

Toorloo Arm Primary School



NEWSLETTER

28th of October 2025

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 4 Oct	27 3/4 Camp Coonawarra P-2 Swimming	28 3/4 Camp Coonawarra P-2 Swimming	29 3/4 Camp Coonawarra 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 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	4 Performance Night 6pm OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	5 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm
Week 10 Dec	8	9 Victorian Statewide Transition	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.



Compass and Parents and Friends of Toorloo Arm Primary School

Principals Report

Community breakfast

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Community Breakfast last week! It was wonderful to see so many families, students, and community members mingling together and enjoying a delicious bacon and egg roll together.

Events like these highlight the warm and supportive spirit of our school community. Special thanks to the Parkhill family for cooking the BBQ, our tireless school council president Michelle who is always at every event lending a hand, and all the staff for helping make it such a success.

Improvement in Student Attendance

Super pleased to share some fantastic news about our school's attendance rates this year! In 2025, we've seen a significant improvement in student attendance across the school. The number of students attending school 90% of the time or more has increased by 13%, showing a strong commitment from our students and families to attend school regularly. Equally impressive, the number of students with twenty or more days away from school has decreased by 23%. This positive shift reflects the collective effort of our staff, families, and students in recognising the importance of being at school every day to support learning, connection, and wellbeing.



We thank our families for their ongoing support in helping students arrive at school ready to learn each day. Consistent attendance makes a real difference—and it's wonderful to see our community working together to make it a priority. Please remember if there is anything that we can do to support your child, please reach out.

Reminder - Student Free Day

Please note that **Monday the 3**rd **of November** (the day before the Melbourne Cup) will be a Student Free Day. Staff will be using the day for professional learning. We hope everyone enjoys the extended break and look forward to seeing students back at school on Wednesday the 5th of November. Have a wonderful week,

Miss Hopkins



Prep

Welcome to week four, I hope everybody stayed warm in the chilly weather. Congratulations of our award winners this week, **Ayla Guarnaccia** for her growing confidence and can-do attitude in literacy and **Jaarali Mobourne-Drake** for giving his best effort to swimming, even though he was nervous to start.

Last Week's Fun



"Learning Together, Succeeding Together"



Making our own Pom-Pom monsters, saying hello to the new chickens and learning soccer skills with our buddies.

Swimming

Swimming is continuing for one more week, all are still welcome to come and watch and if you are able, 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 to return even when tired.

Kindergarten Transition

For the next 2 Fridays we will be having the kinder kids come and experience school life. This week the Preps will be helping give the kinder kids the best school experience and showing them the ropes of a classroom.

This week we are looking at:

Reading:

- **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.
- **Comprehension** Students will be encouraged to think about the story and answer questions that focus of character choices, cause, and effect. They can relate this to their own life experience and how they would feel.
- **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 students will be working on drawing accurate diagrams and writing number sentences that demonstrate their understanding of sharing and the different parts of a questions as well as solving open ended problems to build their division skills.

Enjoy the week,

Miss Cock and Bree

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Hello everyone and welcome to week 4 of Term 4!

This week awards in 1/2A went to **Oliver Guarnaccia** for being reflective and resourceful in his learning, always taking on feedback and looking to improve in all areas of his school life, and **Tyler Gritt** for his determination and ability to make improvements to his swimming. In 1/2B, awards went to **Isabella Ramage** for her fantastic focus and determination in swimming and, **Grace Jackson** for her super text-to-text connection in reading. Well done 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 different types of texts, including persuasive and information texts.

In writing, we are continuing to learn about persuasive writing and how to structure a piece. We are learning how to use a range of persuasive techniques in our writing.

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 great week! Eliza Cunningham, Caitlin Jackson and Lisa

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Grade 3/4 Camp at



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Hello 5/6 Parents and Guardians Students of the week are as follows:

Dartanyan Milner: For showing independence and positivity on Canberra camp. Zoe Nairn: For showing resilience, interest and positivity on Canberra camp.

Jake Hartley: For beginning each learning task in a positive manner. Excellent job Jake!

Luna Sutherland: For Having a positive attitude towards everything she does.



This week in reading students are continuing to focus on vocabulary and guestioning through our mentor text 'Ask No Question'. In Writing, students have completed their research on their chosen planet and are beginning to publish then using PowerPoint. In Mathematics we are learning about multiples, factors, prime numbers and square numbers. Our Health session began in a positive and responsible manner last week and will continue this week along with Respectful Relationships. Just a reminder that there is no school Monday and Tuesday next week.

Thank you Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Alyssa

French

Bonjour,

My awards this week went to Balin in 5/6B for his great effort, knowledge and understanding of French numbers and how to say how much money he has. Balin is always showing our school values in French class and is a great support to his classmates during group work!

Students from Prep to 2 will have a short break from our usual topic as they will be learning about Halloween in France. We'll still use our words for colours and numbers but in the context of learning about Halloween.

We'll welcome back students in grades 5-6 will have a go at saying how much money they have through a group game. We'll spend some time revising numbers too.

I hope students in grades 3 and 4 will have a fantastic time at camp. They were extremely excited about it last week!

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

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

1-2A: Mave, Halle, Ruby, Tyler, Evelyn and Ned

1-2B: Ethan, Jack, Jasper

3-4A: Amaya, Dawson, Laila, Lochlan and Xander

3-4B: Logan, Elicia, John, Mack, Violet

5-6B: Isabel, Tarzaiyah, Abby, Balin, Griffin, Max

Bonne semaine a tous! Emmanuelle Samson

Art

Week four already! Students have continued to expand their understanding of symbols by exploring symbolic figure such as medieval knights, contemporary logos, family crests and coats of arms, as well as country flags reimagining and redesigning these concepts into personalised artworks.







Jobi Laybourne.

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Students of the Week:

Larnee Bennett and Samuel Wickham: for showing super persistence and growth in the Mascot Challenge (Throwing and Catching) this week.

Junior classes are practising their throwing and catching skills for the Mascot Challenge. Here is the link for this week's bouncing challenges to practice at home. Any kind of ball will do! Here is the link. We are aiming for Preps to do 5 bounce and catches, Grade 1s 10 and Gr 2s can challenge themselves to do 20! Some of these are quite a challenge!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTFV56AQ2YE

Grade 3-6s have been challenged this week with "Keep It Uppy" where groups have to practise hitting the ball up in the air and then having just 3 trials to see their best score. Well done to both Grades 3/4 A and 3/4 B for both amazing achieving 25 hits in a row. Everyone really has to focus and be "on" to achieve success. We are also playing Newcombe and Volleyball Mini Games and practising the rules, rotations and working together as a team.

Junior Swimming Program

The Prep to Gr 2 swimming program continues. Well done everyone, this is the week for persistence! Please contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Important Sport dates for Term 4 2025

Tuesday 28th 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:

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

BREW BAR

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

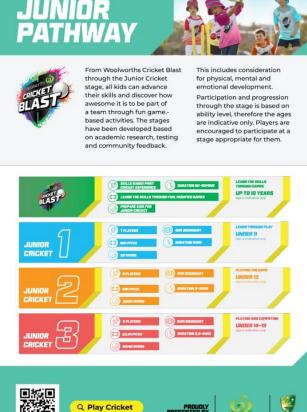
Fruit and yoghurt cup \$5.00

Gluten Free Bread & Wraps available on request

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









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













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