

Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

21st of October 2025

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3	20 Finance meeting	21	22 School Council	23	24
Oct	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming OSC Transition 1:45-3:15pm	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming TAPS Community Breakfast	P-2 Swimming Prep Transition 9-11 Scholastic book Orders Due back
Week 4 Oct	27 3/4 Camp Coonawarra	28 3/4 Camp Coonawarra	29 3/4 Camp Coonawarra	30	31
	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming Prep Transition 9-1
Week 5 Nov	3 Student free day	4 CUP DAY	5 Grade 2 Camp	6 Grade 2 Camp	7 Grade 2 Camp Prep Transition 9-3
Week 6 Nov	10	11	12	13	14
Week 7 Nov	17	18	19	20 Grade 1 Sleepover	21
Week 8 Nov	24 Finance meeting	25	26 School Council	27	28 Report writing day
Week 9 Dec	1 Artist in Residence	2	3	4 Performance Night 6pm	5
			OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm
Week 10 Dec	8	9 Victorian Statewide Transition OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	10	11	12
Week11 Dec	15	16	17	18	19 Last day

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





Principals Report

Congratulations Tarzi

We have a super star in our midst, Tarzi Sellings. A huge congratulations goes to Tarzi for being accepted into the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS) program for 2026! This is a wonderful achievement and an exciting opportunity — well done, Tarzi, we are all so proud of you and know that you are going to take advantage of all the opportunities this will present.



Further congratulations

Another two superstars! A big well done also to Charlotte and Lochie, who proudly represented our school at the Regional Athletics in Newborough. Competing at this level is a fantastic effort and a testament to the effort, skills and dedication — congratulations on your dedication and sportsmanship!

Canberra Camp

On Friday, we welcomed back our weary travellers from their Canberra experience. Even though it was a big week, the feedback was that they had a great time and got to experience the special sights of Canberra and create life-long memories. A huge **thank you to Mr McPhee**, **Miss Smith**, **and Alyssa** for their time, care, and enthusiasm in making the camp such a success. To be away from their loved ones, routines and their own bed is an extra addition to their job as a teacher, and I know that I speak on behalf of the school and parents when I say that your time and effort is very much appreciated.

Community Breakfast

Don't forget our upcoming Community Breakfast this Thursday at 8.30 am— we'd love to see as many families as possible come along for a relaxed morning together. It's a great chance to catch up and celebrate our wonderful school community.

Uniform reminder

Great to see parents updating their uniforms in readiness for the warmer weather. Please remember uniform items need to be paid for at the office before they are worn.

Remember we now have EFTPOS at the office for your convenience and to make things easier.

Have a great week. Miss Hopkins

Wellbeing

PIVOT surveys commenced for Prep-4s last week, with the standout areas of strength for protective factors for wellbeing being- 97% of students surveyed said they are thumbs up about schoolwork, compared to sleep, friends, hobbies and family.

Sleep was the area of concern, with a just 69%, which is not a surprise as we have just transitioned to Daylight Savings! It's a good reminder to lock in the sleep routines such as consistent bed and wake times and limit screen time before bed.



"Learning Together, Succeeding Together"



Prep

Welcome to week two, I hope everybody made the most of the sunshine this weekend. Congratulations to our award winner this week **Poppie Mallen** for her fantastic narration of the three little pigs. **Jandamarra Harrison** for his enthusiastic approach to our Mini Beast unit, great beast hunting!







Making our own bubble blowers and practicing our H.F.W.

Swimming

Swimming has started! Everyone started off very strong and had great fun in the pool, well done! All are welcome to come and watch and if you are able in help afterwards.

On returning to school, we will be keeping activates light, however they are activities that set up our following days learning so please encourage your child return even when tired.

