



## H22 and H23



The new Reception students from the Henry Building are excited that they have started school.



The Year One students are excited to continue their learning and develop their leadership skills.



We are looking forward to a fun and engaging year!



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to see that our new playground is finished and being enjoyed by students. Keep a look out for other changes that are happening around the school yard and in corridors over the next few weeks.

## School Improvement Plan

The Department for Education is focused on creating a system where every child receives the education they need to learn and thrive. Schools develop and implement a School Improvement Plan (SIP) that identifies targets, actions and outcomes that are designed to maximise learner engagement, agency and improvement.

One aspect of the Areas of Impact is Wellbeing. At ETPS, our learners feel safe, included and valued. They have access to support, experiences, teaching, and resources to build their resilience and social and emotional skills to positively and confidently engage in learning. We build strong relationships with students and they have a sense of belonging to the school which supports their cognitive engagement. They are comfortable to be challenged with their learning.

Another aspect of the Areas of Impact which is being supported through our SIP is Learner Agency. At ETPS, our learners are empowered to develop a sense of identity and responsibility as they participate in their school community and are supported to play a role in shaping their learning experiences. As SRC reps, they are developing an ownership over aspects of learning, attendance and the environment. Teaching strategies encourage independent learning, reflection and goal setting.

This year, we continue with our focus on Writing and Mathematics development while ensuring student wellbeing and agency are featured and the areas of Equity and Excellence and Effective Learners are embedded in our teaching practice.

To support this next stage of the improvement cycle, we use our staff meeting training and development time and Pupil Free Days. The Term 1 Pupil Free Day focused on teacher moderation of student writing and building the next steps in writing development with students. Students will be supported to develop writing goals with the teacher and work toward achieving their goals.

## NAPLAN

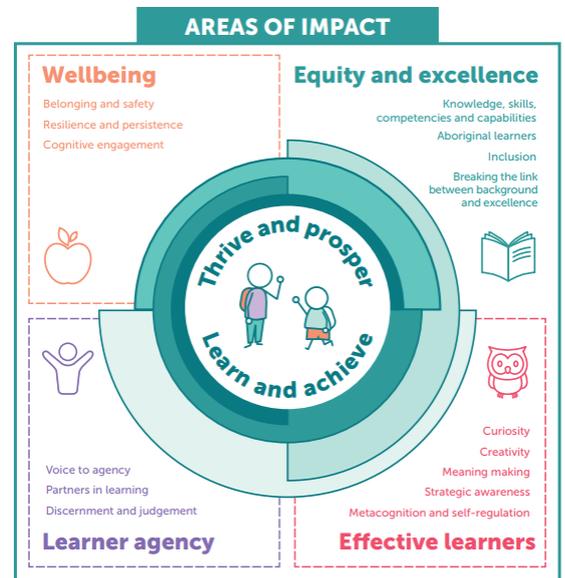
This year, **NAPLAN** will be held from **13 to 25 March 2024 (Weeks 7 to 9, Term 1)** for students in the mainstream Year 3 and 5 classes. Families do not need to do any additional work to prepare their child for NAPLAN as school staff are ensuring that the students are familiar with the format and expectations of testing. The students will complete a practice test on the 27<sup>th</sup> February in further preparation for the formal testing to follow. Should you have any questions or concerns about the NAPLAN tests, please contact a member of the leadership team.

## Reminder:

**Our school AGM is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in the Resource Centre at school. Please come along if you are interested in joining the school Governing Council.**

Regards,

*Lynette Simons*





# EAST TORRENS PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL

# AGM



FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

NEW PARENTS WELCOME

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Annual General Meeting  
of the  
ETPS Governing Council  
will be held

on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
from 6 – 7 pm  
in the Resource Centre.

No experience is necessary to be a member of the Governing Council and any training that you need will be provided free of charge.

The Governing Council is a way for you to be a representative voice in your school.

Everyone is welcome to become a member and we encourage parents and carers to strongly consider this opportunity to be a motivating force in the ETPS community.

If you would like to nominate to join our school Governing Council, please complete the Nomination Form on the Audiri App.

Governing Council Member nomination for 2024

EAST TORRENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ E.T.P.S !

