

East Torrens Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Week 3 | Term 3 | 2025

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Learning in M1





In M1, students have been developing their focus and stamina through a Structured Teaching Approach. Each day students complete personalised literacy and numeracy learning activities which are aligned with their individual learning goals. It has been amazing to see our students build their confidence and independence in completing their learning routine each day.











SCIENCE & STEM CLUB

Our young scientists have been exploring the fascinating world of matter! Last week, they experimented with different materials to discover how solids can transform into liquids by adding heat. From hands on activities to exciting observations students are bringing science to life in the classroom.



Students have been getting creative in our STEM club every Thursday at Lunchtime! They have been designing building and coding their own amazing creations using LEGO Spike kits and Mbots. It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to explore engineering and programming in a fun hands on way.



















PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents.

able to attend our STEM Open Morning. As I walked around the classrooms, it was fabulous to see the diverse learning of our students and the confident way in which they were able to share this with others. This varied from constructed designs of Little Pigs' houses and cardboard bridges, to green screen images, programing Bee Bots and creating computer games. Our upper primary students showcased their independent learning projects while others shared their scientific understanding through cooking and a variety of activities.

Working Bee

Thank you to the parents who joined staff for the working bee in the holidays. They braved the cool and wet weather to put together and paint play equipment in the JP play area. Not only does this make the space look better but it provides a variety of play options for the students.



Thank you to the parents and family members who were **Commissioner for Children and Young People—The** Things That Matter Survey

Each year, the South Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People surveys students to get their opinions on a range of topics. The results of these surveys are then shared with the Government, schools and the wider population. Some key messages to come from the survey includes:

- Above all else, children love to play—they especially love playing sport, playing on playgrounds and outdoors, and playing video games
- Children enjoy creative activities. They like drawing, painting, reading and writing, listening to and playing music.
- Children love animals. They enjoy spending time with them, want to know more about them and are concerned about environmental impacts on them.
- Children value kindness and want their neighbourhoods and the world more broadly to be kinder and for everyone to get along.
- Children are concerned about safety in many forms-from the safety of their local streets through to ways of stopping wars.
- Children want the environment to be better cared for, with less littering, more action on climate change, and more nature and green spaces made available.
- Children care about their friends, families and animals and they enjoy spending time with them.
- Children are interested in science. They particularly want to know more about space, nature, their bodies and their health. Some children said they want a science-related job in the
- Children want to know more about all sorts of things, both at school and outside of school. They want school to be improved so it is better suited to them, including the learning content.
- Children have diverse experiences and views that need to be considered and recognised.

Regards, Lynette Simons



















Dear Families,

All children who visit our sickroom with a head injury will receive a stamp on both hands, as shown in the picture. This stamp indicates that your child has visited the sickroom that day for a possible head injury. We will

continue our standard procedure of notifying families whenever a head injury occurs.

Please remember to monitor your child when they come home with this stamp.

Thank you.



Intensive English Language Program (IELP) News

Dear Families.

Welcome back to Term 3!

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break.

A big welcome to all our new families and students. I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year.

Our Intensive English Language Classes are as follows...

Virginia Wong Erin Pedler Chamila Chandrasena & **Kathy Papas** Patricia Fernandez **Shah Chowdhury** Ravinder Kaur Rachel Colquhoun &

Sarah Foureur Kind Regards,

Yiota Chronis IELP Senior Leader M10—Reception M9 - Rec/Year 1

M8 - Year 1/2 M7 - Year 3 M6 - Year 3/4 M6A - Year 4/5

M5 - Year 5/6

Reception (M10) Virginia Wong

> Kandy L Katie L Menglin Y

Year 4 (M6) Shah Chowdhury

Joanne Z Keyansh S

Year 1 (M9) Erin Pedler

Year 4/5 (M6A) Ravinder Kaur

Thivyanshi S

Year 1/2 (M8) Chamila Chandresena

Kathy Papas

Wilson W

Year 5/6 (M5)

Rachel Colguhoun Sarah Foureur

Year 3 (M7)

Patricia Fernandez













What's up in Wellbeing

from the Nest



It's good to be back...