Kindergarten Transition

For the next 3 Fridays we will be having the kinder kids come and experience school life. Some sessions will be with our Preps and others will be independently. I have no doubt our preps will show great flexibility over this time.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- **Fluency** to build fluency in your reading you can work out the word them go back and reread the sentence to make the story flow.
- **Retells –** Make sure to set the story up with the characters and settings then tell your audience about the story including all the key parts making sure to start at the beginning.
- **H.F.W** We will be building our list of Hight Frequency Words through games. If you would like to practice them at home that would be fantastic.

Writing:

- **Procedural reports** We are learning the structure to follow as well as how to use clear simple instructions.
- **Editing** students will reread a piece of their own work and fill in any missing full stops and capital letters.

Maths:

This week we will be learning the language associated with division, sharing items between groups and matching each problem with a number sentence. Students will be working together on open ended problems to build their sharing skills.

Have a great wee,

Miss Cock and Bree



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Hello everyone and welcome to week 2 of Term 4!

This week awards in 1/2A went to **Zavier Austen** for building his confidence to share his thinking in reading about the mentor text '*Pog*', and **Ruby Brooker** for her insightful thinking during science. In 1/2B, awards went to **Noah Hartley** for his perseverance in his learning, and to **Liam Parkhill** for his kind actions towards others, and for his flexibility of thinking in science. Congratulations to these students for their efforts.

This week in reading, we are learning about the main idea in the text. This week we are focusing on the main ideas in a range of story books and are looking for the details in the book that support the main idea.

In writing, we are continuing to learn about persuasive writing and how to structure a piece. We will also be reviewing our understanding of the use of capital letters and boundary punctuation and will top off the week with handwriting practice.

In maths, we are learning about time and will be linking to our knowledge of fractions by exploring half past and a quarter to/past the hour.

A quick reminder about our upcoming Grade 2 camp happening on the 5th, 6th and 7th November, and Grade 1 sleepover happening on the night of the 20th of November. Further information about these events will be out soon.

Feel free to send us an email or pop in for a chat should you have any questions or queries. eliza.cunningham@education.vic.gov.au
caitlin.jackson@education.vic.gov.au

Thanks, and have a fun week! Eliza Cunningham, Caitlin Jackson and Lisa

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Hello 3/4 families and welcome to week 3.

We were so impressed with the way 3/4 students stepped up last week in the absence of our grade 5/6 leaders. While many helped out, we were particularly impressed with four students who volunteered to run the sports shed, manage the outside bins, take assembly and assist teachers. Consequently, our students of the week are **Harry Friend, Tessa Manley, Rebecca Jones and John Parkhill.**

This week in literacy we are continuing to explore and respond to our mentor text *Lighthouse Blues* by Paul Jennings. We are getting some great thinking about the text and conversations about the text. In writing students will continue writing their persuasive piece on the topic <u>All School Students Should Get A School Camp</u>.

We are moving to a new maths topic this week looking at data and graphing. We will specifically be looking at the variation of weather (temperature, wind, rain, humidity) between Lakes Entrance and Broome and exploring the use of line graphs.

Both classes have set the challenge for all students to read at least 3 nights during the week. When the whole class achieves this goal, the class will be rewarded with a game or trip to the park across the road. Please support your child in achieving this goal.

Camp is next week! Please remember that no devices are permitted on camp (teachers will be taking photos and make them available to families) and that all medication must be given to Lindy on Monday morning. If you have any concerns or queries about the camp, please contact Mrs Mackie or Mrs Murray via the office. Have a great week.

Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Lindy and Hunee

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Hello Grade 5/6 Families

Students of the week

Zach Seaton: For stepping outside his comfort zone during our Summer Sports and participating in role play activities at school.

Griffin Reggardo: For stepping outside his comfort zone when playing volleyball in the Summer Sports competition and when on camp.

All students returned from our Canberra camp tired and happy to see their families. The camp was jam packed full of activities such as visiting Parliament House, The Mint, The High Court and Questacon just to name a few.



Students learnt lots while having fun. The behaviour and respect shown by our students at the War Memorial is to be commended.

