

# Toorloo Arm Primary School



**NEWSLETTER** 

7th of October 2025

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 Oct	6	7	8	9	10 District Summer Sports 5/6
Week 2 Oct	13 5/6 Camp Canberra	14 5/6 Camp Canberra	15 5/6 Camp Canberra	16 5/6 Camp Canberra	17 5/6 Camp Canberra Prep Transition 9-11
Week 3	20	21	22	23	24
Oct	Finance meeting P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	School Council P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming	P-2 Swimming Prep Transition 9-11
Week 4	27 3/4 Camp	28 3/4 Camp	29 3/4 Camp	30	31
Oct	Coonawarra P-2 Swimming	Coonawarra P-2 Swimming	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	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	5
Week 10 Dec	8	9	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**

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and is ready for a busy and exciting term ahead.

A warm welcome back to Mrs Mackie and Ms Smith, who have returned from their extended breaks. It's wonderful to have them back on deck and sharing their energy and expertise with our students once again. Also welcome back to Greg who has experienced the magic of our vast land. Nice to have your sunny smile manning the crossing once again.



#### **Network Video Filming**

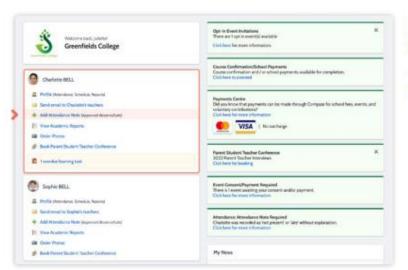
The Far East network are designing a video incorporating all the local schools, around how we guide whole school connectedness through displaying student work, working together to improve the quality of teaching, and conveying optimism and hope. Quality teaching and learning in classes is displayed through showing positive regard, supporting our students unconditionally and connecting learning with student experience, interest, and strengths. As part of this work, a videographer will be attending the school next week to capture some of this work at TAPS. Permission notes will be sent out this week for any classes where they will be visiting.

#### **Compass**

A big thank you to all our families for logging on to Compass and starting to use it for attendance — it's great to see so many parents engaging with the platform and getting familiar with its features. If you are yet to log on, there was a note that was sent out at the end of the last term, if you need another one please contact the office and we will be happy to provide and support you to log on. Once you are logged on, it is relatively easy to navigate the platform, and I will provide some 'cheat sheets' to assist. The first one is around attendance and how to use the platform to let the school know your child will be way. Hope it helps.

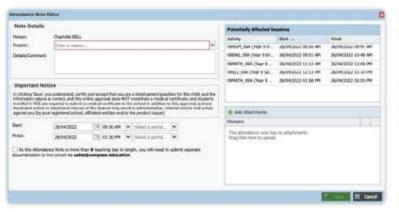
### How To: Add an Attendance Note for an upcoming Absence





If your child is going to be away, you can add in an Attendance note to advise the school.

To do so, click 'Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)'.



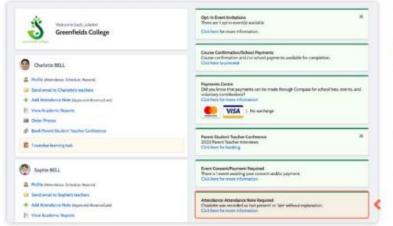
A Note screen will open.

Select the applicable reason from the drop down list; add in any additional information if applicable in the Details/Comment box.

Select the start and finish date/time of the absence and click 'Save'.



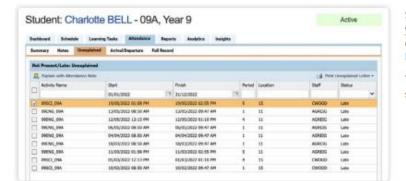
### How To: Add an Attendance Note for an Unexplained Absence



If your child has been marked Not Present without an explanation, you will be required to add an Attendance Note.

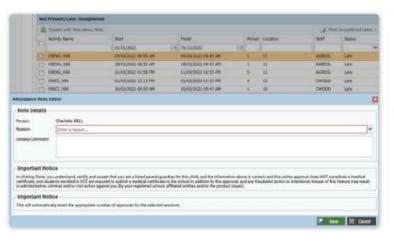
You will see an alert on your homescreen.

