

# Toorloo Arm Primary School



**NEWSLETTER** 

9th of September 2025

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 September	8 Auskick Gala Day	9	10	11 Writers Festival Showcase 6pm	12 Jnr Sports Morning
Week 9 September	15 Cricket Clinics Gr 1-6	16	17	18	19 Last day of term 2:15 finish
TERM 4 Week 1 Oct	6	7	8	9	10 District Summer Sports 5/6

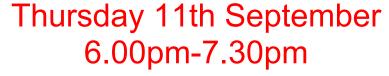
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You and your family members are all invited to our

# 2025 WRITER'S and ARTS FESTIVAL





All students in years 3-6 have crafted a poem and students in Prep-2 have created a story which will be on display for families to read.

These pieces will be identified in classrooms and the winner and runner ups' pieces will be read on the night. Senior students will conduct a reading circle for the sharing of work during an interval on the night.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school for a community celebration of student achievement.

Please arrive after 5.45pm, you can view your child's published work in their classroom (grade 5/6 A and B will be in the French Room) and then find a seat ready for a 6.00pm start. Students know that they are to be seated on the floor when the music begins.



#### **Principals Report**

Welcome to a recount of another action-packed week and the second last week of the term.

#### Gala Basketball and Footy day

We finally got to have the Gala Day that was scheduled to occur last term and got postponed due to weather.

Not this week, the sun was shining! The day was a huge success and opportunities like this give our students the chance to develop their skills, learn new techniques, and most importantly, have lots of fun.

A big thank you to Paul Carrol (aka Turk) and the Clontarf crew for taking the effort to attend our school and making a day like this possible- the kids absolutely loved it!



#### **District Aths**

Congratulations to all of our competitors in the District Athletics this week. You represented our school with pride, determination, and great sportsmanship, and were a great ambassador of TAPS. Well done to everyone and thank you for parents for helping with transport on the day.

#### **Parent Survey**

Only a few weeks left of the survey being open. Each week, the respondent level has been slowly climbing upwards and is now at 26%. BUT, I would love feedback from even more. The survey closes during the holidays, so please take the time to fill in the survey if you have been given log on details or alternatively contact the office if didn't receive information and would like to complete it.

#### Father's Day Stall

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandparents and special men in the community. I hope you had an enjoyable day. A special thank you also goes to our Parents and Friends group and the wonderful volunteers who ran the Father's Day Stall last week. The students really enjoyed choosing something special for their dads and father figures. We appreciate your time and effort and couldn't do it without you. Thank you.

#### 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.

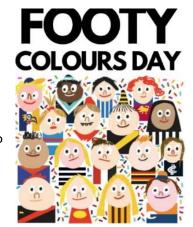
#### Last day of Term

Next Friday the 19th of September is the last day of term, please be advised that it will be a 2:15 dismissal for students.

#### **Footy colours Day**

Next Friday we will be having footy colours day. All students are encouraged to come in their favourite sports colours. TAPS Parents and friends will be running a Hot dog day to coincide with this day. Notes will be coming home on Friday. All orders need to be in no later than Wednesday afternoon.

Have a good week. Miss Hopkins





#### Students of the week



#### Prep

Hello everyone, welcome to another week of term 3! Congratulations to **all our Preps** for their fantastic effort with our first excursion to '*The Gruffalo*'s *Child*.'

Students of the week are **Frankie Bolding** for taking on feedback to extend her work.

Balin Tuck and Tarzi Sellings for their wonderful presentation at the New Prep Information Night.

#### This Weeks Fun





















#### **Coming Up**

- Writers Festival This Thursday at 6:00pm students and families are encouraged to take part in our writer's festival where students can show their families all the hard work they have done in writing this term. Selected stories have been shortlisted and the winners will be presented on the night.
- **Jr Athletics** On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> September the Jr classes will be participating in their own athletics day. Families are welcome to come and watch the events, field events starting around 9:15 to 11:00 and track events starting at 11:30 until completion.

**Boxes needed** – if you have any empty cereal boxes or small at home, we would greatly appreciate it if they found their way into the classroom for future constriction activities.

