



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3 Feb	9	10	11 No preps- testing	12	13 Book Club orders due back
Week 4 Feb	16	17 Parent Teacher Conversations	18 No preps- testing Parent Teacher Conversations	19 Parent Teacher Conversations	20
Week 5 Feb	23	24	25 No preps- testing	26	27
Week 6 Mar	2	3	4	5	6
Week 7 Mar	9 Labor Day	10	11	12	13
Week 8 Mar	16 3-6 Swimming	17 3-6 Swimming	18 3-6 Swimming	19 3-6 Swimming	20 3-6 Swimming
Week 9 Mar	23 3-6 Swimming	24 3-6 Swimming	25 3-6 Swimming	26 3-6 Swimming	27 3-6 Swimming
Week 10 April	30	31	1	2 Early Finish	3 Good Friday

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, uniform, camp etc.

 **Compass** and  **Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School**

Principals Report

As we head into our second week back at school, it's been wonderful to see the positive way our students have returned and settled into learning. Across the school, students have shown impressive attitudes — coming to class ready to learn, showing kindness to one another, and taking pride in their work and our school environment.

We've noticed students supporting their peers, following expectations, and giving new routines a go with confidence. These everyday behaviours might seem small, but they make a big difference in creating a calm, safe and happy place for everyone to learn and thrive. Well done to everyone.

This term, we are working on the school value of 'Ready to Learn'. This means students come to school on time, are organised and prepared. They listen, follow routines, stay focused, and show a positive attitude toward their learning. **Being ready** also includes having a go, asking for help when needed and showing persistence, even when learning is challenging. These will be unpacked in the classroom this term and at each week's assembly.

Swimming Carnival

Last week's swimming carnival was a fantastic day, showcasing our students' enthusiasm and ability to have a go. Extra shout out to the grade 3's who did an amazing job pushing through those nerves in their first carnival. It was wonderful to see everyone having a go and supporting their peers, making the day a great success. Thanks to Mrs Plant for her organisation and all the staff and parents for their assistance on the day.

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**Parent teacher chats.**

Our start of year parent-teacher chats are a valuable opportunity to begin the year together on the same page. These early conversations help build strong relationships between families and teachers and set a positive tone for the year ahead. They provide a chance to share important information about your child — their strengths, interests, and any supports they may need — and to understand classroom expectations and learning goals. When we work together early, we can better support students to feel confident, settled, and ready to learn.

Booking information has been sent out on **Compass**, and please reach out if you need support. Please ensure that you use this time, as it does make a difference.

Parent Payment Contributions for 2026 set by school council are now being accepted. At Toorloo we provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

Voluntary contributions can be paid online or in cash.

Bank details are:

Account Name -Toorloo Arm Primary School Council

BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188

Please include your child's surname and a description of what is being paid for e.g. contributions.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Education items to use & own.</i> • exercise books • scissors, rulers • pens, pencils • highlighter, • pencil case etc	\$50.00
<i>Purchasing of supplies & resources.</i> • art & craft • science • maths • integrated studies • inquiry unit • rewards days	\$50.00
<i>Digital technology</i>	\$50.00
Total Amount	\$150.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Toorloo Arm Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Below are this year's Camps:

Extra-Curricular Activities	Amount	Extra-Curricular Activities	Amount
Grade 1 Sleepover	\$ 30.00	Grade 3/4 Camp to Healesville	\$450
Grade 2 Camp in Lake Tyers Beach	\$150.00	Grade 5/6 Camp to Ballarat	\$600.00

These are approximate costs and may vary year to year

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**Financial Support for Families**

Toorloo Arm Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student will miss the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational, and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline, and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps, and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



Brekky Club 8.20am – 8:50am

If any parents would like to help out in the kitchen for brekky club, we would love to hear from you. Kids love having a new face helping out in Breaky club. Please see Miss Hopkins, Quita or Lisa if you would like to help.