Click the alert and it will take you to your child's 'Unexplained' attendance tab where you will see any sessions listed for which they were marked as Not Present or Late.



Select the session (or sessions) that you are adding a note for and then click 'Explain with Attendance

This will cause the Attendance Note screen to pop open.



Select the applicable reason for the absence and add in the relevant details/comment.

Click 'Save'. This will assign the attendance note to the sessions you selected and they will update to no longer show as unexplained absences.

Have a great week and looking forward to a fantastic final term of the year — full of learning, fun and community spirit! Miss Hopkins



#### Hats-Term 4



Time to dig out the hats. Please remember that Term 4 is a mandatory term to be sun smart and hats will be expected to be worn outside at all times. These need to be a broad brimmed hat which can be brought for \$8 at the office if you need.

Students not wearing a hat will have to play on the Art room deck.

#### **Parents and Friends**

There will be a Parents and Friends meeting after Assembly next week. Everybody welcome, even if you haven't been to a meeting before.

#### Prep

Welcome back! It is nice to see everyone's smiling faces and hear the stories of the holidays.

Term 4 is a compulsory hat term, so hats are a <u>must</u> and students will be restricted to the art room deck if they do not have one.

Everyone is working very hard and are well on their way to becoming independent learners but please get back into the rhythm of reading with your child every night and continue to practice their H.F.W list.



#### This week we are looking at:

#### Reading:

• Retell – This term we are focusing on giving a retell of our books. We need to make sure to start at the beginning and include the key events. This might be a good skill to practice after your readers at home.



Writing: Holiday Recounts

Student have been encouraged to think about the sequence of event and writing with time markers such as first, then, next and finally.

We are also really focusing on punctuation and grammar this term, making sure to structure our sentences correctly and use capital letters and full stops.

Maths: Addition, Subtraction and Reasoning

Students will consolidate their addition and subtraction skills through challenging tasks and problem solving. This term we are looking at using reasoning to help up complete challenges using number.

Have a great week,

Miss Cock and Bree

#### **12AB**

Hello everyone and welcome to our first week of Term 4! We hope you had a restful break over the last fortnight and trust that you're revved up for an action-packed final term of 2025. This term, we can look forward to Grade 2 camp and Grade 1 sleepover, and in Weeks 3 and 4, we have swimming lessons at the aquadome. We also have the artist in residence visiting us towards the end of term. We have so much to look forward to!

This week in reading, we are starting our study of a new mentor text titled '*Pog*' and will focus on getting our knowledge ready before reading the text.

In writing, we are learning about persuasive writing and how they are structured. We will also be learning about compound sentences that use 'so' or 'or' conjunctions and will top off the week with handwriting practice.

In maths, we are learning about sharing and division, and its relationship with multiplication.

In spelling, we are continuing to adjust our spelling groups based on the individual spelling needs of students. Students are either working on consonants, digraphs, blends and short vowels, long vowels or other vowel sounds.

Both classes will focus on gender norms and stereotypes through the Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships program. We encourage you to have a chat with your child about what strategies they can use to help themselves. Should you have any queries about this unit of the program, please get in touch for a chat.

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

#### **34AB**

Welcome back to term four. The students all came to school Monday with lovely smiles on their faces, obviously happy to be back and catching up with their friends.

We have started the term outlining what term four will look like. We explained that one of the highlights of term four is the camp (27th-29th October) and that term 4 is a time when students are asked to demonstrate their learning and celebrate their individual successes.

The students then came up with a range of expectations of themselves. These included:

- Behaving according to our school values
- Having a growth mindset and believing and trusting themselves that they can do it.
- Being the best, they can be
- Being kind, friendly and helping others.
- Working in a team and "stepping up."
- Displaying leadership in the classroom and in the yard.

All students were then asked to set their own goals for reading, writing and maths. Students will be working on and reviewing these goals throughout the term.

PLEASE, if you have not yet returned your child's camp form, could you please do so as soon as possible.



