

East Torrens Primary School

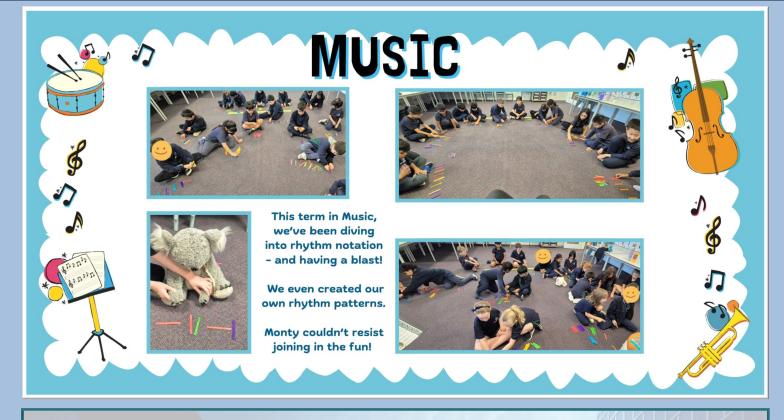
NEWSLETTER

Week 7 | Term 2 | 2025

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Communication



C20 & C21 SHARK 1



Collaboration





Problem Solving







Respect Empathy SExcellence Community



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to share the news that East Torrens Primary School will receive a grant to upgrade the air conditioning system in the Montacute Building which will be a great benefit to our students and teachers. The Premier, Peter Malinauskas, announced that a number of schools, including East Torrens, would benefit from the infrastructure grants in the 2025/2026 budget.

We have also received confirmation that our toilets in the Montacute Building will be upgraded through Department funding this year.

Rugby

A large number of our students attended the SAPSASA Rugby competition last Friday at Para Hills Primary School. There was enough interest from students that we were able to have three boys and two girls' teams entered in the competition. As always, our students demonstrated excellent sporting skills, teamwork and respect. We are very proud of their achievements.



Fundraising

We have a small but dedicated group of parents who are the school fundraising committee. They meet once or twice a term to plan fundraising events and then volunteer their time to support these events such as Mother's and Father's Day stalls, the Sports Day ice block sales, the school disco and other such events throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the fundraising committee, please contact the school and leave your details at the front office. You do not have to attend all of the meetings or volunteer to support all of the events to be on the committee, any amount of support will be appreciated.

This year the money raised through fundraising will go toward further developing the nature play area at the back of the school.

Reports

During week 10, reports will go home for the students in the mainstream and special classes. Years 1 to 6 student reports are based on an A to E achievement scale, supported by a description of what this means in relation to their progress against the Achievement Standard. Reports for Reception students use descriptive wording about students' progress over the year referenced to the Reception level Achievement Standard.

Teachers use a range of different assessment strategies and tools to gather evidence of student achievement with reference to the Achievement Standards in the Australian Curriculum. Based on the evidence, teachers make an onbalance judgment to decide which grade best matches the standard the student has achieved. The progress and achievement of some students will be reported against an Achievement Standard that best matches their current level of achievement. This may occur in some or all learning areas. Alternatively their achievement may be reported against the goals of their individual learning plan. Schools are expected to negotiate both the student's learning program and appropriate reporting arrangements for some students with parents. This may occur for some students with disability and eligible newly arrived students in mainstream schools. Students who have left the Intensive English Language Program (IELP) may not be given A to E grades for up to 6 terms after they leave the program. Students in the IELP receive a report describing their achievements rather than A to E grades. If you have any questions about your child's report, please make a time to speak to their class teacher.

Regards, **Lynette Simons**

















Dear Families,

A 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.



Year 4 (M6)

Shah Chowdhury

Intensive English Language Program (IELP) News

Dear Families.

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

Our Intensive English Language Classes are as follows...