#### This week we are looking at:

#### Reading

- We are starting our AL book Handa's Surprise. We will be exploring picture information, authors word
  choice and sentence structure to help us read with growing fluency.
- Vocabulary for the next few weeks we will be looking at word meaning and how they add addition information to our stories and help build our visualisation.

#### Writing

- Students will be focusing on the secretarial aspects of writing, revising where to place a full stop and capital letter to make their stories flow.
- In spelling students are working on a range of different activities for building CVC words, rhyming, syllable work, blends and diagraphs. Student are separated into groups and working at their skill level.

#### Maths:

This term, we're diving into Subtraction, focusing on starting from the bigger number and making it smaller while looking at the language we would hear such as minus, take away, less, fewer and difference. Have a great week.

Miss Cock and Bree.

#### **12AB**

Hello everyone and welcome to week 8 of term 3. Wow! The year is flying by!

Awards this week in 1/2A went to **Marley Hewat** and **Evelyn Murdoch** for their incredible mathematical thinking, systematic setting out and teamwork during our Mystery Garden Maths task. In 1/2B awards went to **Ethan Reinke** for the way he has been sharing his maths thinking in class discussions and **Noah Hartley** for his wonderful 'uh'oh' moments in his writing. Congratulations to these students.

This week in reading, we are reading a range of different books with a focus on vocabulary, in particular we are looking at the different parts of speech and how we can use our understanding of this to assist us when reading new words.

In writing this week, we are practising reading our writer's festival pieces aloud. We are also working on our endings to our stories and making sure that our writing is interesting right until the end.

In maths, we are beginning to look at fractions, in particular we are looking at what makes a half and beginning to explore quarters and eighths.



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 help-seeking strategies 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 them help themselves.

Through our history unit, we will continue exploring the concepts of past, present and future.

Feel free to send us an email or pop in for a chat should you have any questions or queries. <a href="mailto:eliza.cunningham@education.vic.gov.au">eliza.cunningham@education.vic.gov.au</a>
<a href="mailto:caitlin.jackson@education.vic.gov.au">caitlin.jackson@education.vic.gov.au</a>

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

#### **34AB**

Hello families and a big hello from Mrs Mackie, who, as you can see is having a fabulous time in the Northern Territory. She loved Uluru and Kata Tjuta and is now heading along Sandy Blight Track (left photo).







#### SOTW 34A

Laila Gritt: Always being willing to share her thinking during class share time. She has everything prepared and ready to present.

**Savannah Blank:** For her deep thinking while composing questions to explore the Artic Circle. She has left our group with lots to find out.

SOTW 34B

**Owen Reinke:** for his fabulous demonstration of the TAPS values of respect and collaboration. You are such an asset to our class and school.

**Jasmine Parker:** for her commitment to improving her writing by taking on constructive feedback given during our writing conferences.

**Logan Magee:** his positive mindset towards all tasks last week even when he was sad about his friend being away!

In reading we are continuing to explore the value of pictures and diagrams in information texts, before we start synthesising (pulling together) information from the text.

Most students are drafting their information reports, working through their collected notes to write detailed paragraphs about their creature. Students will also be putting the final illustrations on their poetry ready for the Writer's Festival on Thursday.

On Wednesday we will be viewing our work and that of other East Gippsland students at the East Gippsland Writer's Showcase, held at Lakes Entrance Mechanics hall. The 3/4 student will also participate in a creative writing session while at the Showcase.

Our focus on fractions continues with week with a range of fraction-based games and an activity where we see the application of fractions in real life – making quilts.

Students started making their balloon powered cars and will hopefully get a chance to continue that this week. We do have a busy week with preparations for the Writer's Festival and the East Gippsland Writer's Showcase and sports gala activities yesterday!









Please get those camp forms in as soon as possible so that dietary requirements can be forwarded to the camp coordinators.

Have a fun week,

Larissa Murray, Julie Holden, Hunee and Lindy.

#### **56AB**

Hello 5/6 Parents and Guardians

Awards for this week:

Will Kellock: For making strong choices in and out of the classroom.

Abby Jackson: For her great effort and care to improve the presentation of her book work.

Tarzi Sellings: For a great effort with persuasive writing piece.