Forms to be returned asap

- **General Excursion** for non-risk local travel
- **Photo/Publication form**
- **Headlice** form is to allow your child's hair to be checked by our trained staff (Preps only).
- **Staying safe with ICT agreement**

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**Wellbeing**

School counsellor Kerrilee will be visiting TAPS for the next 3 weeks and sadly for us will be off travelling from March! We wish her safe and happy travels. She will be handing over to therapist Kate throughout February who will be working with students on Thursdays once Kerrilee has departed. If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing or questions about the school counselling program, please don't hesitate to have a chat to your child's classroom teacher, Alli or Barb. Early conversations with us are really important!

We will be relaunching the PIVOT surveys again this term, with the focus on student wellbeing and student voice. This program is now being rolled out across many of the schools in the area as a tool for strengthening students' connection to school. Please contact us if you have any further queries.



Well done, Tarzi! TAPS 2025 Alumni Tarzaiyah Sellings ready to start her learning journey at the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS). All the best for the year!

Students of the Week

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**Junior School Council Semester 1 2026****P12**

Welcome to week 3 of Term 1 P/1/2 families.

A huge congratulations to our award winners this week, from Miss Cock's class, **Cohen Harrison** for his readiness to learn, **Alyssa Rushton** for supporting all the new preps and **Savannah Wilson-Hewat** gets our kindness award from William for helping him find ladybugs.

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From the 1/2 classroom, **Isabella Ramage** and **Indy Geddes** for their leadership and readiness to learn.

It has been a busy week in the junior area with the hockey roadshow and maths-related Winter Olympics events!



We have an open-door policy so feel free to come see us for any reason and we greatly appreciate parent helpers during reading, so if you have a free morning please come and listen to our class read, no warning needed.

Wednesdays

Just a reminder that the Preps have Wednesdays off and have been allocated a specific time to come in to do a one-on-one session, focusing on the English and Math activities.

It is an opportunity that allows us to find their level of understanding and skills so we can create appropriate programs for their abilities.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- Students are revising and learning different reading strategies such as vocabulary, making inferences, questioning, summarising and reading aloud.
- Students are working within their spelling groups based on their needs.

Writing:

- Preps are practicing their names and directionality using the line.
- 1/2's are learning to write a recount using correct time markers such as first, then, next and finally, to add detail and expand on their ideas, and to finish with how they felt about the experience they are recounting.
- Continued practice writing the 'who, what doing and where' components of a sentence for our preps and extending the 1/2's with 'when' and 'how'
- Handwriting s, a, t

Maths:

This week in maths, the P/1/2's are celebrating the Winter Olympics by hosting their own mini-Olympics consisting of speed skating (with socks on slippery floor) with a side event of figure skating, cotton ball curling,

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and cardboard box bobsledding! Events will take place over the next three days with tallying of points at the end of each day's events. Friday will be our main tally and graphing day when we find out which country won the most points overall. We welcome families to join us in the festivities to be held at the LTB Hall and the P/1/2 classrooms on Wednesday and Thursday at 11:30 - 12:30.

Integrated Studies

- Exploring different emotions and body language.
- Preps will be spending time with their grade 6's to find their buddies.

The P/1/2 crew will be decorating their Writers Notebooks this Friday and are invited to bring in photos that can be cut and pasted onto the coloured cover. Pictures can be brought into school or can be emailed to caitlin.jackson@education.vic.gov.au or naomi.cock@education.vic.gov.au for printing at school.

Have a great week,

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

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Hello Gade 3/4 Families

Students of the week are:

Christian Murdoch: For a great start to the year. Christian has been trying really hard to listen and stay focused and he is always friendly.

Violet Jonkers: For a great start to the year. Violet has tried hard to do her very best, and she is always very helpful.

Jasper Melville: For listening to feedback and making adjustments to his learning.

Sienna Jones: For the effort she has displayed in the class, particularly with her reading and bookwork.

Reading

Our home reading is now up and running and our new take home book covers have finally arrived. Please complete the reading record form and sign it each time your child reads at home. Readers need to be brought to school every day, so we can keep a check of home reading and change take home books.

