

East Torrens Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 6 | Term 3 | 2024





In R14, we have been learning all about the Olympics! We have made Olympic rings art using paint and stencils, created our own Olympic ceremony torches and collected data on how many medals different countries won as part of our maths learning. We had so much fun collecting data and updating our pictograph each morning.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

What a busy three weeks we have had with Science and Book Weeks, and swimming for the mainstream and IELP Reception to Year 5 students.

Our Year 5/6 students in C20 and C21 were given the opportunity to showcase their Genius Hour projects to parents, staff and students with a two day presentation. This was the culmination of many weeks of independent learning with the displays showcasing a finished product and their talks including the processes undertaken to create the idea and the finished project. Well done to the students, a huge effort.









Our school choir will be performing at the Festival Theatre on Friday 20th September as part of the Primary Schools Festival of music. The girls have been working hard to learn the songs and actions to be part of the large choir on the night. Last week, they attended the Magic Millions venue to practice with the band and other choir members in preparation for the performance.



At drop off/pick up times, you would see the progress on the **new boundary fence**. While it is progressing slowly, we can see how the finished product will add to student safety. With the new fence comes a gate which will allow access to the carpark for staff vehicles,

those who hold a disabled access sticker and delivery vehicles. No other vehicles should be on the school grounds, especially around the busy drop off and pick up times. This is for the safety of the students and to reduce unnecessary hold ups with vehicles exiting and entering the school.

Parents are reminded that the 'Kiss and Drop' area at the front of the school is only for short drop offs and pick ups. Parents should not turn off their vehicle and move away from it or they will risk a fine.

Reminder: Monday is the School Closure Day when no staff will be on site. Tuesday is the Pupil Free Day where staff will be participating in training. OSHC will be available on both days.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day stall fundraiser by buying items. Thank you also to our Fundraising Committee who organised the items for sale, set up the stalls and sold the items to students. A great effort from everyone. Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers and grandfathers.

Regards,

Lynette Simons





TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS

We are thrilled to announce that East Torrens has partnered with STEM Australia to provide a hands-on STEM workshop for students and parents. Last week, families had the chance to explore and interact with incredible equipment at the workshop.

STEM, an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, is more than just a set of subjects. It's a crucial tool for preparing our children for success in an ever-evolving world. STEM education promotes critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, essential skills for addressing real-world challenges and developing innovative solutions. It also opens doors to well-paying and high-demand careers. In short, STEM education equips our children with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in the future, empowering them to become critical thinkers, problemsolvers, and innovators who can positively impact society.

For those who missed the initial workshop, we are excited to offer a few remaining spots for your child/ren to participate in our exclusive 8-week course. This course will begin in week 2 of term four and is a unique opportunity for our students to dive deeper into STEM. To ensure a personalized experience and high-quality learning, students will be placed in groups of 10.

The 8-week course, a comprehensive and high-quality STEM education opportunity, is priced at \$160 per student. This cost covers tuition and access to the latest learning and creation technologies, ensuring your child receives a top-notch STEM education.

Please return your e-form on the Audiri app as soon as possible so we can kick off this inspiring new initiative.









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| | | | 3 2024 Calendar | | |
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| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
| | 22/07/24 | 23/07/24 | 24/07/24 | 25/07/24 | 26/07/24 |
| WК 1 | START of TERM 3 | | | | |
| | 29/07/24 | 30/07/24 | 31/07/24 | 1/08/24 | 2/08/24 |
| WК 2 | | | NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES | | |
| | 5/08/24 | 6/08/24 | 7/08/24 | 8/08/24 | 9/08/24 |
| WK 3 | Governing Council Meeting 6pm | 5755721 | 1,00,21 | 0/00/21 | 5,00,21 |
| | 12/08/24 | 13/08/24 | 14/08/24 | 15/08/24 | 16/08/24 |
| WK 4 | | | | | |
| | 19/08/24 | 20/08/24 | 21/08/24 | 22/08/24 | 23/08/24 |
| ₩К 5 | 15/06/24 | 20/00/24 | Cricket Clinic BOOK WEEK | | SAPSASA Athletics |
| | 26/08/24 | 27/08/24 | 28/08/24 | 29/08/24 | 30/08/24 |
| ₩К 6 | | | R-5 SWIMMING | | |
| | 2/09/24 | 3/09/24 | 4/09/24 | 5/09/24 | 6/09/24 |
| WK 7 | SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY | PUPIL FREE DAY | | | Trent Hill Incursion (NAIDOC Week) |
| | 9/09/24 | 10/09/24 | 11/09/24 | 12/09/24 | 13/09/24 |
| WК 8 | Governing Council Meeting 6pm | | | | |
| | 16/09/24 | 17/09/24 | 18/09/24 | 19/09/24 | 20/09/24 |
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| | 23/09/24 | 24/09/24 | 25/09/24 | 26/09/24 | 27/09/24 |
| WK 10 | | _ ,, 00, 2 , | | | End of Term 3 Early Dismissal 2.00 pm |
| | | | School Holidays | | |





BOOK WEEK 19TH - 23RD AUGUST 2024

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Book Week is always filled with fun, excitement and lots of great activities.
2024 was no exception. In fact the students and the staff really threw
themselves into the magic of reading and had a lot of fun along the way.
We began the week with some chalk drawings out on the asphalt recreating scenes from Bob Graham's book, The Concrete Garden. This Book Week book was voted as the most liked book by the students at ETPS. The students certainly left a concrete garden in the middle of our school for all to enjoy.



