



TIMOR TALK

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KEY DATES

Wednesday 27TH MAY

National
Simultaneous
Storytime

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

Lightning
Premiership, Yr 4-6

MONDAY 8TH JUNE

Kings Birthday
Public Holiday

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Step into Prep #2
9am-12pm

Thursday 25th June

NAIDOC Excursion
SRC 'Build a Burger'
Semester 1 Reports
sent home


Alpha Show

LAST FRIDAY 15TH MAY STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVELLED TO AVOCA RSL TO ATTEND THE 2026 ALPHA LIVE SHOW 'HERCULES' WITH STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM AVOCA PRIMARY SCHOOL. THE STUDENTS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AND WERE HEAVILY ENGAGED IN THE STORYLINE AND ACTORS.



SCHOOL UPDATES

TIMOR PS STAFF ATTENDANCE GUIDE



Staff Attendance Guide

- 1 IDENTIFY**

Classroom teachers monitor class attendance data. Note students who have missed 3 days in a row or are sitting under 80%.

Identify early warning signs of disengagement in students, which may include frequent lateness, leaving school early, missing lessons, siblings with poor attendance, unresolved issues with staff or other students, difficulties at times of transition, social or emotional issues and chronic health issues of the student and/or their family members. Review protective factors and tiered supports.
- 2 MAKE CONTACT**

On the third missed day Classroom Teachers will ring home to check in on the student and discuss how they can help improve attendance. Note conversation on UEducateUs in Case Notes. Make positive phone calls home to build strong relationships with families and reinforce the value of coming to school.

We've noticed [student's name] has missed a few days recently, and we just want to check in and see how things are going. We're here to support you with anything that might help with getting them to school regularly.
- 3 FOLLOW UP**


Classroom teacher to escalate to Wellbeing Team if:
parents/carers do not engage in discussions about students' attendance and absences
or student absence concerns continue, or the student has five or more days of unexplained absence.

Wellbeing team will work with the Classroom Teacher to discuss:
-student wellbeing and background
-tiered supports in place
-review UEducateUs Case Notes
-next steps
- 4 TIER 2 SUPPORT - 10-19% SCHOOL DAYS ABSENT**

Principal and Engagement & Wellbeing Officer can support student/families through:
• establishing an Attendance Student Support Group
• implementing a Return to School Plan
• implementing an Individual Education Plan
• implementing a Student Absence Learning Plan for students who will be absent for an extended period
• arranging for assistance from relevant services
• internal support from Engagement & Wellbeing Officer.
- 5 TIER 3 SUPPORT - 20+% SCHOOL DAYS ABSENT**

If the Principal feels that they have exhausted strategies for addressing absences, consult with the Health Wellbeing Key Contact or the Area Health Wellbeing Support Officer (HWSO)/Senior Wellbeing Engagement Officer (SWEO) to discuss the individual student and the next steps. A TAL will be established. Staged response student attendance letters can be sent.

Click to read Timor PS Attendance Policy



In 2025, Mental Health in Primary Schools Wellbeing Leader Ashleigh Hoban implemented the Timor PS Staff Attendance Guide. The guide supports staff to follow the attendance guide at all levels.

Please familiarise yourself with this guide so you are aware of the steps staff will take in following up student absences.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

SCHOOL UPDATES



STUDENTS UNWELL

We are finding that some students are absent from school for extended periods due to illness. Regular attendance is important for student learning, wellbeing and maintaining classroom connections.

If your child is unwell and absent from school, it is strongly recommended that they see a doctor if they have not returned to school by the third day of illness. Seeking medical advice early can assist with recovery and help ensure any ongoing health concerns are appropriately managed.

School Uniform



The cooler weather has arrived and some students are coming to school out of uniform. If you require uniform, please talk to Andrea Potter about States Schools Relief. States Schools Relief is a Victorian charitable organisation that supports students facing financial hardship by providing essential educational items so they can fully participate in school.

Please also remember to label jumpers in particular. It is not uncommon to collect 3-5 jumpers at the end of each day. If your child has lost or misplaced a jumper of uniform item, please check the lost property tub outside Mr Tatchell's office. Please see our [Student Dress Code Policy](#) on our Website

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ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

All government schools must participate in AtoSS, providing the opportunity for students from Year 4 to Year 12 to complete the survey. The survey provides data that helps the department understand student perspectives of their school and to improve the schooling experience. Data collected includes how students feel in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. The survey was completed today, supported by Mr Tatchell, Ms Byrne and ES Olivia Butler.



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STEP INTO PREP #1

The first Step into Prep was held on Friday 8th May from 9:00-12:00noon.

It was fantastic to see that 5 kinder aged children attended the come and try session.

The second session is scheduled for Friday 19th May from 9:00-12:00noon



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Apply now to Enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2027

All Victorian government primary schools follow a statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2027, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by Friday 31 July 2026. If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2027, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school.