In maths this week we will be looking at factors, prime numbers, square numbers and triangular numbers which will assist students with their multiplication skills.

In writing students are continuing to research a planet, learning how to take notes and write an introduction. Our Relationships and Sexuality Program will begin this week, and we will be looking at the male and female reproductive systems.

Have a wonderful week,

Ms Smith, Mr McPhee and Alyssa

Art

This week is continuing to focus on 'letter art' and understanding where symbols and letters have come to represent individuals, families and cultures. This idea moves towards more 'formal' styles of art such as logos, letterheads, insignias, heraldic designs and coat of arms.



















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Artwork by Artist of the Week, Savannah Blank.

Jobi Laybourne.

French

Bonjour,

My awards this week went to **Jasper** and **Halle** in 1/2. **Halle** worked really well on counting and on asking questions about pets in French last week. She always put in her best effort into all our work! **Jasper's** award is very similar. He made great progress with his number knowledge and made full sentences to talk about pets in French. Well done, Halle and Jasper!

Last week, some Prep students asked me if they could learn more French numbers. We'll have a look at numbers from 1 to 39, listening to songs and practising naming them correctly by looking at the pattern. We'll also continue to talk about pets and colours with students showing and describing their creations in French.

Students in grades 1 and 2 will have a quick number practice and will then continue to learn how to say which pets they have/haven't got.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will continue to practise using our new vocabulary on hobbies through charades, Pictionary and games like 2 truths and a lie.

We'll welcome back students in grades 5-6 and will continue our work on understanding people talking about how much money they have got and showing the correct money.

Well done to these students for working noticeably hard last week:

Prep: Nikiah, Larnee, Fraser, Willow, Cohen and Poppie

1-2A: Evelyn, Ned, Evie, Lutarnna and Marley

1-2B: Jack, Matilda, Austin, Max and Isabella

3-4A: Xander, Amelia, Tessa and Laila

3-4B: Fletcher, Becky, Charlotte and Jasmine

Bonne semaine a tous! Emmanuelle Samson

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Students of the Week:

Hannah Wickham and Serena Dawes for fantastic partner work in the Mascot Challenge (Throwing and Catching).

The **Grade 6 Boys Basketball Team** for outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork and working towards personal goals, well done **Balin, Flynn, Jake S, Mannix, Sam Mc and Will.**

Regional Athletics Carnival



Congratulations to **Lochie and Charlotte** who competed in the Regional Aths at the Joe Carmody Track in Newborough last week. What an amazing experience competing at this level, the best of all students from Pakenham to the border! So impressed to see Lochie come equal 5th in the 9/10 year old High Jump, clearing 1.16m, and Charlotte came third and received a bronze medal for throwing 6.64 m in the 9/10 year old Shot Put. Outstanding! Thanks to Clancy and Blair for taking Team TAPS down the line and supporting them on the day!





Junior classes are now working on their throwing skills for the Mascot Challenge. Here is the link for this week's throwing challenges to practice at home. Any kind of ball will do! Here is the link. We are aiming for Preps to do 5 throws, Grade 1s 10 and Gr 2s can challenge themselves to do 20!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnNRNB1jHsk&t=78s

As our warmup, Grade 3/4s have been trying to beat their record for the Thunder stick Challenge, 50 jumps in a row have been the highest! Everyone really has to focus and be "on" to achieve success. We are also playing



Newcombe and practising the rules, rotations and working together as a team-in team games we also have to focus and be switched on.

Junior Swimming Program

The Prep to Gr 2 swimming program started yesterday. Well done everyone for getting those forms in and digging out the swimming gear! Every day for the next 2 weeks, might need to pack extra snacks for hungry swimmers. Please contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Important Sport dates for Term 4 2025

Tuesday 21st October to Friday 31st October Junior Swimming Program (daily) Aquadome

Thanks

Barb (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)



ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS

Tennis dates for this term are as follows on Thursdays from 4.15pm to 5.15pm:

Next week, Oct 16th, Oct 30th, Nov 13th and last one on Dec 4th. Keep an eye out on Compass for any changes or inclement weather.









