We wish him all the very best in his next chapter and thank him sincerely for everything he has given to our school.

TOORLOO ARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Open Morning on Thursday the 7th 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 11th 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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Have a great Week
Miss Hopkins

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Wellbeing

Just a reminder to families of children with asthma, please ensure asthma plans are current and that we have a copy! There is an expectation that students use their own puffers and these are to be **kept at the office with their name on it**, so it can be managed and recorded when used.

Junior School Council

This Friday 8th May, our Junior School Council will be holding a whole school *Do It For Dolly Day*. Students can wear 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, **Fraser Fotheringham** for working independently, listening to feedback and making needed changes. **Joanna Wickham** for her number bond understanding in maths. The kindness of the week award goes to **Zac Tiller** for finding new homes for beetles from anonymous.

From Ms Jackson’s room, awards went to **Archer Rushton** for his positive attitude to his learning, and to **Jaarali Mobourne-Drake** for his focus and engagement during class time. Congratulations to these students!

Last few weeks of fun!



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(Football Clinic - run by Clontarf students from Bairnsdale Secondary)



Integrated Studies fun - learning about light.

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

Reading Strategies

P/1 - This week students are practicing:

- Grouping letters that make sounds together - Many letters make sounds together and it's important to read them together. When we start recognising digraphs like 'ch', 'th' and 'sh' as well as long vowel combinations it allows us to decode unknown words accurately.
- Rereading to think and understand what we are reading. We read, stop to check if we understand, then reread if we don't understand. This allows readers to become increasingly aware of what they are saying and increases their self-correction.

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 a setting for last week's characters. We are asking them to consider their character traits to allow them to create a setting that matches their character's needs. Students are also starting to look at what verbs 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.

- **Counting on** - when we add 2 numbers together (parts) we like to start from the higher number and count on, allowing a faster pathway and starting to build their mental math skills.

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- **Doubles** - we will be recognising what doubles are as well as how to find all doubles to 20 in sequential way.
- **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.

Integrated Studies

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

Have a wonderful week, and we wish you all the best for the holidays.
Miss Cock, Ms Jackson, Bree, Lindy, and Hunee.

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Hello Grade 3/4 Families

Our students of the week are:

Maddy Hartley: For making an effort to complete maths problems at home.

Dawson Milner: for showing positivity in all classroom activities, particularly in mathematics. Great mindset Dawson!

Tyler Gritt: for the effort he puts into all classroom tasks. Well done Tyler!

Reading

Students are enjoying our mentor text *Nim's Island*. We have been modelling how to check for understanding at the end of each page and why it is important to do so. Comprehension is very important in reading. We will also be modelling how to ask questions as we read by showing questions that will help with understanding "Is Nim's mum still alive? (helps with understanding). How many trees are on the island? (doesn't help with understanding).

Writing

Students have begun writing and introduction to their persuasive texts about whether zoos are good or bad. In their introduction they have tried to include a hook to get the reader interested, making sure they list the arguments they are going to make in the body of the text.

Maths

We are continuing to explore the different strategies that can be used to solve subtraction problems and learning how to choose the most efficient strategy to solve a particular problem.

Inquiry

Last week students researched local historical cultural sites along the Bataluk Trail such as The Den of Nargun and Buchan Caves. In pairs students found the significance of these sites and published them in poster form to present to their fellow grade 3/4 students. This week we will look at "The Age of Exploration" and reasons why people chose to explore the world.

Thank you

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Hunee, Lindy and Lisa

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Hello Week 3

Students of the week

Leaders of the Week: Congratulations **Zoe Nairn** and **Willow Douglas**. We love the way you have both stepped up to the roles of school leaders. You lead the whole school in commemorating Anzac Day both at school and on the 25th. You are also leading the way in your independent research into your significant event.

5/6 A

Laila Gritt for the way she approaches new learning strategies in maths. She thinks flexibly and she pays attention to the accuracy of her answers.

Logan Magee for fantastic participation in the AFL clinic. He gave everything to all the activities and tried his hardest.

5/6 B

Fletcher Hindle for his excellent growth mindset and positive attitude towards maths. He is enthusiastic and shows a great willingness to learn new strategies.

Amelia Moss for her showing great tenacity as a maths learner. She persisted and practised her times tables and number facts at home to improve her fluency.

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As we read *Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger* this week we will be exploring themes and finding evidence to support our thinking. Our Lit Circle rotations are going well. We are really pleased to see children taking responsibility for reading their Lit Circle texts and completing the assigned tasks.

In writing, we continue to focus on autobiographies and biographies. Students will begin planning and writing a biography of a person using the books Little People, Big Dreams.

In maths, the kids have embraced learning new multiplication strategies. We also introduced them to a digital program we are trialling which allows them to practise their times tables in a fun and competitive way. We encourage all students to continue to build their multiplication recall at home.

Students have started researching a significant historical event as part of the Integrated Studies Unit.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home - this can be their Lit Circle book or another book of choice. This is another great opportunity for students to practise their reading goals.

Friday 8th May - Mother's Day Breakfast 8:30 am AND Do It For Dolly Day - wear something blue and bring a gold coin donation.

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

ART/STEM

Students this week have been transferring their ideas and knowledge of the amazing shapes, colour, and patterns of the insect world to artistic creations.



In STEM, students have continued their exploration into flight – specifically, aerodynamics and testing what works and what doesn't!



Jobi Laybourne.

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SPORT AND PE NEWS

Student of the week:

Cohen Harrison: for amazing cartwheels and body control in gymnastics!

Well done to these aerobic champions for their amazing TAPS Run Club laps. The top number of laps in each Grade level are the following:

Grade 6 **Declan Bills** 117 laps
Grade 5 **Ollie Douglas** 121 laps
Grade 4 **Seth Geddes** 106 laps
Grade 3 **Oliver Guarnaccia** 77 laps
Grade 2 **Austin Reggardo** 58 laps
Grade 1 **Luca Douglas** 42 laps
Prep **William Thomson** 45 laps



Incredible considering each lap is 250 m, Ollie had the highest number of laps and ran 30.25 kms! A big thank you also to Zoe, Charlotte, Willow and Maddy for timing, recording, collating and tracking everyone's efforts.

The Division Cross Country is on today **Tuesday 5th May at Nagle College** for those students who have qualified. We hope everyone has had an enjoyable day of challenge and doing their personal best.

Students in Grade 3-6 are enjoying the Winter Sport unit, with this week's focus on receiving the pass in a space on the run in the different games of netball, soccer and AFL. The Eastern District Winter Sports Carnival will be held in Lakes Entrance on **Friday 22nd May** (back up Fri 29th May). Keep the date free as we are always needing scorers, goal umpires and umpires for this big day!

Can't believe the progression that Prep to Gr 2 have made in gymnastics. This week we have been practising and refining pencil, egg, forward rolls and cartwheels so they look smooth!



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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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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 & Olives	\$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.

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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:
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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




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
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!



Apex Club of Bairnsdale Time Capsule Celebration

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Saturday 23rd May 2026

Opening 10:30am
Resealing 11:30am

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Apex Club of Bairnsdale

BRHS All funds raised supporting BRHS Maternity ward

Enquiries: Bairnsdale@apex.org.au
<https://www.facebook.com/ApexBairnsdale>




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