Please feel free to come and help with reading if you have a spare morning. Monday- straight after assembly, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday- 9:00-9:15am (not Tuesday mornings as we have specialists).

In reading we have introduced CAFÉ reading where children are given strategies in comprehension, fluency, accuracy and vocabulary which they can use to help them improve their reading. They are loving our mentor text "A Good Tip for Ghosts".

Maths

We have begun the year with a unit on place value which involves reading and writing larger numbers (to thousands and higher) manipulating numbers e.g. 562 is 5 hundreds+6 tens +2 units or 4 hundreds +16 tens +2 units. We will also be adding and subtracting 10's, 100's and 1000's to larger numbers.

We are lucky to have Mrs Plant working with us for maths which means we can work with smaller groups and really target the specific needs of children, extending and supporting where needed.

Hockey

On Monday morning all grade 3/4 students had fun participating in a hockey clinic. If students are interested in playing hockey they received an information pamphlet for the club at Swan Reach.

Thank you,

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Lisa, Lindy and Hunee

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Welcome to week 3

Students of the week

5/6 A

Abel Nicholas for stepping up and being a leader when he volunteered on multiple days to manage the sports shed. Great work Abel.

Chloe Jackson for demonstrating that she is ready to learn in all areas - having a go at every task, contributing to discussions, asking questions when she was unsure and working with tenacity. Great effort Chloe.

5/6 B

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Sam Davis for his great work in maths last week, especially the connection between improper fractions and mixed numbers that he made during a revision session. We loved his thinking and the way he shared his ideas with everyone. Well done Sam.

Tessa Manley for being such a supportive and caring member of the grade. I was very impressed with the way she supported others both in the playground and in the classroom last week. She displayed the school values of support and cooperation in numerous situations, demonstrating great leadership qualities. Well done, Tessa.

Thank you to the parents who came to our grade 5/6 info evening last Wednesday. It was a great turnout. It was lovely to meet so many parents and have the opportunity to outline expectations (teachers and parents) and discuss the 5/6 program. Thanks everyone for your valuable input. Your attendance and feedback were greatly appreciated

This week, in reading, we will be introducing our Mentor Text, *Sister Heart* by Sally Morgan. Our focus is vocabulary, and students are learning to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words by using the context of the text and thinking of synonyms for the word. We are also considering author purpose and using questioning to determine if the piece has been written to persuade, inform, describe or entertain.

In writing, we are focusing on planning our ideas prior to writing and exploring ways to engage the reader through "Sizzling Starts!" Students started decorating and personalising their writer's notebooks last week, and we'll finish that this week. They are looking great!

In maths this week, we will continue to focus on decimal fractions. Students will complete a range of activities and games to support their understanding of decimals and how to compare sizes of fractions and decimals using the place value system.

Our grade 5 students will be practising their typing skills in preparation for NAPLAN. If students have an opportunity to practice typing at home too, that will be a great benefit to them during the NAPLAN test period.