Virginia Wong M10 - Reception **Erin Pedler** M9 - Year 1

Chamila Chandresena &

M8 - Year 1/2 **Kathy Papas** M7 - Year 3 Patricia Fernandez M6 - Year 4 **Shah Chowdhurv** M6A - Year 4/5 **Ravinder Kaur**

Rachel Colquhoun & Sarah Foureur

M5 - Year 5/6

Year 1 (M9) Year 4/5 (M6A)

Erin Pedler Ravinder Kaur Srisha S Hesam G

Methu A

Reception (M10)

Virginia Wong

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Year 1/2 (M8) Year 5/6 (M5) Rachel Colquhoun Chamila Chandresena Sarah Foureur Kathy Papas

Kind regards,

Yiota Chronis **IELP Senior Leader**



Year 3 (M7) Patricia Fernandez

Mehrsana G













What's up in Wellbeing from the Nest

Every Child Matters ELLBEING

Hello from Spain

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the term.

I am fortunate to have had my term finish early, as I have taken long service leave and will be travelling in Europe with my family for 6 weeks. As you read this, I will be boarding a ship in Spain and cruising around Italy. While I am away, Marc Johnson and Sheralee Trebeck will be in the Nest. I know that the Nest is in good hands. I look forward to sharing my adventures with the students when I get back.

Until then, hasta luego (see you later).















Student Executives take over Council Chambers

In week 5 I had the pleasure together with Ms A to accompany our Student Executive Committee to the Campbelltown Council Chambers. This excursion was planned to allow students to see the council chambers, learn more about how decisions are made in a community and to participate in their very own mock council meeting.

Prior to the visit our students chose a topic that they would like to debate at their mock meeting. The topic was "School should start at 10am". Thankfully this was only a mock meeting which does not affect the starting time of school. The students did an amazing job of representing our school. Well done.

In my opinion the Council mock election on Wednesday was really fun. It made me feel like I was really a part of the council and I got to talk into the cool microphone. Another fun part was when I was when my team, the opposition team won. I learnt some new things about Adelaide and Campbelltown.

James C21





On Wednesday the 21st of May we went to the Campbelltown City Council. We got taken to a big fancy room called the Campbelltown Council Chambers. A very nice lady called Rachel, who was the Education Officer, talked us through what the Campbelltown City Council was. Then it was time to choose the Mayor, Minute taker and CEO. I was very lucky to be chosen to be the Mayor. I had to run the meeting and I had a whole script. Then I started the debate. We discussed whether school should start at 10am. Unfortunately I did not get to debate as I was the Mayor. The opposition team won, so school will not start at 10am. I was a very good Mayor, and I think I should be Mayor all the time. We all thought it was a great trip and I am very glad we



















Term 2 2025



Communuity

- Common III		(a) 1			
Vincente	C21	Being a positive and active class member			
Jun Ye	M5	Always supporting class mates and actively engaging in learning			
Tahmid	М6а	Always lending a hand and being ready to help with our classroom jobs			
Sarah	C21	Setting up for assembly			
Ganeve	C20	Setting up for assembly			
Abot	C20	Setting up for assembly			
Zoya	C20	Setting up for assembly			
Diana	C20	Setting up for assembly			
Asees	C21	Setting up for assembly			

Assembly awards

Empathy

Lucas	М3	Always being willing to help other students with playing or learning			
Ramiru	М6				











Respect

Seyhi	M8	Always being respectful to others		
William	М6			
Agnes	M5	Always demonstrating respect towards peers, teachers and the school community		
Olivia	C21	Always showing kindness and respect		
Parnian	М3	Looking after our classroom and speaking and acting kindly to others, always		



Excellence

Aidan	М6а	Approaching learning with enthusiasm and a questioning mind
Sania	M8	Trying hard in writing

Lucky Winners So Far



Week 3	Week 4		Week 5
Rawan C20	Ellie	M7	Elizabeth H23
Carlson R12	Phoenix	H23	Kiwi M7
Emily R14	Malu	R13	Mahlet M6
Hana M3	Diana	C20	Leo H23
Ellie M7	Noah	R13	Zoya C20
	Ayrah	М6а	Maisy C21
	Breda	C20	Taylor H23
	Mia	R13	Mayra M7
	Meshwin	М3	Addy H23
	Lin	М7	Ubbay R13
	Ichika	Мба	









Reconciliation Week 2025.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time to reflect and continue building momentum towards reconciliation in our schools and early learning services, workplaces, and wider communities.