Hello from the Nest. After a long time away, it is great to be back working with our wonderful students. My adventures in Europe were amazing and I even picked up a few ideas for some projects on my travels.



Looking forward we have a lot happening this term and I am excited about the many events and special weeks that we have coming up. Science week, Book Week and Swimming will keep us busy; not to mention SRC, Choir performances, Incursions, and a little project I am working on.

We started the term with a wonderful STEM Expo and I am glad I had the opportunity to see the amazing teaching and learning that is happening in our classrooms. Well done everyone. In week 2 we held a parent workshop on Cybersafety run by Families Growing Together. It was a extremely informative session and so many good suggestions on how to keep our children safe online. We look forward to holding more like this in the future.

















Families Growing Together "Cyber safety' Workshop

The State Government is committed to a strong plan to see every South Australian child grow up safe and healthy with a prosperous future. Families Growing Together offers parents and caregivers a range of support options to suit their needs.

Families Growing Together — is part of the government's broader child protection reforms. They help South Australian families by empowering them with the knowledge and skills they need to connect and grow together. This helps them lay strong foundations for their children and young people.

During week 2 we invited one of the facilitators from Families Growing Together to run a workshop on a topic that all families will at some point during their child's education face. Our students are growing up in a time where the internet is a learning tool that they use on daily basis; the question is 'Do our children know how to keep themselves safe online?'. With the support of the families they can. This workshop covered many topics and provided strategies and tools to support families while on the cybersafe journey. The topics covered were

- Raising children in a digital age
- Understanding the risks of the online world
- · Helping children learn online safety and
- Positive approaches to guiding children's behaviour in the online world.

Thank you to the families who registered and attended this workshop. If any families would like any information on what was covered during the workshop please feel free to come and see me in the Nest.

Where to go for help...



Office of the e-safety Commissioner www.esafety.gov.au



Think you know www.thinkuknow.org.au



Children and Media Australia www.childrenandmedia.org.au













Assembly Awards

Excellence

Marcos	M4	Improving in his writing tasks			
Rylie	M4	Great spelling			
Jessica	M4	Showing great understanding in Maths			
George	M8	Participation in phonics and using sounds in reading			
Hesam	M6a	Excellent topic talk presentation			
Yugi	M10	Trying hard with blending to read			
Jordan	M10	Improvement in English			
Evni	М9	Trying best to learn the new routines in the class			
Aanvi	М9	Trying best to learn the new routines in the class			
Robin	М6	Learning to manage his time well			
Setaish	M7	Adding detail to sentences and reading everyday			
Ellie	M7	Reading regularly and using good vocabulary in her texts			
Seb	М3	Great thinking during group discussions			



Empathy

Odai	M8	Treating others with kindness
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Communuity

Andrey	C21	Amazing resilience while doing crossing duty			
Vincente	C21	Amazing resilience while doing crossing duty			
Yansen	C21	Amazing resilience while doing crossing duty			
Gurleen	М3	Sharing her idea during class and helping others with learning			



Respect

Ichika	M6a	Actively listening and helping other students in class and acknowledging what others do well
Joanne	М6	Listening to others and the teacher



<u>Values Raffle Winners</u>

Week 2

Neha M8	Manuka R14
Kaaran M8	Yasya M6a
Ti R13	Leo H23
Ilan H23	Harley H22
Ravleen H23	Arnav C19













Children's Book Week 2025 will be celebrated from August 16th to 23rd with the theme "Book an Adventure". This marks the 80th anniversary of Children's Book Week in Australia. The theme encourages children to explore new worlds and possibilities through literature

During week 5 there will be many activities for our students to be involved in to celebrate Book Week. Below is a brief timetable to help you plan ahead. more details will be sent home soon.



- Monday Book Week Travel Adventure (Treasure hunt)
- Tuesday Book Week Costume Parade
- Wednesday Gold Coin Book Sale 8:20am and recess time
- Thursday Teacher Roaming Readers
- Friday Shared cake and Book Week activities



Attendance Matters at East Torrens Primary School

Each term we recognise those students who have had 100% attendance throughout the term. Those students are listed below. The students names that are highlighted have also achieved 100% for the first half of the year.

Our school goal is 95%. A large number of our students achieved this goal and received a certificate at our last assembly.