We have reminded all students that the expectation for reading at home is to read at least three nights a week. Please continue to support your child with this goal.

Thank you,

Mrs Mackie, Mrs Murray, Hunee and Lindy

#### **56AB**

Hello Grade 5/6 Families

We hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for a busy term 4.

Students are all very excited for camp next week and will receive a final notice today which contains some important reminders.

To get children ready for camp, this week have been revising information that students learnt last term about the government such as how a law is made and the different levels of government.

In reading we are beginning a new mentor text called "Ask No Questions". It's a memoir which follows the author's journey from Poland to Australia during the 1950's and is written in poetry form.

In writing students will focus on research skills, and this week they will begin to gather information about a planet in order to write a report about their planet of choice.

In maths we will be continuing to focus on fractions and percentages as well as finding the volume of an object which will require students to use their multiplication knowledge.

On Friday students will participate in our Summer Sports competition playing either basketball, cricket or volleyball against other schools in the area.

After camp we will be starting our sex education unit. Details of this will go home with students today in a letter. Thanking You

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee and Alyssa

#### **French**

Bonjour,

Welcome back for our last term of the school year! I hope you've all had a lovely break and are feeling

I wish to inform you too that this term will be the last one for me. I have enjoyed teaching the wonderful kids of this school for the past 8 years and hope they will keep a positive memory of their language journey with me.

This week, Prep students will finish their craft activity on pets and sing our pet songs

Students in grades 1 and 2 will practise understanding and talking about pets they have with a detective game. Students in grades 3 and 4 will start learning how to talk about their hobbies other than sports.

5/6B will start French again. We will play a Kahoot guiz to refresh our memories on our money topic. If we have more time, we'll have a number practice.

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

Prep: Frankie, Harper, Jaarali, Kerrile and Willow

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

1-2B: Max. Casev. Noah and Serena

3-4A: Tessa, Dawson, Harry, Katharlis, Lochlan and Xander

3-4B: Eli, Charlotte, Bella, Owen, Rebecca and Milly

5-6A: Sam D, Zoe, Mannix and Bryson

Bonne semaine a tous! **Emmanuelle Samson** 

#### **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 medical form is returned asap. Good luck to all competitors, hope you have a fun day!

Please see the draws below for the times, we'd love you to come along and support Team TAPS!



#### BASKETBALL MIXED SUMMER SPORTS

Friday October 11th, 10:30 - 1:30pm Lakes Entrance Youth and Recreation Centre

<u>Conveyor.</u> Kelly Poynton - Lakes Primary
Responsible for Timekeeping, starting games on time, collating scores and working out ladders
and winning teams. Also needs to ensure that SSV rules are implemented.
<u>Referees.</u> Evan Pompel

- 5 on a court at one time
   Size 5 basketball

- Man to man defence compulsory (no zone)
   2 x 10 min halves (1 min half time)
   15 mercy rule defend from back court, 30 points defend from 3 point line
   5 team bouls in a half will result in 2 free shoots

#### Teams

ROUND 1

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

TUBBS

13:00 - 13:25

10:40 - 11:05	LEPS	Vs St Bs
11:05 - 11:30	TAPS	Vs TUBBS
	ROUND 2	
11:30 - 11:55	St Bs	Vs TAPS
11:55 - 12:20	TUBBS	Vs LEPS
REF BREAK		
	ROUND 3	
12:35 - 13:00	LEPS	Vs TAPS

TUBBS



Eastern District Cricket - Convenor : TUBBS

Venue: Lakes Entrance Football Oval Friday 10th of October: 9:55am Start

Convenor - Responsible for timekeeping, starting games on time, collating scores and working out winning teams. Also needs to act as Referee or Judge to ensure that SSV rules <a href="https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Downloads%20Library/Primary%20Schools%20Resource%20Manufacture">https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Downloads%20Library/Primary%20Schools%20Resource%20Manufacture</a>

<u>Points:</u> Teams will be awarded 4 points for a win, 0 points for a loss and 2 points each for a draw if required total runs will be calculated, then total wickets to determine winner on the day. Fun Comp will not count

towards competitive points. \*Team to proceed to Division Sports will be the highest placed team at end of competitive tournament