Well done to all the students who attended the divisional athletics day. We know you represented our school in a positive way.

In reading we are using our mentor text 'Call it Courage' to reflect on the main idea and messages from the author to the reader. In writing students are continuing to work on their persuasive writing pieces, including adding conclusions that sum up their writing piece and include persuasive/emotive language. In mathematics students are practising to add/subtract fractions, convert improper/mixed fractions and solve problems involving fractions. In inquiry students are looking at law making and being a part of a debate.

Don't forget the writer's festival is on Thursday night!

Thank you

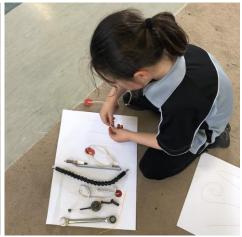
Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Alyssa

#### Art

Students have continued to have fun using found objects – further extending their creative ideas. This week will also see new student artwork on display for the Writers' Festival. Enjoy!





















Jobi Laybourne.



#### **French**

Bonjour,

My awards this week went to **Larnee** (prep) for her hard work during our last lesson on numbers and pets. She showed great knowledge of our vocabulary and displayed a fantastic attitude in the classroom. Well done, Larnee!

This week, Prep students will continue to show their understanding of words for pets. Students in grades 1 and 2 will work on saying which pet they have and learn more numbers.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will learn how to talk about their hobbies in French.

Students in 5-6A will review numbers and work on saying how much money they have, focusing first on their understanding.

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

Prep: Larnee, Ayla, Harper, Luca and Willow

1-2A: Evie, Mave, Kendrah, Tyler, William and Ned

1-2B: Casey, Archer, Jack, Matilda and Noah

3-4A: Laila, Harry, Lochlan, Payton, Xander and Addie

3-4B: Fletcher, Seth, River, Jasmine, John and Eli

5-6A: Mannix, Flynn, Jake S. Alannah and Zoe

Bonne semaine a tous! Emmanuelle Samson

#### **SPORT AND PE NEWS**

#### Students of the week:

**Nikiah James** for giving the hurdles, relays, vortex, discus and high jump a red hot go during Junior Sports Day training.

Ethan Reinke: for always trying his best in Junior Sports Training and everyone noticed too!

Grade 3-6 have been focusing on how the cricket rules apply in mini games and whole class games. Senior students have nominated a sport for Summer Sports, and team selections will finalised so that teams can be entered. The carnival will be held in Lakes Entrance on the first Friday back after the holidays. We would love parent helpers for scorers and coaches, so please let us know if you're available to help out on Game Day (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, starting around 10 am, finish 1.30 pm).

#### Junior Sports Day for Grades Prep, 1 and 2

Don't forget it's Junior Sports Day this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. The oval's been mowed, and the lines are done, now we just need to cross our fingers for some nice weather!

Save the date, we'd love to see families there! Everyone's been training hard for this fun event and it also an opportunity for our Grade 6 leaders to run the activities for the Junior School.

#### **Division Athletics**

Well done Tessa, Summer, Mason, Mannix, Lochie and Charlotte for representing the school so well at the Div Aths yesterday at Howitt Park and a big thanks to those parents who attended and supported Team TAPS! It was a beautiful day for Athletics. It is a big challenge competing against the best in our



Division (Bairnsdale area to the border) and it does make me proud to see TAPS kids give it their absolute best.

Congratulations to Lochy for coming third and achieving his PB of 125 cm in high jump. Charlotte also came third in shot put, Mason 4<sup>th</sup> in shot put, Tessa came 4<sup>th</sup> in hurdles, and Summer (hurdles) and Mannix (100m) came 5<sup>th</sup> in their events. Amazing!



#### Important Sport dates for Term 3 2025

#### WEEK 8

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September Junior Sports Day Prep-Gr 2 Starts 9.30 am-12.30 pm. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September Cricket Clinics for Grade 1-6.

#### 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

# 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.



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# Do you have a parenting question?



Raising Children Network is your free, trusted parenting resource providing, reliable, up-to-date and independent information online to help your family grow and thrive together.

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APP



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# Thinking about your child's emotions or behaviour?