- ◆ Our music club has started at lunch time with Mr. Johnson and Nicholas
- ◆ Classical Guitar and percussion lessons on Tuesday for our selected year 5 and 6 students have commenced
- ◆ Choir starting soon! Watch this space for more information
- ◆ Children's University starting soon! Please read the newsletter article for further information
- ◆ New outdoor learning area starting to be developed to support our Early Years classes engaging and transitioning to school learning.
- ◆ Lego and garden clubs running at lunchtime



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## Term 1 2024 Calendar

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WK 1	29/1/24	30/1/24	31/1/24	1/2/24	2/2/24
	<b>2024 School year commences</b>				
WK 2	5/2/24	6/2/24	7/2/24	8/2/24	9/2/24
WK 3	12/2/24	13/2/24	14/2/24	15/2/24	16/2/24
		<b>Acquaintance Night</b>			
WK 4	19/2/24	20/2/24	21/2/24	22/2/24	23/2/24
	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> OSHC available				
WK 5	26/2/24	27/2/24	28/2/24	29/2/24	1/3/24
	<b>Governing Council AGM 6.00 pm</b>			<b>Principal School Tour 10.00 am</b>	
WK 6	4/3/24	5/3/24	6/3/24	7/3/24	8/3/24
WK 7	11/3/24	12/3/24	13/3/24	14/3/24	15/3/24
	<b>Adelaide Cup Day</b> OSHC closed				
WK 8	18/3/24	19/3/24	20/3/24	21/3/24	22/3/24
	<b>Governing Council MTG 6.00 pm</b>			<b>Harmony Day</b>	
← Three Way Conferences →					
WK 9	25/3/24	26/3/24	27/3/24	28/3/24	29/3/24
	<b>Holi Festival</b>			<b>Sports Day</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> OSHC closed
WK 10	1/4/24	2/4/24	3/4/24	4/4/24	5/4/24
	<b>Easter Monday</b> OSHC closed				
WK 11	8/4/24	9/4/24	10/4/24	11/4/24	12/4/24
					<b>End of Term 1</b> <b>Early Dismissal 2.00 pm</b>



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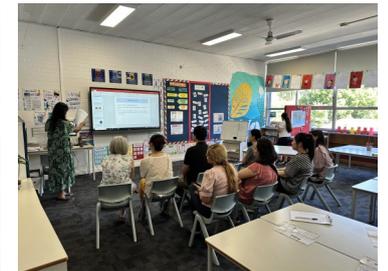


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# WELLBEING NEWS



## Acquaintance Night 2024



Welcome back to another fabulous year ahead full of fun and learning.

Hello to all our East Torrens families old and new. I hope that you all had a nice break and are now ready to get back into the school routine. I don't know about you but I am finding it hard to believe that we are heading into the fifth week back at school. It has been wonderful to walk around and see all our teachers and students diving into their learning.



We began the year with a Wellbeing focus, ensuring all students had a positive start to the new school year. This also allowed teachers to build relationships with their new students and for all to become familiar with the classroom expectations. Spending time in the first few weeks to develop an understanding of our school values, expected behaviours and setting goals gives everyone the same information at the same time. Oh and we had fun at the same time.



A big shout out to all the families who came to the Acquaintance Night last week. We know that it is not easy for all families to attend and we understand this. As I walked around it was so lovely to see so many families attending. Teachers also did an amazing job of delivering information to our parents to ensure they went away with everything they needed to support their child's return to school this year. Thank you again for coming.



# WELLBEING NEWS

Continued...



In Week 3 we also held our first assembly. It was perfect timing to acknowledge the **Chinese Lunar New Year**. The students in M5, M7 and 6a presented some beautiful artwork and shared with us some of the special



## School Values



One of our East Torrens traditions is that of the Values certificates. At each assembly certificates representing each of our school's values are presented to students who have shown these values throughout the past few weeks. These certificates are awarded by the classroom or specialist teachers for specific qualities a child shows within a value. I look forward to sharing these with you in following newsletter.

