Toorloo Arm Primary School

NEWSLETTER 6th of October 2026

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	5	6	7	8	9 5/6 Summer sports
Week 2	12 P-2 Swimming	13 P-2 Swimming	14 P-2 Swimming	15 P-2 Swimming	16 P-2 Swimming Prep transition 9-11
Week 3	19 P-2 Swimming	20 P-2 Swimming	21 P-2 Swimming	22 P-2 Swimming	23 P-2 Swimming Prep transition 9-11
Week 4	26	27 SC 4pm	28	29	30 Prep transition 9-1
Week 5	2	3 Cup Day	4 Grade 2 Camp	5 Grade 2 Camp	6 Grade 2 Camp Prep transition 9-3
Week 6	9	10	11 SSG	12 SSG	13 SSG
Week 7	16	17	18 SSG	19	20 Report writing
Week 8	23	24 SC 4pm	25	26	27
Week 9	30	1	2	3	4
Week 10	7	8	9	10	11
Week 11	14	15	16	17	18 Last day of Term

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/

Acting Principal's Report

Welcome back to school everyone for Term 4!
Wow, the year really does seem to be flying by! We hope everyone had a relaxing break and enjoyed some family and recharge time. It was wonderful to see the children back at school yesterday, eager to see their friends in the yard and continue their learning in the classroom.

Staff on Leave
Alli Hopkins is taking a well-earned extended break and will return on Tuesday 13th October. During this time, I will be stepping into the principal role when needed, while continuing to teach in 5/6A.
Alec McPhee will be away on Long Service Leave until Week 3. During this time, Heather Knowles will be teaching 3/4B.

"Learning Together, Succeeding Together"

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **East Gippsland fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast **Catastrophic day.**
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and have cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking Compass, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the CFA's website.
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas, and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

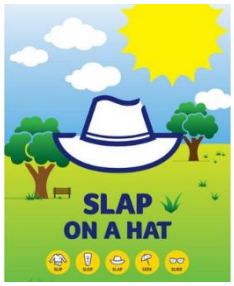
- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website https://emergency.vic.gov.au
- Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency)
- Twitter (https://twitter.com/vicemergency)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Fundraising

Our second fundraising night was held on Friday the 25th of September and was another very successful night. Together, the two raffles have raised $2,250.70 for the school. A huge thank you to the wider community for supporting these raffles, to the crew from Light Up Lake Tyers Beach for coordinating them, and to the Tavern for hosting the events.

Summer Sports
This Friday, our Grade 5/6 students will be participating in inter-school summer sports. Students will be playing basketball, volleyball or cricket against students from other local schools. We wish all of our students the very best of luck and look forward to hearing all about the fun they had participating in these team sports.
Please provide consent and payment via Compass.

P–2 Swimming
Grades Prep to 2 will begin their two-week intensive swimming program on Monday 12th October. Learning how to swim and developing water safety skills is an essential part of the Health and Physical Education learning area. It is important that extra attention is paid to sleep routines during this time, as the swimming program can be particularly tiring. We want every child to be well rested so they can participate fully and enjoy learning to swim.
Please provide consent and payment via Compass.



School Hats
During Term 4 (and Term 1), it is compulsory for students to wear a black school hat when outside during recess and lunch. It might not always feel hot outside, but it is during these coming months that we are most at risk from UV rays. If your child does not have a hat, they can be purchased from the office for $10.
Students not wearing a hat will have to play on the Art room deck.

Monday Morning Assembly
Monday morning assembly recommences on Monday 12th October. We look forward to seeing as many parents and families as possible there, to help us celebrate the fabulous work and behaviour of our students!

Have a great week everyone,
Larissa Murray

Contact details
If any of your contact details have changed throughout the year, e.g. change of phone number, change of address or change of emergency contact details, please notify the office.
Email-Toorloo.arm.ps@education.vic.gov.au
Phone-51565517
Text-0429149862

WWC-Working With Children's checks
If you are planning on helping/Volunteering at school, please provide the front office with a copy of your current WWC card.

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Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a wonderful break and had a well-earned rest. We have had a great first day back, with everyone settled back into school life.

Jr Athletics Day

"Learning Together, Succeeding Together"

This Week

Reading - This term we are exploring non-fiction texts, breaking down their features. This week we are looking at the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

Writing - This term we are looking at writing procedures. Breaking down their structure and including clear precise steps for all to follow. As well as continuing our work on narratives through 'rocket writes' and using these to practice our editing skills.

