

TORRENS PRIMARY SCHOOL **Ritchie Street TORRENS ACT 2607**  
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**Week 9 Term 1**  
**Thursday, 4 April 2019**

### Dates to remember:

- \* **Mon 1 April - Fri 12 April** - Swimming Yr K - 3
- \* **Mon 8 April - Fri 12 April** - Learning Journeys
- \* **Fri 12 April** - last day of term
- \* **Mon 29 April** - First day Term 2
- \* **Tues 30 April** - TPS Athletics Carnival
- \* **Wed 1 May** - School Photos
- \* **Fri 3 May 2pm** - ANZAC Assembly



- \* **Tues 7 May** - TPS Cross Country
  - \* **Mon 20 May** - TPS Walkathon
  - \* **Wed 22 May - Fri 24 May** - Yr 4 Camp
- More dates and latest news: [www.torrensp.s.act.edu.au](http://www.torrensp.s.act.edu.au)

### Things due:

- \* **ASAP** - Seesaw, Student Information Check Sheets and medical consent forms
- \* **Wed 10 April** - Athletics carnival
- \* **Fri 12 April** - Yr 6 Optional Extras; Sydney Expression of Interest & request to receive Google Guardian Summaries
- \* **Fri 12 April** - Yr 5 Maths Olympiad
- \* **Wed 1 May** - Photo payment
- \* **Thur 2 May** - Yr 4 Camp



### From the Principal

#### Harmony Day

Thank you so much to Yasmin Edgerley and Louise Zeithofer for coordinating another outstanding Harmony Day celebration. You'll be able to see the children's amazing artwork from the day on display during Learning Journeys next week. Everybody appreciated the amazing range of food you provided for the lunchtime feast. Thank you also to those parents who stayed to set up, serve and clean up. If you are missing a container from the event, they are being held for you at the Front Office.

#### Working Bee

At a School Board meeting, parents asked if we could organise a working bee, to allow those parents who work, another avenue to contribute to the school. A huge thanks to Gen Tischler for coordinating a gardening afternoon. A number of families joined us in weeding the Wellbeing Courtyard and the Indigenous Garden. We appreciate your support – the courtyard is looking fabulous!

#### Autumn Fair

What a sensational afternoon – despite the weather! Thank you to Nada Livas for her calm and confident leadership and to the fantastic team of parents who made the Fair happen. It was great to see so many families and members of our local community there.

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**Learning Journeys** for all classes will take place next week. Dates and times are shown below and all Learning Journeys take place in classrooms.

Year	Day and time
Kindy	Friday, 12 April 9am-10.00am
Year 1	Wednesday, 10 April 8.30am-9.15am
Year 2	Thursday, 11 April 8.30am-9.15am
Year 3	Wednesday, 10 April 8.30am-9.15am
Year 4	Thursday, 11 April 8.15am-9.15am
Year 5	Thursday, 11 April 8.45am-9.30am
Year 6	Tuesday, 9 April 2.30pm-3.30pm

Important  
Message

**TCC** Transport Canberra **Bus services will change in Term 2 (Mon, 29 April)**

For Info go to: [www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools](http://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools)



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**P&C Donations** - When the P&C Executive found out that teachers often buy things for the students out of their own money, they voted to donate the proceeds from the upcoming Bunnings BBQ (Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>) to classroom teachers. We got so excited that we have already spent the money! Your children may have come home talking to you about their new Writer's Notebooks. As we work towards our school goal "to improve growth in writing" we have undertaken professional development and begun implementation. The new Writer's Notebooks (along with glitter/gel pens and other tools) help students see themselves as writers. For more information on this strategy, google Ralph Fletcher.



### New teacher for 2BG

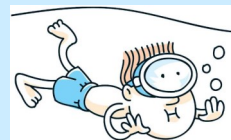
Please join me in fare-welling Rose Gagliardi. We wish her all the best as she pursues a career outside of teaching whilst she completes her Psychology studies. We have appreciated all that Rose brought to Torrens, especially her skills in Special Education and social and emotional wellbeing. We are so fortunate to have Chris Murdock, an experienced teacher, teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year. The students all know Chris, and she knows them well too. Chris will continue as our Chaplain for an additional two to three days each week. Chris will begin teaching the class from week 1 next term. Please take the time to thank and farewell Rose over the coming week.

**Rachel Matthews - Principal**

## Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive and Aqua Safe (Yrs K-3)

Swimming lessons have begun in earnest at Tuggeranong Pool (Lakeside Leisure Centre) and continue every school day until the end of term on **Friday, 12 April**. The lesson timetable is shown below. Children need to bring the following to school **everyday**:

- **Swimmers** (worn under school uniform) and **thongs** or other suitable wet area footwear
- **Underwear** to change into after swimming
- **Towel and plastic bag** for wet items



Year	Leave school	Lesson time	Leave Pool
3J & 3AT	9.40am	10.05-10.35am	10.50am
3S & 3AT	10.20am	10.40-11.10am	11.25am
2N & 2BG	10.55am	11.15-11.45am	12.00pm
2T & 2BG	11.30am	11.50-12.20pm	12.35pm
1	12.05pm	12.25-12.55pm	1.10pm
KN & KR	12.40pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.45pm
KT	1.20pm	1.35-2.05	2.20pm

## Torrens Talent Quest 2019

It's coming! ...Yes that's right.... Torrens Talent Quest is back for another year. Students who wish to partake in this year's event may like to start thinking about an act, song, dance or perhaps polishing their talents on their instrument. Get yourselves ready for the big day.