	Boys/mixed	Boys/mixed	Boys/mixed		Girls & Fun	Girls
Time	Field 1	Field 2	Bye	Time	Field 3	<u>Bye</u>
9:55			Team E	Briefing		
10.00-10:40	LEPS vs ST B	TUBBS(A) vs TUBBS(B)	TAPS	10:00-11:00	ST B vs TUBBS	LEPS fun
10:45 - 11:25	LEPS vs TUBBSA	TAPS vs ST B	TUBBSB	11:15 - 12:15	LEPS (fun) vs ST B	TUBBS
11:30-12:10	LEPS vs TUBBSB	TUBBSA vs TAPS	ST B	12:30 - 1:30	TUBBS vs LEPS (fun)	ST B
12:15 - 12:55	LEPS vs TAPS	ST B vs TUBBSB	TUBBSA			
1:00 - 1:40	ST B vs TUBBSA	TUBBSB vs TAPS	LEPS			

#### VOLLEYBALL SUMMER SPORTS

Friday October 10th, 10:00 - 2pm Lakes Entrance Secondary

. 6 on a court at one time

Vs St Bs

- Max of 10 players in one team for the course of the day
- 10:00am 10:30 short clinic/skills for those here
- 25 min time limit / best of 3 sets (1st to 21, 2pt advantage to 25. 3rd set 1st to 15 2 pt advantage to time limit)

	Mixed Teams	
Lakes Entrance Primary	St Brendan's Primary	Toorloo Arm Primary
TUBBS		

	Girls Teams	
Lakes Entrance Primary	St Brendan's Primary	Toorloo Arm Primary
TUBBS		

Time	Court 1 Mixed	Crt Girls
11:00-11:25	TAPS v LEPS	TAPS v LEPS
11:30-11:55	St Bs v TUBBS	St Bs v TUBBS
12:00-12:25	TUBBS v TAPS	TUBBS v TAPS
12:30-12:55	St Bs v LEPS	St Bs v LEPS
1:00-1:25	TAPS v St Bs	TAPS v St Bs
1:30-1:55	TUBBS v LEPS	TUBBS v LEPS

#### Junior Swimming Program

Just a heads up to all Prep to Gr 2 families that our annual 2-week swimming program will commence in week 3 term 4. These intensive 45-minute instructional sessions are conducted at the Aquadome every day for 10 days. Notices went home yesterday, please contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions.



#### **Important Sport dates for Term 4 2025**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October District Summer Sports Lakes Entrance (basketball, cricket and volleyball). Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Regional Athletics Newborough 9.30 am start Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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:

Start this week – Thursday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and then Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and last one on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out on Compass for any changes or inclement weather.

#### LOCAL BASKETBALL





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 <a href="https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/af3a96">https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/af3a96</a>



🤲 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-

victoria/register/80503f





#### **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.

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

## PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

AT LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB! REGISTER NOW

**UNDER 13** COMPETITION

[AGES 9-13]

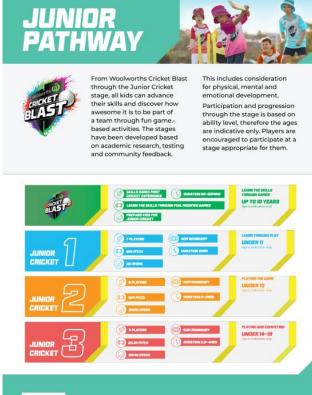
WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST [AGES 5-9]





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







#### Registrations are open - Join the Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club

Q Play Cricket

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 <a href="mailto:metungswanreachcc@outlook.com">metungswanreachcc@outlook.com</a>

Location: Swan Reach Recreation Reserve













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### Save the Date

Join us for an evening of celebration as we mark 50 years of community care and connection.

Saturday 11 October 2025 5.00 - 7.30pm GLCH, 18-26 Jemmeson Street,

Enjoy canapés and refreshments, live entertainment, and the official launch of our 50-year history booklet.

Share reflections and stories from across our 50year history.

Invitation to follow.