Maths - This term, our focus will turn to measurement, looking at length, capacity and mass through formal and informal units. This week however we are finishing off our time unit form last term.

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

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Welcome back 3/4 families
We hope you've had a great holiday and are ready for our last term.
This term our mentor text is *Charlotte's Web.* This week we will be getting our knowledge ready about farm life and what it's like to live on a farm and what we have learnt about the characters so far.
For writing we will be writing narratives with a focus on paragraphs and the use of tense. For example, not changing tense part way through a story. Students will also be encouraged to plan their story making sure they have a problem and a resolution before they start writing.
In maths are continuing our fractions unit beginning with some revision. Students will also be learning about decimals, equivalent fractions and mixed numbers.
Our inquiry studies will focus on forces, including frictional, gravitational and magnetic. We hope students will have fun experimenting and learning about these forces.

Thanking you
Carolyn Smith. Heather Nowell, Lindy, Lisa and Hunee.

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Welcome back! We can't believe it is already Term 4! The students were very happy to return, see their friends and settle back into school routines after the break. This term, we are focusing on being ready to learn and collaborate. We are encouraging students to ensure they are organised and have everything they need before each class. Developing these routines is great preparation for the transition to secondary school.

In Literacy this week, we are beginning our new mentor text, *Pannikan and Pinta* by Colin Thiele. We will be building our background knowledge by exploring the location of Lake Eyre and studying the setting of the text, which is pivotal to the story. Students are continuing with their Literature Circle texts, with many beginning a new book for the term. We encourage students to read regularly at home and, where possible, discuss their reading with family members. In Writing, we are using *Pannikan and Pinta* as a model to develop more detailed descriptions of events, settings and characters.

In Maths, we are beginning a new unit on Patterns and Algebra. Students will complete an assessment on Thursday, which will help us to group students and differentiate our teaching so that all students are working at their point of need.

In Earth & Space Sciences this week, our focus was on wildfires. We explored where wildfires are more likely to occur, why they occur in these locations and the strategies used to control and manage fires. Students will also continue researching a natural disaster to create an informative pamphlet explaining how and why it occurs, where it occurs and how people can prepare for it.

A reminder that Friday is **Summer Sports Day!** All students will need to bring: a hat, a drink bottle, a snack and lunch. If you have not yet provided permission for your child to attend, please do so on Compass as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 4 and are excited about the learning and activities we have planned.

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

ART/STEM

Welcome back to the Term Four! This week will students in art will begin their exploration into the amazing world of optical illusions – starting off with using art elements such as line a pattern to 'trick' the viewers' eye. In STEM, students will consolidate their understanding of light, also looking at how the eye can also be tricked by light and perspective.

Jobi Laybourne.

Language and Culture

Hello and welcome to Term 4,

Ciao!

This term in Cultural Studies we are travelling to...Italia!

We will be exploring their rich history, language, art, architecture and cuisine! Over the term we will cooking, crafting and chatting all things Italian. We will be reading lots of Italian themed stories in the junior years including '*Sundays Under the Lemon Tree'* -this week's story. In the upper years, we will start by going on a digital scavenger hunt, exploring some of Italy's famous cities and landmarks by hunting for clues and exploring maps online. Many of the students have expressed having some Italian ancestry, which is a great connection!

Lizzy Haldane

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Hope everyone has had a relaxing break! It's term 4 so please make sure your child has their hat, a water bottle and wears runners on their PE days.

District Summer Sports Grade 5-6

The Volleyball, Cricket and Basketball teams from Grades 5 and 6 will participate in the Eastern District Summer Sports this Friday in Lakes Entrance. Please make sure your child's permission/ medical form is completed on Compass asap. Forecast is for a warm, sunny day so please make sure your child has their hat, a water bottle and wears runners. Good luck to all the teams, hope you have a fun day with your friends! A big thanks to **Jason, Christine and Michelle** for coaching out on the day, couldn't do it without you!