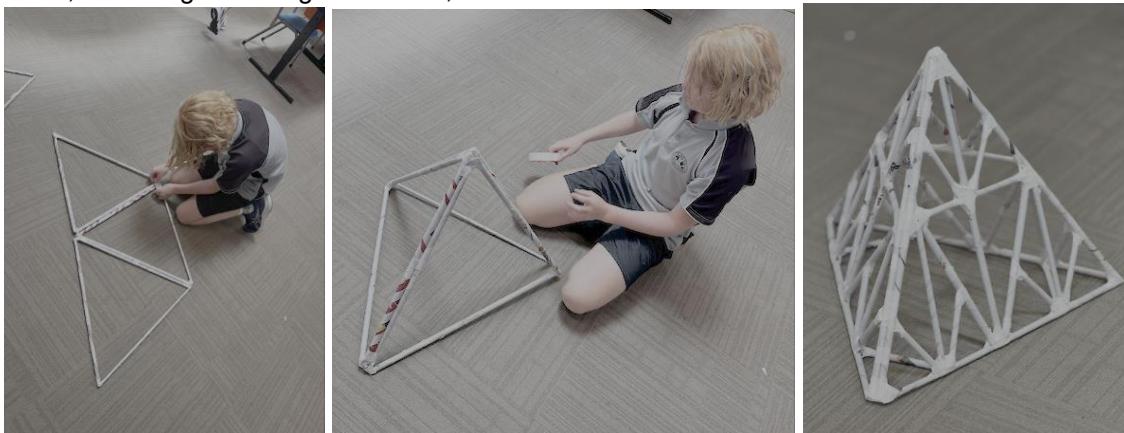
The grade 6 students had their first buddy session last Friday and enjoyed getting to know the preps. It was a great success; the grade 6 students certainly enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and have fun with the younger children. Grade 5 students teamed up with the grade ones from Prep/1, playing games and developing the sportsmanship.

Home reading folders are going home this week. These are the temporary folders as we are still waiting for the reader covers to arrive. Please remember the expectation is that the students read at least three times a week, practising the skills they are learning at school. Thank you for your support with this program.

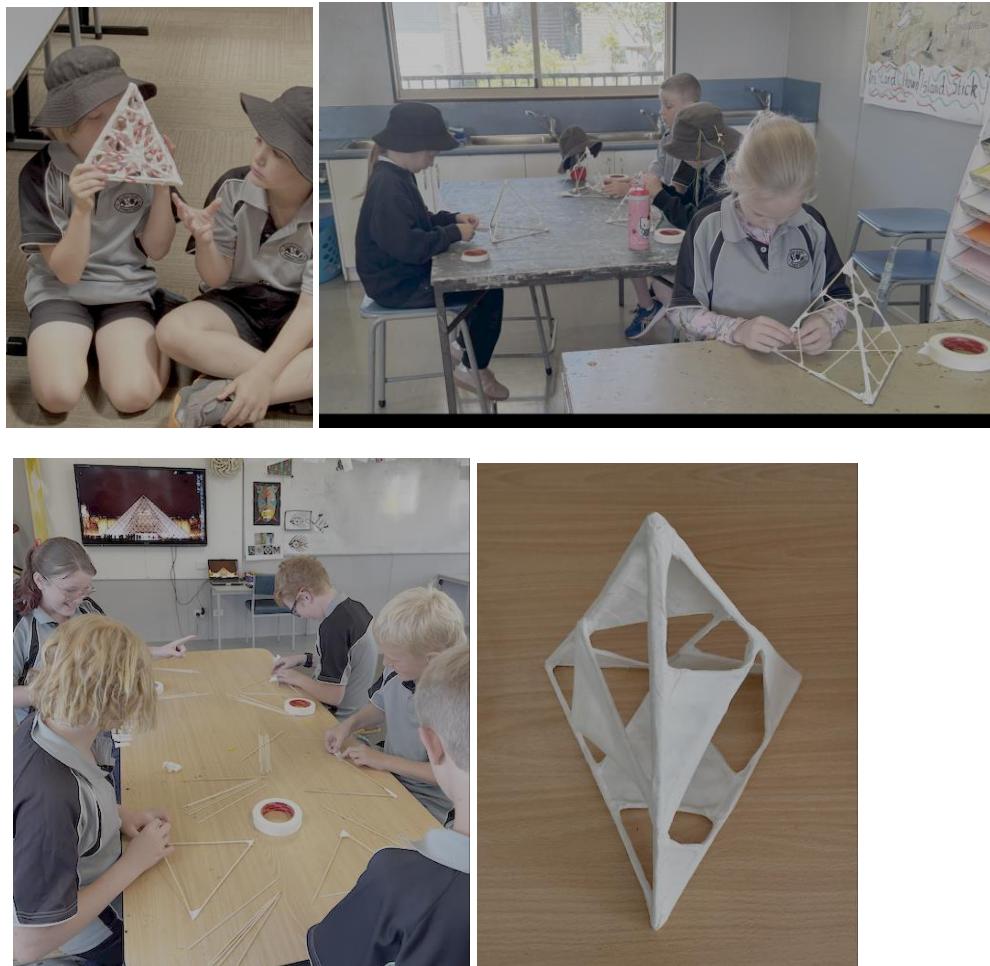
Have a great week,
Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Lizzy Haldane, Alyssa and Dee ☺

