

## Welcome back to school

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year. We hope our students and families had an enjoyable holiday period. We are excited that some building and maintenance works have been completed at the school during the holidays. This includes:

- Refurbishment of the student toilets in the Montacute Building
- New air conditioning to all the classrooms in the Montacute Building
- Painting in different locations around the school

Further upgrades will be happening in the school this year, including the refurbishment of five classrooms toward the end of this term.



### Staffing 2026

This year, we welcome Ms Rebecca Bliss to East Torrens. Ms Bliss will be teaching in H22 replacing Ms Jess Evans. We thank Jess for her commitment to the students of East Torrens PS over the past several years and wish her well with her new endeavours.

### Classes

H22 – Rebecca Bliss	R12 – Carrie Jonker and Lavaniah Balasubramaniam
H23 – Alison Shaw and Shaylee Leonello	R13 – Sheralee Trebeck and Erin Zilm
M1 – Zebedy Hallet and Bianca DiMaggio	R14 – Patricia Fernandez
M3a – Cheree Dowell	R15 – Sammy Bhatnagar and Bianca DiMaggio
M3 – Keren Parsons	C20 – Marc Johnson
M4 – Linda Bourne and Bianca Yarasca	C21 – Nick Bernardi
M5 – Rachel Colquhoun and Penny Kuvuki	PE – Richard Thom
M6a – Ravinda Kaur	Science – Navneet Gill
M8 – Chamila Chandrasena	Music – Lavaniah Balasubramaniam
M9a – Erin Pedler	Languages – Erin Zilm and Sudesh Chawla
M10 – Virginia Wong	EALD Teacher – Melissa Ciufoli
	Autism Inclusion Teacher – Maria Primavera

## Calendar

Attached is the calendar for this term including the date of the **Pupil Free Day** which is Friday **27<sup>th</sup> February** (Week 5).

**Acquaintance night** will be on Tuesday **10<sup>th</sup> February** with further information to be sent home prior to the date. The **AGM** and first **Governing Council meeting** will be held on Monday **23<sup>rd</sup> February** (Week 5).



## Student Information

Current information must be on record for all children in case of an emergency.

If you have changed address, phone number or emergency contacts, please complete the Change of Details form on Audiri (in the forms section) or phone the school on 83371411 to notify the school of these changes.

**Please note:** if you have changed address, we do need a copy of the council rates or Tenancy Agreement for the student file.



### Change of Details

EAST TORRENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Korean student teachers

We welcome twelve student teachers from the Gongju National University of Education, South Korea to ETPS. The student teachers will join us from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February to learn about the Australian education system while assisting in the different classrooms around the school.

## Mobile Phones

Our mobile phone rules for students are in line with the department's statewide policy to support safe and productive learning environments.

**This means students must keep their mobile phones and other personal devices (such as smartwatches) off and away at school. Mobile phones are to be handed in to the front office in the morning and picked up after school.**

There will be no change to the existing arrangements for students with extenuating circumstances, such as students who use their personal device to manage a medical condition.

These requirements will help our students learn free from distraction and encourage more meaningful face-to-face time with peers.

We appreciate your support as we implement these rules.

Regards,

*Lynette Simons*

## Term 1, 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	26/01/2026	27/01/2026	28/01/2026	29/01/2026	30/01/2026
	<b>Australia Day</b>	<b>Term 1 starts</b>			
2	02/02/2026	03/02/2026	04/02/2026	05/02/2026	06/02/2026
			<b>School Tour 4pm</b>		
3	09/02/2026	10/02/2026	11/02/2026	12/02/2026	13/02/2026
		<b>Aquaintance night Friendology Workshop</b>			
4	16/02/2026	17/02/2026	18/02/2026	19/02/2026	20/02/2026
5	23/02/2026	24/02/2026	25/02/2026	26/02/2026	27/02/2026
	<b>Governing Council AGM 6pm</b>			<b>School Tour 10 am</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day OSHC Available</b>
6	02/03/2026	03/03/2026	04/03/2026	05/03/2026	06/03/2026
					<b>Colour Run</b>
7	09/03/2026	10/03/2026	11/03/2026	12/03/2026	13/03/2026
	<b>Adelaide Cup</b>		<b>NAPLAN</b>		
8	16/03/2026	17/03/2026	18/03/2026	19/03/2026	20/03/2026
		<b>School Tour 2 pm</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b>		
9	23/03/2026	24/03/2026	25/03/2026	26/03/2026	27/03/2026
	<b>Governing Council 6pm</b>				
10	30/03/2026	31/03/2026	01/04/2026	02/04/2026	03/04/2026
				<b>Sports Day</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
11	06/04/2026	07/04/2026	08/04/2026	09/04/2026	10/04/2026
	<b>Easter Monday</b>				<b>End of Term 2 pm dismissal</b>