

SACA Cricket Clinics

On Thursday 20th September all of our students from Reception to Year 7 were involved in Cricket Clinics with Coaches Chris and Giang from the South Australian Cricket Association. Students participated in some fun activities that introduced them to a range of Cricket skills.

In Term 4 we will be offering an opportunity for all students, boys and girls, from Reception to Year 7 to be involved in School Cricket. These opportunities will range from the new Junior Blasters program for Reception to Year 2 students which will be happening each Tuesday at school from 3:15 - 4:15pm beginning on Tuesday 23rd October as well as possibly entering teams in the Saturday morning Western Suburbs Primary Schools Cricket Competition. If your child is considering Cricket in Term 4 please speak to the school's Cricket Coordinator, David Peterson, for more information.



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Wednesday, 26th September

Week 10 - Term 3

TPS NEWS



Hayward

Casual Day this Friday, gold coin donation in support of our farmers!

Term 4 reminders!

School Photo Day - Wednesday 17th October
Forms need to come back on photo day. Family forms are available from the office.

Footsteps Dance Program

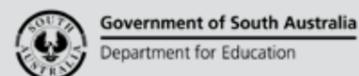
All children will be involved in a dance program next term to develop their item for our end of year celebration concert. The program cost is \$15, forms will be sent home on the first day of term 4. Sessions begin on Friday 26th October and every Friday thereafter until 23rd of November.

Surf Ed Program for years 3 & 4 students

On Wednesday 14th November children in years 3 & 4 will participate in a Surf Ed program at West Beach. The cost is \$14, permission notes coming home soon.

Hats for term 4!

Remember to locate your school hat during the holiday break as we are required to wear them during term 4. New hats can be purchased from Tracy in the office. Hats (broad brim and legionnaires) are \$10.



Friday early dismissal at 2:10pm

Trial of a new timetable for Term 4

Governing Council have agreed to trial a change to our timetable during Term 4. From the feedback we receive from Students, Parents and Staff, we will determine our permanent timetable from 2019 onwards.

We have ensured for the purposes of this trial that the school day has remained with an 8:50 start time and a 3:10 finish. There is also no change to the total learning time in the day. The reasons for trialling this is the success, both overseas and in SA, in having the biggest play break in between the two biggest learning breaks and also eating after play breaks instead of before.

By doing this children are not cutting their eating short to get to the play equipment or play area or catch up with their group of friends. It has also been found that eating has a calming effect on people, so any issues after play will be resolved in (hopefully) a calm manner and not interrupting learning time.

When Governing Council approved this trial, there was some concern the first official eating break would be at 12:00, when it is currently 11:10. To ensure students don't flag we have inserted a healthy snack/reset break sometime in the first block of learning. How this looks (and the exact time) may look different in each class. Some classes may be grazing on a healthy snack eg unsweetened popcorn / sultanas/ fruit or vegies throughout the morning. Other classes may have a specific fruit break or a snack time mid-session. We encourage you pack an additional snack for your child to support them during this trial.

There can be many variations on our timetable including less time in the first session or starting the school day earlier.

| Current | | Trial for term 4 | |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:50 | Learning Time | 8:50 | Learning time Healthy Snack/Reset Break mid-session |
| 11:10 - 11:20 | Eating | 11:20 - 12:00 | Lunch PLaY |
| 11:20 - 11:40 | Recess Play (20min) | 12:00 - 12:10 | Eating |
| 11:40 | Learning Time | 12:10 | Learning Time |
| 1:10- 1:20 | Eating | 1:40 | Recess Play (20min) |
| 1:20- 2:00 | Lunch Play (40min) | 2:00- 2:10 | Eating |
| 2:00 | Learning Time | 2:10 | Learning Time |
| 3:10 | Finish | 3:10 | Finish |

We would encourage your ideas and feedback through the trial so we can, if necessary, make an informed choice around the best timetable. The table above shows the trial times for next term, alongside the current timetable. Thank you for your support and feedback throughout this process.

John & Silvia

STEM learning in Room 21

We have recently started learning about Blue-Bots, and how to program them to do specific actions.

We have used a variety of different mats and the students were set the challenge of programming their Bot to get to different locations around the mats.

Some found that using direction cards helped them to keep track of the steps needed, while other students chose to take a more trial and error approach.



'It was really cool because we were practicing without the mats and then we used the mats.' **Harvey.**

'They didn't go straight when we wanted it to so we tried to fix it.' **Pip**

'I thought they were fun because we got lots of turns. I liked to play with the buttons on my hands.' **Ellamae**

'They were really fun because we got to play with them.' **Ashlinn.**

'They were really cool and they moved different directions. I liked when they made the noises.' **Seb.**



'I thought the Blue Bots were really good because I liked pressing the buttons.' **Max.**

'I liked the Blue Bots because they have the mats and playing with the mats was so much fun.' **Harrison.**

**Bronwyn Matthews
Hazel Hayward**



Breakfast Club

Surely TPS must be the only school in Adelaide that has a parent volunteer who gets up extra early every Wednesday to make a baking tray full of home-made pancakes!

Once the word is out that pancakes are served, it doesn't take long for a line of students to form; they have learnt they need to be quick to get a warm pancake. Brett, dad of Zade (rm2) & Eden (rm23,) gives so freely his time to help out at breakfast club every Wednesday and make delicious pancakes for our students. We are very lucky to have him here at TPS.

Thank you so much Brett for your delicious pancakes which never last more than a few minutes on the table.



SAPSASA District Athletics

On Tuesday September 11th, the annual SAPSASA District Athletics day was once again held at Henley Memorial Oval. This is the largest SAPSASA event in the Airport/Western District, attended by around 400 students. Torrensville sent 17 students to compete this year, after trialling for events in the weeks leading up to the day.

Congratulations to our athletes for 2018: George, Amani, Yon, Harry, Elissa, Nikkita, Mariah A, Farah, Lyla, Jade, William, Aiden, Monique, Ewan, Tiyanna, Caitlin & Mariah K. The 17 athletes all performed at their very best and represented the school with great pride throughout the event. Well done!

We had some excellent results from our team:

- Ewan - 1st 100m
- Elissa - 2nd Shot Put
- Harry - 3rd Long Jump
- Amani - 3rd 100m
- Aiden - 2nd 200m
- Monique - 2nd 100m, 2nd Long Jump
- Boys 11 years Relay - 1st
- Girls 11 years Relay - 1st

Overall, Torrensville placed 3rd in the small schools division for the day.

A big thanks to the parents that assisted in transporting on the day and all the supporters who cheered on Torrensville at the carnival. Congratulations to Ewan, Amani and Monique who will now represent the Airport District at the 2018 state schools championships. We wish you well for further success.



School History talk from old scholar

On Tuesday 25th September Rooms 1 to 4 were fortunate to have former Torrensville Primary student Riley Gibson-Smith as a guest speaker. Riley shared with the students stories and photographs from his time as a student beginning in 2002 when the school looked quite different to how it does currently.

The students were quite interested to see and hear about; the Japanese garden where the canopy is now located, the Music building which used to stand where the Hall is, the School Canteen and many other changes. Students were also curious to hear about Riley's teachers, some of whom are still teaching here today.

David Peterson