Next term students will receive an entry form which will need to be completed and returned to the Talent Quest box at the Front Office.



Stay tuned for more information about Torrens Talent Quest 2019.



### Starts Wednesday 1 May

It's nearly time to start collecting stickers and earning equipment for Torrens Primary School.

#### Anyone can help you earn equipment

Starting Wednesday 1 May, anyone can collect stickers to support your school when they shop at Woolworths, whether they're staff, parents or friends.

#### Stick together and collect more

With every \$10 spent at Woolworths, one sticker is collected. These can be placed onto the Earn & Learn sticker sheets and dropped into the collection box at Torrens Primary School or your local Woolworths.

**Earn great equipment from Modern Teaching Aids (MTA)** - we will be able to choose equipment for Torrens Primary School's own learning needs across Arts & Craft, Digital Technologies, Maths, English, Science, Outdoor and Indoor Play and more!

## School crossing supervisor

A school crossing supervisor is supporting our school each morning and afternoon to increase safety for children. Please support this initiative by encouraging children to use the supervised crossing and driving appropriately in the vicinity of the school.

The crossing supervisor is responsible for controlling a busy environment during the peak periods, which includes managing the flow of pedestrians, cyclists and cars. Please be patient, polite and respectful to any supervisor on the crossing, they are committed to keeping our students safe.

It is also important for motorists to drive at a speed which allows them to safely stop when the supervisor enters the road. Motorists should wait until all pedestrians, including the supervisor, are completely off the road prior to driving over the crossing.

The School Crossing Supervisor program is delivered by Transport Canberra and City Services' [Schools Program](#). If you have any feedback about the program, contact TCCS directly rather than raising concerns with our supervisor. If you have the time, please complete the survey below.

Creating a safe, respectful and comfortable environment for children requires a collaborative approach from everyone in the community.



## Crossing supervisor survey

As stated above, a School Crossing Supervisor program has been introduced in the ACT at a selection of school crossings to assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students.

To help determine if the program is successful, Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) has engaged First Person Consulting to evaluate the program. One of the ways that they will be doing this is through surveys to help capture attitudes to children travelling actively (i.e. walking or riding) to school.

To complete the survey please click [here](#), or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4856202/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Participating-NEW-Schools-Feb-19>

**The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential. You may have completed a similar survey last year. Please note that this is a follow up survey and we would appreciate your input again.**

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact [TCCS](#)

## FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

Improve your English and make friends. Join a **FREE** and friendly English conversation class at the library. Bookings are not required.

Belconnen Library	• Thursday 10am–12pm In partnership with Belconnen Community Services
Civic Library	• Tuesday 2–3pm • Thursday 2–3pm
Dickson Library	• Wednesday 10–11.30am
Gungahlin Library	• Monday 10am–12pm • Wednesday 7.15–9.15pm • Thursday 10am–12pm • Friday 1–2.30pm
Kippax Library	• Friday 12.30–2pm
Tuggeranong Library	• Monday 6–7pm
Woden Library	• Thursday 12.30–2pm • Monday 10–11.30am (commencing 18 March 2019)

*Note: These sessions only run during school terms and are closed for public holidays.*



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## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



the smith family

\*Many Commonwealth payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

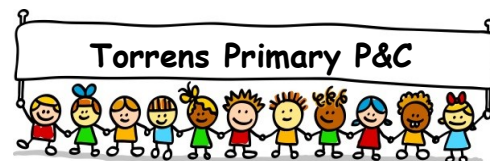
Saver Plus is an initiative of the Department of Education and Skills, funded in partnership with The Smith Family and other local community partners. The program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Click on [www.saverplus.gov.au](#) for more information.

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# Parents' Corner

*Every parent and carer is part of the P&C!*



## Key dates:

Bunnings BBQ - Sunday, 14 April (Week 10)

Athletics Carnival - Tuesday, 30 April (Term 2 Week 1)

## Torrens Autumn Fair 2019

The Torrens Primary School Autumn Fair was a lot of fun for all. A big thank you goes out to our major sponsors, The Mawson Club and Hayman Partners Real Estate in Curtin. Businesses that care about their community!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone - parents, teachers, carers, grandparents and the local community for your help, time and donations! You were the most cooperative and helpful group of volunteers we have had the pleasure to work with! The weather wasn't great, and everyone tolerated it and continued to do their tasks for the day. You are all wonderful and deserve a reward. As we don't have that many rewards we will draw you out of a hat and let you know what you have won! Winners will be printed in next week's newsletter. There will also be a comprehensive wrap up of all the activities from the Fair in next week's newsletter.