Art/Stem

This week has seen students transfer skills back and forth between STEM and Art – using similar skills but in a different context, focussing on strength in STEM, and aesthetics in Art.



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Jobi Laybourne.

SPORT AND PE NEWS**Students of the Week**

Willow Douglas, Owen Reinke and Ned Jol: Well done on your swimming carnival efforts, outstanding to see students challenge themselves 100%!

We had a visit from the Hockey Roadshow coach yesterday for P to Gr 4, always a bonus when links to community sport are made. If your child enjoyed the session and would like to participate in the local Hookin2Hockey program at Swan Reach Hockey Club, please let us know.

TAPS Swimming Sports

Our TAPS swimming sports were held last Tuesday for Grades 3-6, with lots of very excited children. Children had the opportunity to challenge themselves in 25m or 50m swimming races or fun relays. It was fantastic to see the community support at the Aquadome on the day! A huge thanks to all the staff and parent helpers for their amazing support, it means a lot to have family watching and cheering everyone on, it really was a wonderful afternoon!

A special mention to Tess, Bill, Jandi and Alicia who worked tirelessly, very much appreciated in the heat.

The winning house was for 2026 were the **Red Seals with 217 points**, then the Green Sea Snakes with 175 followed closely behind by the Blue Dolphins with 170 points.

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**District Swimming Carnival: ORBOST**

The district swimming carnival will be held next week in Orbost on Thursday February 19th at the Orbost Outdoor Pool. First event starts at 11:00 am. Swimmers with the fastest times and capacity to correctly swim the 50m events from our TAPS carnival in the age groups 10 years and under, 11 years and 12 + years will represent TAPS. At our TAPS carnival, we run the 8/9-year-olds in separate events, but at District level, the age group is 10 years and under. All races were timed so that the fastest swimmers from the 8/9 and 10 age groups can be determined.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified to represent TEAM TAPS in the following events:

12-year-old

1. **Mason Livingston** freestyle backstroke
2. **Edi Stapleton** freestyle
3. **Declan Bills** backstroke
4. **Willow Douglas** freestyle backstroke breaststroke relay
5. **Zoe Nairn** freestyle backstroke relay

11-year-old

6. **Lochlan Tunnage** freestyle backstroke relay
7. **Charlotte Butcher** freestyle relay
8. **Harry Friend** freestyle breaststroke relay
9. **Tessa Manley** freestyle backstroke breaststroke relay
10. **John Parkhill** breaststroke relay
11. **Ollie Douglas** backstroke

10-year-old

12. **Chloe Jackson** freestyle backstroke breaststroke
13. **Jack Tunnage** freestyle backstroke breaststroke relay
14. **Savannah Blank** freestyle backstroke breaststroke

Girls 12-year-old relay Willow, Zoe, Charlotte and Tessa

Boys 11-year-old relay Lochie, Harry, John and Jack

Please let me know asap if your child is not able to attend on the day.

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Notices are up on Compass for those students that have qualified, they must be filled in asap, as we need to coordinate parent transport. See me if you have any concerns or questions about the interschool swimming carnivals. We will be required to provide place judges at the finish line, so if you are going and don't mind helping out, please let us know.

Please don't hesitate to catch up with us if you have any concerns about your child's participation in PE, or if you are interested in connecting them up with sport in the community, we can usually you point in the right direction. Also, it would be great if your child wears runners and has a water bottle on PE days, so that participation is comfortable and safe, and of course, hats are compulsory this term.