Each year Reconciliation Australia selects a different theme to celebrate NRW. The theme for NRW 2025 is 'Bridging Now to Next'.

As a school we have been working on our own art project to represent bridging the NOW to the NEXT, while educators will support children to explore the meaning and purpose of the theme. They will also consider practical opportunities for bringing the theme into classrooms, and with the community during NRW and beyond.





Biscuit Decorating with M5 & C21 **Celebrating Reconciliation**































Dear Parents/Caregivers,

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











SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We advise that Event Photos will be taking our school photographs again this year.

Our main photo day will be on Wednesday 18th June for class group and individual photos. If time permits, they will also take the family photos.

The catchup day will be on Thursday 26th June for individual photos of students who were absent on photo day and for family photos.

Your child/ren will soon be bringing home a flyer with instructions and the QR codes for the ETPS ordering portal at Event Photo. This flyer is double sided; one side has the code for school photo ordering (class and individual photos) and the other side has a code for ordering sibling/family photos.

School Photo Ordering 2025

East Torrens Primary School - Portrait & Group To order your school photos please scan the QR Code or log into eventphoto.com.au and enter the Access Key Below. Individual and Class Group photos can be ordered on this Access Key.



Order by 6am, Wednesday 18th June 2025 to take advantage of the

For Family (sibling) photos, please use the sibling access key shown on the reverse side of this flyer.







Sibling School Photo Ordering 2025

East Torrens Primary School - Sibling Photos To order your school photos please scan the QR Code or log into eventphoto.com.au and enter the Access Key Below. Family (sibling) photos can be ordered on this Access Key.

ACCESS KEY: etpsfam25

Order by 6am, Wednesday 18th June 2025 to take advantage of the earlybird pricing!

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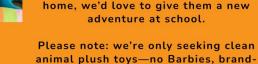






If you have any questions about ordering the photos, please contact Event Photo on 08) 8271 0000 or email admin@eventphoto.com.au

> LOOKOUT FOR SOME SOFT, SNUGGLY FRIENDS!



Donations can be brought to the front office or straight to the Music Room. Your fluffy friends will help bring stories, songs, and rhythms to life for our

name dolls, or action figures, thank you!

Thank you for your support!





















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.



















STEM projects to challenge children! Building and engineering projects are valuable for developing critical thinking skills and encouraging creativity in design and construction. STEM engineering challenges are not only fun and engaging, but they also utilize recycled or affordable materials.

ENGINEERING WITH PAPER

Let's start with projects that rely on a simple and readily available material – paper!

Build a Newspaper Fort

This is amazing! And all you need is newspapers and tape. Granted, newspapers are harder to come by than they used to be, but maybe you can find a friend or a dentist office that will save some for you!

Build a Conveyor Belt

from Pink Stripy Socks. Use from Babble Dabble Do. So a milk carton and paper, and a few other simple materials!

Paper Building Blocks

simple and colourful.

Paper Airplane Challenge

from Kids Activities Blog. Which plane can carry the most cargo?



MORE ENGINEERING ACTIVITES

Engineering Challenges with Craft Sticks, Cups, and Cubes.

I enjoyed this as much as the These materials make an kids, and it works for all ages. It's amazing what kids can construct with these simple materials, and they'll be learning a ton about balance and centre.

Build a Bridge out of Straws and Straight Pins. Great classroom challenge.

Build a Straw Roller Coaster

for a ping pong ball to roll down!

Engineering Challenges with Clothespins, Craft Sticks, and Binder Clips.

awesome building kit! We have ours stored in a plastic



Building a raft that floats!