The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

Get \$200 to help your child play sport!



getactive.vic.gov.au





The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open! Get in quick as applications

will close 13 November or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

Important Dates:

Round 9 open to apply for a voucher or reimbursement: 10:00 am Wednesday, 15 October 2025 and will close 13 November or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 1 July 2025 to submission of application

Vouchers expiry date: Wednesday, 31 December 2025.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers





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

Chicken Salad bowl \$8.00 lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber, and Mayo

Add Egg \$1.00 Add Avo \$1.00

Zucchini slice \$5.00

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.



LAKES LENTRANCE FIRE GET FIRE BRIGADE READY OPEN DAY

Lakes Entrance Fire Station 12 Bulmer Street, Saturday 18th October 2025 10am-2pm

Free BBQ sausage sizzle, drinks, tea & coffee

- Information to help you get prepared for fire season
- Kids activities
- FREE fire safety Pack
- Meet Your Local volunteers
- Explore Our Fire Trucks
- Thinking about joining?, come for a chat with our team.



For more details please contact E: firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au





LOCAL BASKETBALL



REGISTRATION OPEN

Registrations Close 18/10/25 Season starts 28/10/25 Cost: \$90 plus BV fees



NO Late Registrations
Accepted

For all questions please text Junior Coordinator: 0475 518 250

W UNDER 8's MIXED REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Under 8's - 2019

This is the perfect introduction to basketball. Coaches are on the court, and we encourage team play.

Rego closes - 18/10/25 Cost - \$90.00 + BV fees Start date - 28/10/25

X No late registrations will be accepted.

Any questions please text 0475 518 250 Please use the link to register https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/af3a96



JUNIORS MIXED REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Under 10's, 16's & 19's play on a Monday night. Under 12's & 14's play on a Thursday night.

X No late registrations will be accepted.

U10 - 2017 - 2018

U12 - 2015 - 2016

U14 - 2013 - 2014

U16 - 2011 - 2012

U19 - 2008 - 2010

Any questions please text 0475 518 250

Please register via this link: https://www.playhq.com/basketball-

GIRLS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

We have two competitions available for the girls.

Our development comp is perfect for young beginners.

Our graded comp is perfect for the older girls.

Please message 0475 518 250 if you have any questions.

We are hoping to play both competitions on a Friday afternoon/ night.

No late registrations will be accepted. To register please use the link https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/b55ca5

victoria/register/80503f





PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

AT LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB!

REGISTER NOW

UNDER 13
COMPETITION

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

[AGES 9-13]

[AGES 5-9]





Any queries to 0417 712 269 / lakescc@outlook.com









Registrations are open - Join the Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club

Junior Cricket Registration link Junior Cricket Registration

Blast Cricket link Blast Cricket Registration

Are you ready to be part of something special this season? Why not join **Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club**, where passion for the game meets friendship, teamwork and fun.

Why join us?

- Skill Development Whether you're new to the game or aiming to improve, our experienced coaches are here to support your growth
- Team Spirit Play in a welcoming and inclusive environment where lifelong friendships are made
- Exciting Matches Feel the excitement of competitive cricket and enjoy the chance to shine
 on the field
- Fun From thrilling games to social events, we believe cricket should always be fun



Training is on Wednesday evenings and matches are played on Friday evenings. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming training dates.

For more information email metungswanreachcc@outlook.com

Location: Swan Reach Recreation Reserve











Nippers Registration is open for our upcoming season!!

Go to our website, click on Nippers and follow the steps... and please fill out the form in the links below.

Registration link -

https://lakesentrancesurflifesaving.us14.list-manage.com/...

Website link -

https://lakesentrancesurflifesaving.org.au/#