Thanks,
Barb (SPORT COORDINATOR)

Important Sport dates for Term 1 2026

Monday 16th Feb Surf Lifesaving Victoria Open Water session Gr 5/6 Lakes Entrance

Thursday 19th Feb Eastern District Swimming Carnival Orbost pool

Monday 2nd March Division Swimming Carnival Sale

Monday 16th March-Friday 27th March Gr 3-6 Swimming Program Aquadome



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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 & 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.

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HOOK in 2 HOCKEY
SWAN REACH HOCKEY CLUB

FIRST SESSION IS FREE! ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!
Mondays 4.30-5.30pm from Feb 16 2026
WORLD Hockey Fields, 101 Wallace St, Bairnsdale
For more info: swanreachhockeyclub@hotmail.com
or contact Sarah 0439 312 962

All Abilities Netball
Enjoy netball in a fun, friendly environment where you will learn new skills, stay active and enjoy being part of a team built on belonging and inclusion.

Date: 26/02/2026 - 28/05/2026
Excluding School Holidays
Time: 4.00pm-5.00pm
Location: WORLD Precinct- 99 Wallace Street, Bairnsdale
Contact: Janet Parker at 0430 480 405

REGISTER TODAY!
On our Facebook page

Cost - \$100

INTRODUCTION TO COACHING WORKSHOP
Lakes Entrance Netball Association
Saturday 7 February 2026
9:00am - 11:00am
Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve -1 Rowe St

Register using the QR Code



UMPIRES IN THE FIELD
INTRODUCTION TO UMPIRING
Lakes Entrance Netball Association
7 February 2026
1pm – 4pm
Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve -1 Rowe St

Presented by Judi Buhagiar



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Cuppa Connections



Ever notice how a good cuppa tastes better when it's shared?

We're looking for friendly volunteers to join Cuppa Connections – a program all about connection, conversation and companionship.

As a volunteer, you'll pop by for a relaxed visit, sharing a cuppa and a chat with someone in need, in their home. They may be experiencing loneliness or social isolation, and this gives them an opportunity to feel seen, heard and valued. No tasks, no to-do lists – just being present, listening and enjoying some good company.

Visits are flexible, matched carefully, and often become the highlight of the week (for both people involved).

If you've got an hour a week to spare and enjoy a good conversation, we'd love to hear from you.

Call Karren our Volunteer Engagement Officer on 03 5150 9388 to find out more.



**FREE EVENT
8 MARCH
2026**
LAKES ENTRANCE
FORESHORE RESERVE
11AM - 8PM

HOOKED ON LAKES
SEAFOOD & FISHING FESTIVAL

**COOKING DEMOS
LEFCOL TOURS
FISHING AND CASTING CLINICS
AQUACULTURE HUB
FISHING GEAR SWAP MEET
FISH DISSECTION DEMOS
KIDS ACTIVITIES ZONE
SPIN TO WIN – FREE GIVEAWAYS**

**FREE CONCERT 2.30PM-8PM
HEADLINE ACT - PIERCE BROTHERS 6.30PM**

**MARKET STALLS
LOCAL MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS**

Go Fishing Victoria
More people fishing, more often

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Nagle Catholic College is an active and proud faith-led learning community that provides a rich holistic education to the young people of East Gippsland.

DISCOVER NAGLE YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

We welcome you and your family to discover firsthand what makes our College community so special - from our welcoming learning spaces to the natural beauty that surrounds us.



**SCAN HERE
TO BOOK**

There are 3 information sessions, followed by the opportunity to explore our our campus:

Wednesday 25 March
4.00pm, 4.45pm & 5.30pm

Sessions are limited.
Bookings essential.



ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN YEAR 7 2027



APPLY TODAY

Enrolment Applications are now open for families seeking to join the **Nagle Catholic College** community for Year 7 in 2027.

To assist with timely processing, please ensure required documents are provided at time of application.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 18 MAY 2026

For further information, visit our website: www.nagle.vic.edu.au

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