Here are the draws for the day:

Boys Cricket at Lakes Entrance Oval:

40 min games each team plays each other once

Boys/Mixed

Time	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3
10:00–10:40	LEPS vs St B A	TUBBS A vs St B B	TUBBS B vs TAPS
10:40–11:20	LEPS vs TUBBS A	St B A vs TUBBS B	St B B vs TAPS
11:20–12:00	LEPS vs St B B	St B A vs TAPS	TUBBS A vs TUBBS B
12:00–12:30	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
12:30–1:10	LEPS vs TUBBS B	St B A vs St B B	TUBBS A vs TAPS
1:10–1:50	LEPS vs TAPS	St B A vs TUBBS A	St B B vs TUBBS B

Girls Volleyball at Lakes Entrance Secondary College:

Mixed Teams

Lakes Entrance Primary 1
TUBBS

Lakes Entrance Primary 2
Marlo

St Brendan's Primary

Girls Teams

Lakes Entrance Primary
TUBBS

St Brendan's Primary 1
Toorloo Arm Primary

St Brendan's Primary 1

Time	Court 1 Mixed		Crt Girls
10:00-10:20	St Bs v LEPS 1		TUBBS v ST Bs 2
10:25-10:45	Marlo v LEPS 2		LEPS v TAPS
10:50-11:10	TUBBS v Marlo		St Bs 1 v LEPS
11:15-11:35	LEPS 2 v St Bs		TAPS v TUBBS
11:40-12:00	TUBBS v LEPS 1		TAPS v St Bs 2
12:05-12:25	LEPS 1 v Marlo		St Bs 1 v TUBBS
12:30-12:50	St Bs v TUBBS		TUBBS v LEPS
12:55 - 1:15	TUBBS v LEPS 2		St Bs 1 v TAPS
1:20 - 1:40	Marlo v St Bs		LEPS v St Bs 2
1:45 - 2:05	LEPS 1 v LEPS 2		St Bs1 v St Bs2

Boys Basketball at Lakes Entrance Rec Centre:

Teams

- Lakes Entrance Primary
- Newmerella Primary
- St Brendan's Primary
- TUBBS
- Toorloo Arm Primary
- Marlo Primary

Time		Teams	Results
9:45–10:00	1	LEPS vs St Bs	
10:00–10:15	2	TAPS vs Newmerella	
10:15–10:30	3	TUBBS vs Marlo	
10:30–10:45	4	LEPS vs TAPS	
10:45–11:00	5	St Bs vs Newmerella	
11:00–11:15	6	TUBBS vs LEPS	
11:15–11:30	7	Marlo vs St Bs	
11:30–11:50	—	REFEREE BREAK	
11:50–12:05	8	Newmerella vs TUBBS	
12:05–12:20	9	Marlo vs TAPS	
12:20–12:35	10	LEPS vs Newmerella	
12:35–12:50	11	St Bs vs TUBBS	
12:50–1:05	12	LEPS vs Marlo	
1:05–1:20	13	St Bs vs TAPS	
1:20–1:35	14	TAPS vs TUBBS	
1:35–1:50	15	Newmerella vs Marlo	
1:50–2:00		Buffer	

Girls Basketball at St Brendans Primary School Hall:

Teams

- Lakes Entrance Primary
- St Brendan's Primary
- TUBBS
- Toorloo Arm Primary

Game	Time	Match	Result
1	10:30–10:52	LEPS vs St Bs	
2	10:57–11:19	TAPS vs TUBBS	
3	11:24–11:46	LEPS vs TAPS	
11:46–12:06	REFEREE BREAK – 20 min		
4	12:06–12:28	St Bs vs TUBBS	
5	12:33–12:55	LEPS vs TUBBS	
6	1:00–1:22	St Bs vs TAPS	

Junior Swimming Program

Our junior swimming program commences next week from Monday to Friday for 2 weeks! Students will be placed in groups according to ability. Please see Miss Cock and Ms Jackson if you have any questions. Details and permission forms are now out on Compass.

Basketball Clinic

The basketball clinic that was planned for this week for Gr 3-6, has been postponed to a future date TBC.

Junior Sports Day

What a fantastic day of running, jumping, leaping, throwing and skipping for our Junior Sports Day! A big thanks to our amazing Grade 5/6 leaders for running the activities so positively and supporting everyone to do their best. We also appreciate the friends and families who came along and cheered us on, thanks for your time!