Tuesday brought more magic to the school when Tricky Joe visited and shared his amazing magic tricks with us.









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Wednesday was the day everyone was waiting for. The Annual Book Week Parade. It was so wonderful to see so many amazing costumes and it was easy to see how much work the students and their parents had gone to to bring so many characters and books alive.









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The classes paraded around the gym and as they went they added a special ingredient to the magic cauldron. As a school we added all the ingredients we thought make a good book and reader.



To finish off our Book Week celebrations all the classes were given a wizard challenge. Mrs Piro hid 12 wizards around the school, each with a clue to find the next wizard. Along the way students found 8 magic buttons that had a secret word. Once all the secret words were found they were able to work out the magic Book Week phrase. The students had so much fun working as groups or classes and it was so good to see our school values being shown throughout the activity. Showing **RESPECT** and not telling others where the wizards were so not to ruin the mystery for others; Working as a COMMUNITY to solve the riddles; striving for EXCELLENCE to find the correct answer and helping each other when it got a bit tricky using EMPATHY to support others.

The answer was The Book Week theme is Reading is Magic



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Intensive English Language Program (IELP) News



The IELP students recently embarked on an exciting excursion to Cleland National Wildlife Park! It was a day full of discovery and adventure as students explored the beautiful park and learned about Australia's unique wildlife.

The students had the opportunity to see and feed kangaroos and wallabies, and even get up close to some cuddly koalas. They were particularly fascinated by the echidnas and learned many interesting facts about these spiky creatures. They were also intrigued by the diverse group of reptiles especially the crowd favourite the Ole Blue Tongue...

The excursion was not only educational but also a fantastic way for students to connect with nature and each other. Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was a memorable day that the students will cherish for years to come!





FINANCE NEWS

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Many Materials and Service Charges accounts for 2024 have an outstanding balance. If you have not already paid, please make payments as soon as possible.

Statements for overdue accounts will be emailed this week. Preferred option for fees payment is online. Bank details are on the statement.

For any finance related enquiries or assistance, please contact the Business Manager on 83371411 or email <u>dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au</u>

Kind regards, Kavita Mer Business Manager



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

to complete the online School Card application as soon as possible.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Dear families,

The due date for collecting hours to graduate from this year's Children's University program is getting closer and our graduation date has been set for Tuesday, 5th November 2024. More information about this will be sent out shortly.

To prepare for the graduation, a member of staff from the Children's University will be visiting our school on **Tuesday the 10th of September** after lunch to measure students up for the ceremony and to discuss what the graduation ceremony will look like. It will be important that all students participating attend this short meeting.

At this meeting I will also check with students how many hours they have collected, so they know whether they have enough to graduate. Reflection Sheets will also be give out to students. These are for activities students do outside of school or at lunch times such as sporting activities, dance classes or language lessons. Students will need to complete these reflection sheets to be given the hours.

Children will have until the end of term to collect hours to go towards their graduation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email at melissa.ciufoli658@schools.sa.edu.au

or at the school.

Kind regards

Melissa Ciufoli East Torrens Children's University Coordinator



Bring in your old school uniforms to **swap** with other second-hand sizes.

And, if you don't need your uniforms any longer, donate them to be shared.





The Nest on Thursday afternoons between 2:00 pm - 3.00 pm.



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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 <u>https://www.etorrensps.sa.edu.au/enrolments/school-tours/</u>

| | There two intakes per year | | | |
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| | 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 <u>Registration of Interest</u> 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 | From: Term 3, Week 1 21/7/2024 | From: Term 1, Week 10 31/3/2025 | | |
| Acceptance of Enrolment offer due | Due: Term 3, Week 2 1/8/2024 | Due: Term 1, Week 11 11/4/2025 | | |
| Attend scheduled enrolment meeting | Term 3, Weeks 9 & 10 15/9/2024 to 24/9/2024 | Term 2, Weeks 2 & 3 5/5/2025 to 14/5/2025 | | |
| Attend 3 scheduled Transition Visits | Term 4 Wednesday 13/11/2024 Wednesday 20/11/2024 Wednesday 27/11/2024 | Term 2 Wednesday 11/6/2025 Wednesday 18/6/2025 Wednesday 25/6/2025 | | |

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