Community Awards	Empathy Awards	Respect awards	Excellence Award
C20 Working exceptionally well across the Year 5/6 cohort	Hussain R15 Being caring and supporting others.	Ethan M8 Showing enthusiasm for learning and supporting his classmates with their learning.	Fay M7 Always doing her best work.
C21 Working exceptionally well across the Year 5/6 cohort		Sepehr M9 Always carefully following instructions.	Liwu M9a Always doing her best work.
Lucky M9a Helping others in the class.		Arshida M5 Helping a new student.	Maria M9a Always doing her best work.
Olivia M8 Including others who didn't have friends to play games with.		Sofi M5 Settling in well in her new class.	Jason M6a Always trying his best during school.
Tise R14 Learning to pack up.		Koray M6a Always greeting others and being polite.	Hana M8 Making great improvement in all areas of her learning.
Maisy C19 Great work as one of our Waste Warriors.			
Sahaj C19 Great work as one of our Waste Warriors.			
Dijon M7 Always being helpful.			

# CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

East Torrens will once again be participating in the Children's University led by the Adelaide University. Although the program is available from age 5-14 years, we are offering the program for students in **Year 3-6 only**.

The Children's University allows students to receive hours for learning done outside of school as well as lunchtime and after school activities. There are also online activities that students can participate in.

Membership into the program is \$16.50 for each child. This fee covers the passport members receive to record the hours they have completed. It also gives them access to an online portal where they will find many different learning opportunities they can access including some of which are free of charge. Lastly the fee covers the costs of the graduation ceremony that students participate in if they achieve a minimum of 30 hours or more. Children who have participated in the program before may continue to do so this year, however they will need to pay for another passport if they have theirs. This will cost \$7.70.

If you are interested in your children becoming members of the Children's University program click on the QR code below and it will take you to the registration page.

Once you have registered your children, the payment can be made directly to the school, at the Front Office. All payments and membership forms must be received by **Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Week 9)**

**Please note no late registrations or payments can be received after the due date.**

If you have any questions regarding the Children's University or you need assistance with the registration forms please contact me at school or via email at [melissa.ciufoli658@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:melissa.ciufoli658@schools.sa.edu.au).  
Looking forward to another successful year of Children's University.

Kind regards  
Melissa Ciufoli  
Children's University East Torrens Coordinator



## UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN

Tuesday 8.30 am - 9.30 am  
Thursday 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm



# Intensive English Language Program (IELP) News

Dear Families,

Welcome back to all students and families.

I hope you all had a relaxing summer break.

Welcome to all our new students and staff. Our Intensive English Language Classes are as follows...

<b>Virginia Wong</b>	<b>M10 - R/1</b>
<b>Erin Pedler</b>	<b>M9 - Year 1</b>
<b>Jacqui Prouza &amp; Nunzia Ferraretto</b>	<b>M9A - Year 2</b>
<b>Chamila Chandresena</b>	<b>M8 - Year 3</b>
<b>Sarah Foureur &amp; Rita Martucci</b>	<b>M7 - Year 3</b>
<b>Shah Chowdhury</b>	<b>M6 - Year 5</b>
<b>Ravinder Kaur</b>	<b>M6A - Year 5</b>
<b>Rachel Colquhoun &amp; Kathy Papas</b>	<b>M5 - Year 6</b>

Kind regards,  
Yiota Chronis  
IELP Senior Leader



**Reception/Year 1 (M10)**  
Virginia Wong

Noor S  
Mikiyas Y  
Constance S  
Itisha S

**Year 3 (M7)**  
Sarah Foureur  
Rita Martucci

Jessica W  
Samson L  
Ivan S

**Year 1 (M9)**  
Erin Pedler

Samuel L

**Year 4 (M6)**  
Shah Chowdhury

Shaan S  
Zoya S

**Year 2 (M9A)**  
Jacqui Prouza  
Nunzia Ferraretto

Mikel A  
Lena E

**Year 5 (M6A)**  
Ravinder Kaur

Alex A

**Year 3 (M8)**  
Chamila Chandresena

Brian W

**Year 6 (M5)**  
Rachel Colquhoun  
Kathy Papas

Briana G

## East Torrens' Sporting News

Welcome all to Sporting News for 2024. In Term 1, your child may be eligible to choose from a numerous range of sporting opportunities, both during and after-school hours.