Cheers,
Barb (PE SPORT COORDINATOR)

Important Sport dates for Term 4 2026

WEEK 1
Friday 9th October District Summer Sports Lakes Entrance

WEEK 2
Monday 12th October to Friday 24th October Junior Swimming Program Aquadome (every day for 2 weeks)
Wednesday 14th October Regional Athletics Carnival Newborough

BREW BAR
on the ninety mile

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

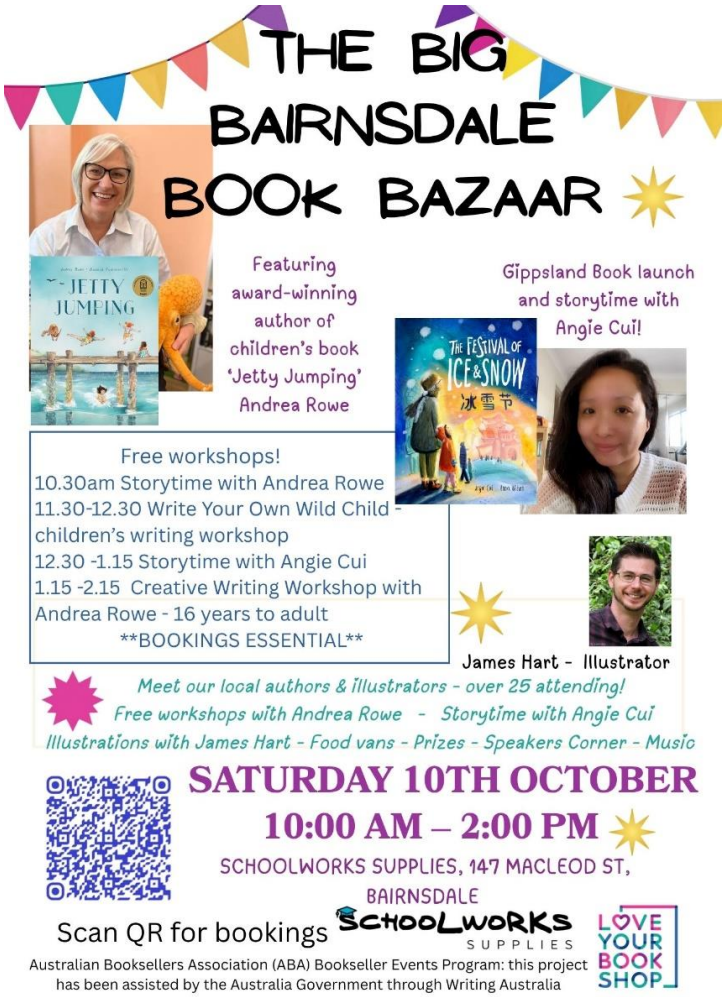
Chicken Strip Wrap $4.00
Lettuce, Chicken, cheese, and Mayo

Side Salad $3.00

Fruit and yoghurt cup $5.00

***Gluten Free Bread & Wraps available on request‡**

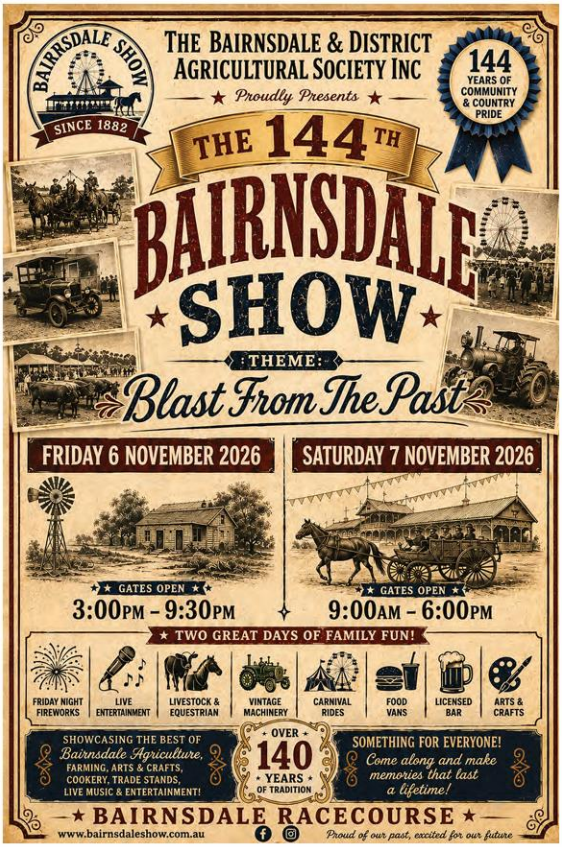
Please have lunch orders in office by Thursday mornings. Late Orders cannot be guaranteed their choice.



Family Fun Paint Dragon Workshop

with Caroline Packer (Pax)
Pax Art Studio Lakes Entrance
November
Saturday 7th 1pm to 3pm
cost: $65 per person
Tickets:https://events.humanitix.com/family-fun-paint-a-dragon
Further info: 0408 500 451

www.carolinepaxart.com
Pax Art Therapy insta and facebook



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