## Fair Raffle, Money Tree Raffle and Cake Raffle winners:

**Autumn Fair Raffle winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Ian Gordon; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Maya Lane; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Vija Kirby; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - Ken Read, and 5<sup>th</sup> Prize - Sagarika

**Money Tree winner:** Jody Volan, who assures me she has a lovely spot for the tree.

**"Rosie Prickles" the Hedgehog Cake Raffle winner:** Ella Bodrozic, who won a cake just in time to celebrate her birthday on Sunday. Happy Birthday Ella!

## Bunnings BBQ

Now that everyone has recovered from the Autumn Fair, let's do a Bunnings BBQ! We would not normally schedule two events this close together, but after being in the pool for some time, we have been allocated a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday, 14 April (week 10). We need to run the BBQ from 9am - 4pm, so if you can spare an hour to cook sausages, please sign up using the link: [volunteersignup.org/44YDL](http://volunteersignup.org/44YDL)

## Keeping informed

If you would like to be kept informed of the latest P&C activities, Like our Facebook page and sign up to our distribution list by emailing [torrenspnc@gmail.com](mailto:torrenspnc@gmail.com)





**SSACT Individual Event/Trial Entry Form**  
 (for use in the sports of Diving, Golf and Tennis only)

Sport & Year Group (Boys/Girls)	12/U Tennis
Date(s) of Event	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Venue	Canberra Tennis Centre, 3 Riggall Place Lyneham
Event Criteria	<p>Players <u>must</u> have either;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an Australian Ranking</li> <li>• previous tournament experience in Australian Ranking tournaments, Junior Development Series events or overseas tournaments</li> </ul>
Arrival time Collection time	9am-1pm
Requirements (Specific gear, uniform)	Players will need to bring a tennis racquet, and appropriate shoes.
Cost	<p>\$10.00 Participation Fee to be paid directly to your school prior to event, this is additional to individual school costs of transport and relief coverage.</p> <p>As this event is also a State Team Selection trial online registration is required, this will incur a small fee, registration guide below;  <a href="https://schoolsportsact/SchoolSportACTOnlineRegistrationProcess.pdf">https://schoolsportsact/SchoolSportACTOnlineRegistrationProcess.pdf</a></p>
Further Information (Canteen facilities, wet weather provision etc.)	Drinks will be available to buy throughout the day. No food is available for sale onsite.
Event Contacts	<p>Jake Lalliard (Tennis ACT) Ph: 6160 7800 or 6160 7800            E: <a href="mailto:jlalliard@tennis.com.au">jlalliard@tennis.com.au</a></p> <p>Paul Jenkins (Sts Peter &amp; Pauls Primary School)  <a href="mailto:Paul.jenkins@cg.catholic.edu.au">Paul.jenkins@cg.catholic.edu.au</a></p>
Entry Return Contact	Jake Lalliard
Entry Closing Date	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April. <u>All entries must be made by the school. No individual player entries will be accepted.</u> Entry confirmation email will be sent to the school – if you do not receive this please contact Jake.

# SSACT Golf Championships

**Monday 13 May 2019**

**Time 7.30am – 2.30pm**

**Gold Creek Country Club**



## ENTRY DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPETITION ENTRY FOR:     13-19yrs Event     U12s Event     Sub-Junior Event

GA H/cap: \_\_\_\_\_ GolfLink No. \_\_\_\_\_ Golf Club: \_\_\_\_\_

# All students who would like to be considered for the School Sport ACT Golf Teams must complete the online registration before the event – [www.schoolsportact.asn.au](http://www.schoolsportact.asn.au) .

## PARENTAL CONSENT

As Parent/Guardian of ..... (student) D.O.B:.....

I give my consent for my child to participate in the ACT Golf Championships and agree to delegate my authority to the staff and instructors involved. Such teachers and instructors may take whatever discipline they deem necessary to ensure the safety, well-being and successful conduct of the students as a group, or individually in the above mentioned activity.

I also authorise the teachers and instructors to obtain medical assistance which they deem necessary should an accident occur and agree to pay all medical expenses incurred on behalf of the above mentioned student. I further authorise qualified medical practitioners to administer anaesthetic if such an eventuality arises.

I agree to collect my child at the time specified for conclusion of the event.

I accept that my child is to behave in an appropriate manner and have explained this obligation to him/her.

Please tick below for:

- Student name can be published in results on SSACT website and social media
- Student photo can be published in results on SSACT website and social media

SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

Time sheet for event will be emailed to entrants and schools on Friday 10 May

**Entry Fee of \$10 to be paid to the student's school before the event.** Entry and medical forms to be sent to:

*Chris Jones*

UCSSC Lake Giminderra

Emu Bank, Belconnen ACT 2617

OR by FAX ( 61420226 )

OR email : [chris.jones2@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:chris.jones2@ed.act.edu.au)

**Entries Close:**

**Wednesday 9 May 2018**