**Lunch-time activities** include indoor soccer, **Wheels Wednesday** and boys' **SAPSASA** soccer training (*unfortunately due to lack of interest there will not be a SAPSASA knock-out team for girls soccer or netball*)

**Year 1 to 3 boys** can take part in the Monday lunchtime indoor soccer competition. This is a **fun program** that has friends playing with and against each other building towards the Week 11 finals. **Year 1 to 3 girls** can participate in the same style program each Tuesday at lunchtime. Each team comprises children from both mainstream and IELP classes. **Year 4 to 6 boys and girls** participate in a mixed-gender indoor soccer competition each Friday at lunch-time. Premiership tables are generated each round so that participants can track the progress of their team before the finals.

**Wheels Wednesday** is a **very popular** program where up to twenty children can sign up, outside Ms Piro's office, and have fun at lunch riding bicycles, skateboards and scooters. Children are also welcome to bring their own bike from home if they choose.

**SAPSASA boys' soccer** training will begin mid-term on Thursday lunchtimes for the Year 5/6 students. With limited numbers for a squad the children will train hard to try to make the team. Good luck boys.

**After-school activities** include basketball and lacrosse this term.

**Year 3 and 4 students**, who are interested in learning and playing basketball, can sign up for regular practice sessions each **Monday afternoon, from 3 to 4:00pm**. The emphasis is on the enjoyment of the game and learning and refining skills in competitive games.

**Year 5 and 6 students** are able to train regularly on **Wednesday afternoons until 4:00pm**. Children are encouraged to be positive team members and take risks in small games, with other children using varied skills and experience.

**Year 4, 5 and 6 students** are welcome to come and try the exciting sport of lacrosse, with the goal of competing in the Week 10 SAPSASA carnival. The weekly **Thursday sessions** begin in Week 5, with coaches from the Burnside Lacrosse Club.

Richard Thom  
PE/Health Teacher



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# FINANCE NEWS

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Invoices for the Materials and Services Charges will soon be emailed to all families.

**The payment of these fees is due by the end of Term 1, Friday 12/4/24.**

Payment plans can be arranged by contacting the finance officer via [dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au)



**School Card is not an automatic process and a new application is required every year.**

If you are eligible, please visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard) to complete the online School Card application as soon as possible.

For finance related enquiries please contact the Business Manager on **83371411** or email [dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au) if you require assistance.

Kind regards,  
Kavita Mer



East Torrens Primary School is pleased to be promoting the [Entertainment Memberships](#) as a fundraiser.

Support our fundraising and enjoy 100s of everyday savings!

Entertainment is an easy-to-use App packed with incredible savings of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, so you can save on takeaway, dining, shopping, groceries, gift cards, activities and more!

And what's even better, 20% of every [Entertainment Membership](#)

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Did you know we have a  
facebook group?



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group?



The group is private to  
accepted members only.

(Acceptance to the group is determined by the relationship that the person requesting to join has to our school).

The group is for sharing information and images from various events and general happenings at East Torrens Primary School.

If you would like to join, please search for [East Torrens Primary School group](#), request to join and answer the required questions, making sure you include your child's name in Question 2.

**Please note the group is not a primary method of distributing important information; this will continue via the Audiri App.**



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# Kite fundraiser

East Torrens Primary

**ORDER ONLINE NOW**

**Our fundraising period starts on 26/02/2024 and ends on 11/03/2024**

**We're fundraising with Zoom Kites and we would love if you would support us by buying some**

**These kites are going to help us reach our fundraising goals by raising money for our outdoor upgrade and by supporting us you can have your own gorgeous kite for only \$20**

**We chose these kites as they are Australian designed for Australian kids and they will last for many years to come.**

**You can order directly online at**

<https://zoomkites.com.au/order/>



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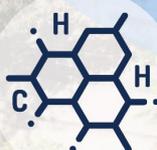
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# 7-12 OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 19 March 2024



Our Open Night will focus on providing information for students commencing Year 7 in 2025.

Tours are scheduled for 5:00pm and 6:00pm  
and include a welcome from the Principal.

Bookings essential via the College website:  
<https://www.ccc.sa.edu.au/college-tour.html>



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