Use a Large Cardboard Box into an EPIC Marble Run

This is seriously awesome.

Make a marble run on a smaller scale - Shoebox Marble Run.

Shoe boxes, craft stick, and hot glue - that's it! Again, you'll be amazed what you can create.

How strong is spaghetti?

Test how much weight this material will hold! This is an impressive STEM challenge!

Labyrinth Game

with a cardboard box and craft sticks. The finished game is seriously addicting!

Build a Marble Run with Play Dough

- YES, play dough! Grab a cookie sheet and try this fun challenge!

Create a Hexbug Maze with Straws

from Buggy and Buddy. This is a great cooperative project for groups of kids.

Please send us a photo of your creations to dl.0971.info@schools.sa.edu.au We would love to share your photos our next school newsletter.

















Over the past few weeks at Playgroup, we have been learning and having fun with our themes

'Going to the Circus' and 'Dinosaurs'.





Listening to a circus story and eating popcorn

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

East Torrens Playgroup Registration Of Interest

Children 0-4 are welcome!











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

HELLO ETPS FAMILY & FRIENDS!



KIMOCHIS

In our weekly Kimochis lessons, H22 and H23 have been learning about their brave feeling. Bug (you can see him in the picture on the left), is a shy character that is afraid of change, and the R/1s have been helping bug (and themselves) learn to put their brave in front when they feel shy or afraid. If your child is in one of these classes, ask them to show you their brave face - they are very good at it.





Along with Bug, the students in H22 and H23 have also been learning about positive self-talk and the importance and power of the things we tell ourselves in our minds. They have practised saying "I can do this" when they are faced with new or challenging situations and they are encouraged to give things a go even when they might seem scary or hard. They are brave and you as their parents are very brave too.

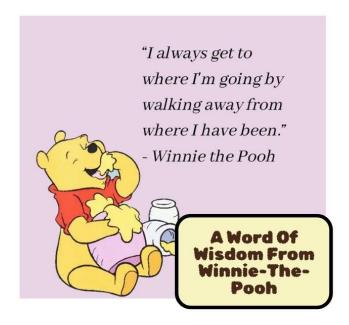
PLAYGROUP

I have had so much fun at our playgroup on Friday mornings! It has been so wonderful to meet some of the younger siblings of students at school and their parents. I have had the best time talking to parents and getting to know you all. The little ones are so full of fun and energy! We have been playing together with toys, making crafts, building things with playdough and reading stories and singing songs together. If you are an ETPS parent with any children 0-4 years old we would love to have you join us at 9-10am on Friday mornings. Please register at East Torrens Playgroup Registration Of Interest

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 families.

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 Thursdays and Fridays.

ANNA PASTORAL CARE WORKER













If your child is due to start school in Term 3 of 2025, please complete the online Registration of Interest immediately



Is your child due to start Reception in Term 1 or Term 3 of 2025?

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 - 5/7/2024 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

From: Term 3, Week 1 21/7/2024

Due: Term 3, Week 2 1/8/2024

Term 3, Weeks 9 & 10 15/9/2024 to 24/9/2024

Term 4 Wednesday 20/11/2024 Wednesday 27/11/2024 Wednesday 4/12/2024

From: Term 1, Week 10 31/3/2025

Due: Term 1, Week 11 11/4/2025

Term 2, Weeks 2 & 3 5/5/2025 to 14/5/2025

Term 2 Wednesday 11/6/2025 Wednesday 18/6/2025

Wednesday 25/6/2025

Transition Visits













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?

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

Acceptance of Enrolment offer due Due: Term 1, Week 11 10/4/2026

Attend scheduled enrolment meeting

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

Attend 3 scheduled **Transition Visits**

Term 4

Term 2 Wednesday 10/6/2026

Wednesday 19/11/2025 Wednesday 26/11/2025 Wednesday 3/12/2025

Wednesday 17/6/2026 Wednesday 24/6/2026