H22	M10	M8	М6	M6a	R14	М9
Lan	Jordan	George	Joanne	Taha	Lewis	Adriana
Tiffany	Kahawitage	Mohammad	Vinuli	Mohamad	Hannah	Anna
Sally		Weier	Yuxi	Cunwei	Sia	Avina
		Yifan		Lianasadat		Srisha
			C20			Syed
МЗ	C21	M5	Anish	R15	R12	
Delsa	Andrey	Subegh	Kyle	Abhyansh	Alan	
Harrison	Elizaveta	Xuanchen	Bogdan	-		
Oliver	Maisy	Yiyan	Chase		D12	
Arnav	Sarah	Amirhossein	Jalen	M7	R13	
Hryhorii		Hiroto	Minh	Mehrsana	Mia	
Jooho			Theertha			











WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF PASTORAL CARE?!

HELLO ETPS FAMILY & FRIENDS!

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup started off for the term in Week 2 with 'Teddy Bears Picnic' as our theme. We had lots of fun singing along to 'going on a bear hunt'. The themes for the upcoming weeks are: The Very Hungry Caterpillar (week 3), Musical Instruments (week 4), and Shapes (week 6). I can't wait to see all of your children aged 0-4 years old join us for PLAYGROUP at 9-10am on Friday mornings! (See the Playgroup page for how to join).



PARENTING SUPPORT

For any parents and carers needing extra skills and support dealing with violent or defiant children aged 8-18 years - take a look at the Who's in Charge? program that is currently being run. If you are interested but have missed the current dates, contact me and I can let you know when the program starts up again.



Does your child hurt or intimidate you? Do you feel you are losing control? Do you want to handle conflict better?

Who's in Charge? is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (8 -18) who are beyond control, violent or defice

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame that parents feel
 Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's
- Help in understanding power in relationships and explore ways of increasing safety and well-being

As always, if you or your family are going through a difficult time and would like to talk about things or need help finding local services to support you, please reach out to me - I'm here to support you and your family. If you're wanting to know more about the Kimochis, or simply looking to be connected with the local community and other services outside of school - I'd love to chat with you! I am at school on Fridays this term.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS SWAP & SHARE

Bring in your old school uniforms to swap with other second-hand sizes. OR if you don't need your uniforms any longer, donate them to be shared. If you would like a second-hand uniform and you don't have any old uniforms to swap, then you can make a small monetary donation instead.

> The SWAP & SHARE will be open on Fridays between 2 - 3pm.



"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved."

Winnie the Pooh

A Word Of **Wisdom From** Winnie-The-Pooh

ANNA - PASTORAL CARE WORKER















School fees are OVERDUE. Please pay your invoice as soon as possible.

If you do not have your invoice, please request a copy by emailing dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

An instalment payment option is available. The form can be found on the Audiri App:

- ⇒ Click on "Resources."
- ⇒ Click on "Forms."
- ⇒ Fill out the "Agreement to Pay by Instalments."
- ⇒ Submit the form.



The Audiri App is our main method of communication to families. If you do not have the App, please visit the ETPS website. Click on "Parent Information," then "Audiri App," and follow the instructions to set it up on your phone.

If you have applied for the **School Card** and have been notified by Centrelink of its approval, please do not pay. If you are waiting for approval, you can pay the total outstanding on your statement, and if your school card is approved in the future, you can claim your money back (we will refund you).

> If you wish to apply for the School Card, please click on the following link: SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme

For any queries related to accounts, please contact us via email at: dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

Kind regards,

Kavita Mer, Business Manager













WHEELS WEDNESDAY





Second-Hand Bikes Wanted



The East Torrens' Wheels Wednesday program, teaching children to ride bicycles, scooters and skateboards, has been running for over a decade. Some of the bikes in our shed are consequently getting tired and beyond reasonable repair.





If your family has a good-quality second-hand bicycle at home, which your child has grown out of, it would be greatly appreciated if it could be donated to the school to allow more children the chance to enjoy Wednesday lunchtimes with Mr Thom, having fun and learning to ride or improve their cycling skills.