The Raising Healthy Minds app is a free, personalised, pocket resource to help you raise confident, resilient children. It offers quick-read ideas, tips and videos about your child's social and emotional wellbeing, right from birth to 12.

Download the app from the Google Play or App Store and browse by topic or just explore.

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# Writers Showcase 2025

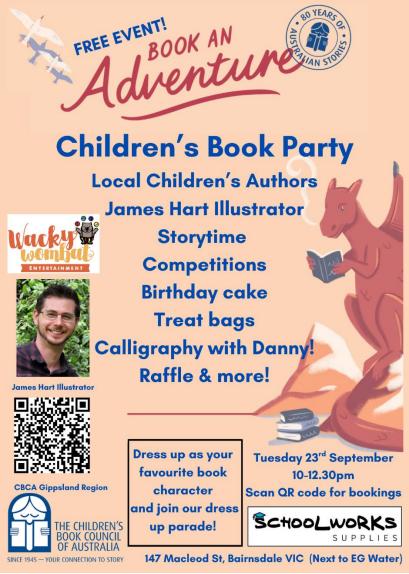
Far East Gippsland School Network, Department of Education Vic

# A Celebration of Student Writing Primary and Secondary

Where: Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall

When: Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th September

10.00 to 4pm.







### **Orbost Little Athletics**

#### Season 2025/2026 Start Up + **COME AND TRY**

Date: 11th October 2025 Time: 9:30am Location: Orbost Community College Top Oval



Program will run from 9:30am on Saturdays in the 4th term of 2025 and 1st term of n from 9:30am on saturdays in the 3 2026. Registration costs: \$95 (first child) \$90 (siblings) Ages: 5-17 years of age

Registration link will be available soon. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page.

Join us on our Facebook page "Orbost Little Athletics" to keep up to date with what's

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### AT LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB! **REGISTER NOW**

## **UNDER 13** COMPETITION

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







#### **Kids Classes**

www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/leisure/whats-on-and-buy-tickets

Term 4 After School art classes
Thursdays 4:00 to 5:00pm Start Oct 9th
Various mediums including graphite pencil,
chalk pastels, charcoal, coloured pencils,
water paint, acrylic paint and air dry clay.
Paxart Studio Lakes Entrance
NDIS Supported
Packings and appricion PM: 0408 500 454

Bookings and enquiries PH: 0408 500 451 Caroline Pax Art Therapy on Facebook























## Save the Date

We're celebrating our 50th birthday and we want you there!

Saturday 11 October 2025

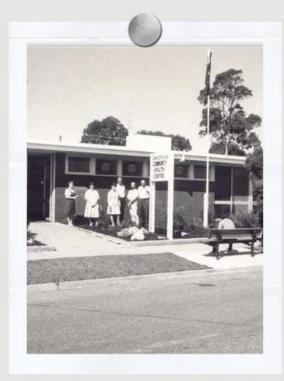
11.00 - 3.30pm GLCH, 18-26 Jemmeson Street, Lakes Entrance

Join us for a free, family-friendly celebration featuring live music, roving performances, a community footpath art project, local food stalls, and giveaways.

Put the date in your calendar now - it's going to be great!

50 Years | Thousands of Stories | Locals Taking Care of Locals Since 1975





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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, Lakes Entrance

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.







# **THREATENED SPECIES DAY** 2025

Saturday 06 September 10am–12pm East Gippsland Art Gallery Bairnsdale Free event – everyone welcome!



Join us for this free community event: Come and see your students' artwork creating a vibrant public installation in the Bairnsdale Main St Gardens!



- Flying fox talk for kids at 10am
- Art workshops
- Walk to view the student's artwork in the town gardens





students from across the region are working with Areka Brown from East Gippsland Art Gallery, to paint garden stakes representing local threatened species — raising awareness through art and action. These stakes will be installed in the Bairnsdale Main Street gardens.



Please note: for installation in the Gardens - finished artwork need to be delivered to East Gippsland Art Gallery by 4pm Wednesday 03 September

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East Gippsland Art Gallery 2 Nicholson St Bairnsdale eastgippslandartgallery.org.au





Celebrating young artists and their role in protecting East Gippsland's precious biodiversity