Second-hand football/soccer boots



The SAPSASA Rugby League program, which East Torrens has been a part of for over fifteen years, provides a fantastic opportunity for our students to enjoy such a wonderful game. In order for our students to participate at a high level the children need to wear boots with studs on the sole. Some of the boots in our store room are starting to fall apart. Especially for the older students—11 to 12 year olds.

If your family has a good-quality pair of second-hand boots at home, which your child has grown out of, it would be greatly appreciated if they could be donated to the school to allow more children the chance to enjoy Rugby League carnivals with Mr

Thom, having fun and learning to tackle and score tries.











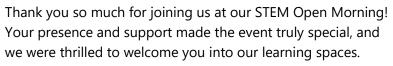






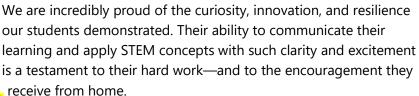






Our students absolutely shone as they showcased their STEM learning. From creative problem-solving to

hands-on experimentation, their enthusiasm and depth of understanding were nothing short of inspiring. It was a joy to see them confidently explain their thinking, collaborate with peers, and engage with real-world challenges in such meaningful ways.



Thank you again for being part of this celebration of learning. We look forward to many more opportunities to share our students' achievements with you.















Family STEM Activities to Wow your Kids

Awesome family STEM activities that you can enjoy with your child. Most are made with simple things you have around the house or in the recycling.

Abstract Art Painting

Take a blank canvas and cover it with white paint.

Then add on some blobs of acrylic paint in different colours with a string placed on top of each row.

Pull the strings to make the paint colours merge and to create some awesome art!

Make a Robotic Hand

Use cardboard, drinking straws and string to put together a robotic hand.

Can you pick things up with it?

A really cool project to make and play with.

How to Make Straw Rockets Fly

https:// buggyandbuddy.com/ straw-rockets-with-free -rocket-template/

Make your very own rockets that blast high into the sky just by blowing through a straw^l

Grow your own Rainbow

https://youtu.be/ BbQ c1jb858?t=7













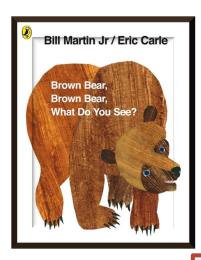




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Come and join us! Every Friday morning!

We learnt all about bears!





Our school executives come to visit playgroup this week!



Look at me I am a bear!





The **Three Bears** also came to visit!



If you would be interested in joining this program please register at

East Torrens Playgroup Registration Of Interest

Children 0-4 are welcome!

Wow, we made a polar

bear using cotton wool.















If your child is due to start school in 2026, please complete the online Registration of Interest form to be added to our waiting list.



Is your child due to start Reception in Term 1 or Term 3 of 2026?

Please visit our website www.etorrensps.sa.edu.au to complete our registration of interest form.

https://www.etorrensps.sa.edu.au/enrolments/registration-of-interest/

For information regarding our Principal's School Tours please visit https://www.etorrensps.sa.edu.au/enrolments/school-tours/

There two intakes per year



Children who are born between 1st November and 30th April, will commence in Term 1 of the following year and complete 4 terms of reception.

Children who are born between 1st May and 31st October, will commence in Term 3 and complete 6 terms of reception.

TERM 1

TERM 3

Registration of Interest forms to be received by the school.

Due: Term 2, Week 10 - 4/7/2025

Please submit your Registration of Interest as soon as possible in order to be placed on our waiting list. The enrolment officer will acknowledge your submission via email.

Email sent regarding placement at ETPS

Acceptance of Enrolment offer due

Attend scheduled enrolment meeting

Attend 3 scheduled **Transition Visits**

From: Term 3, Week 1 21/7/2025

Due: Term 3, Week 2 1/8/2025

Term 3, Weeks 9 & 10 15/9/2025 to 25/9/2025

Term 4 Thursday 20/11/2025 Wednesday 26/11/2025 Wednesday 3/12/2025

From: Term 1, Week 10 30/3/2026

Due: Term 1, Week 11 10/4/2026

Term 2, Weeks 2 & 3 4/5/2026 to 14/5/2026

Term 2 Thursday 11/6/2026 Wednesday 17/6/2026 Thursday 25/6/2026