It is important to submit your enrolment application to us on time as it will ensure your child is included in all transition activities if offered enrolment at our school. This also allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities, and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

If you would like to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) in 2027, please contact our school office on 5461 2595 or email

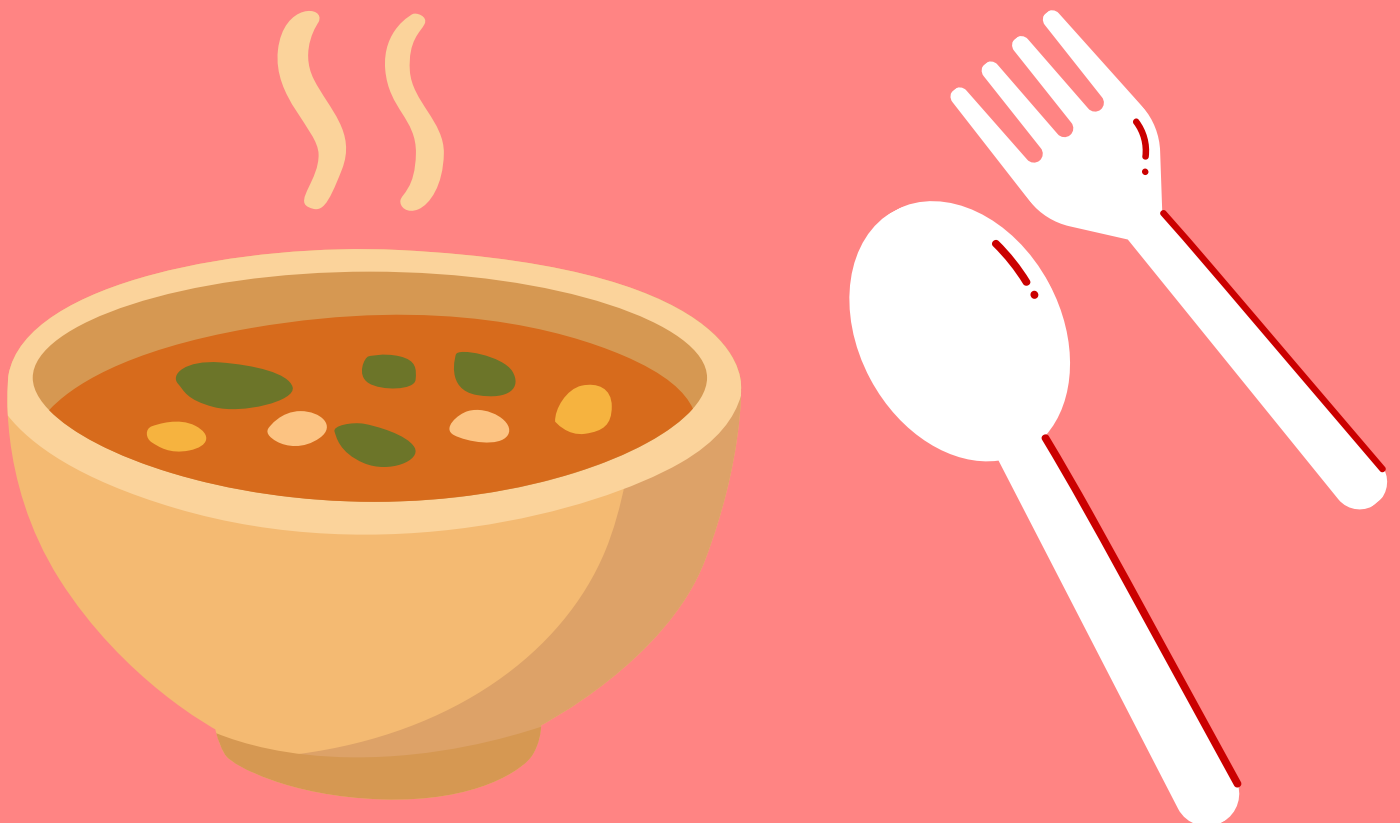
timor.ps@education.vic.gov.au to book a school tour or request an enrolment form.

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HOT FOOD

Unfortunately staff are unable to heat/re-heat student food if it has gone cold over the day.

Please send food in a suitable heat proof container



UPCOMING EVENT

Walk Safely to School Day

Tomorrow, Friday 22nd May, students and staff will meet at the Timor community playground from 8:30- 8:45am and walk safely to school to celebrate the National Walk Safely to School Day.



UPCOMING EVENT

Division Cross Country

Brayden Webb (11 Yr Boys), Crickey Telford (12+ Boys) and Jack Ipsen (10 Yr Boys) are competing in the Division Cross Country in Castlemaine tomorrow, Friday 22nd May.

We wish the boys all the best as they compete against other regional students.



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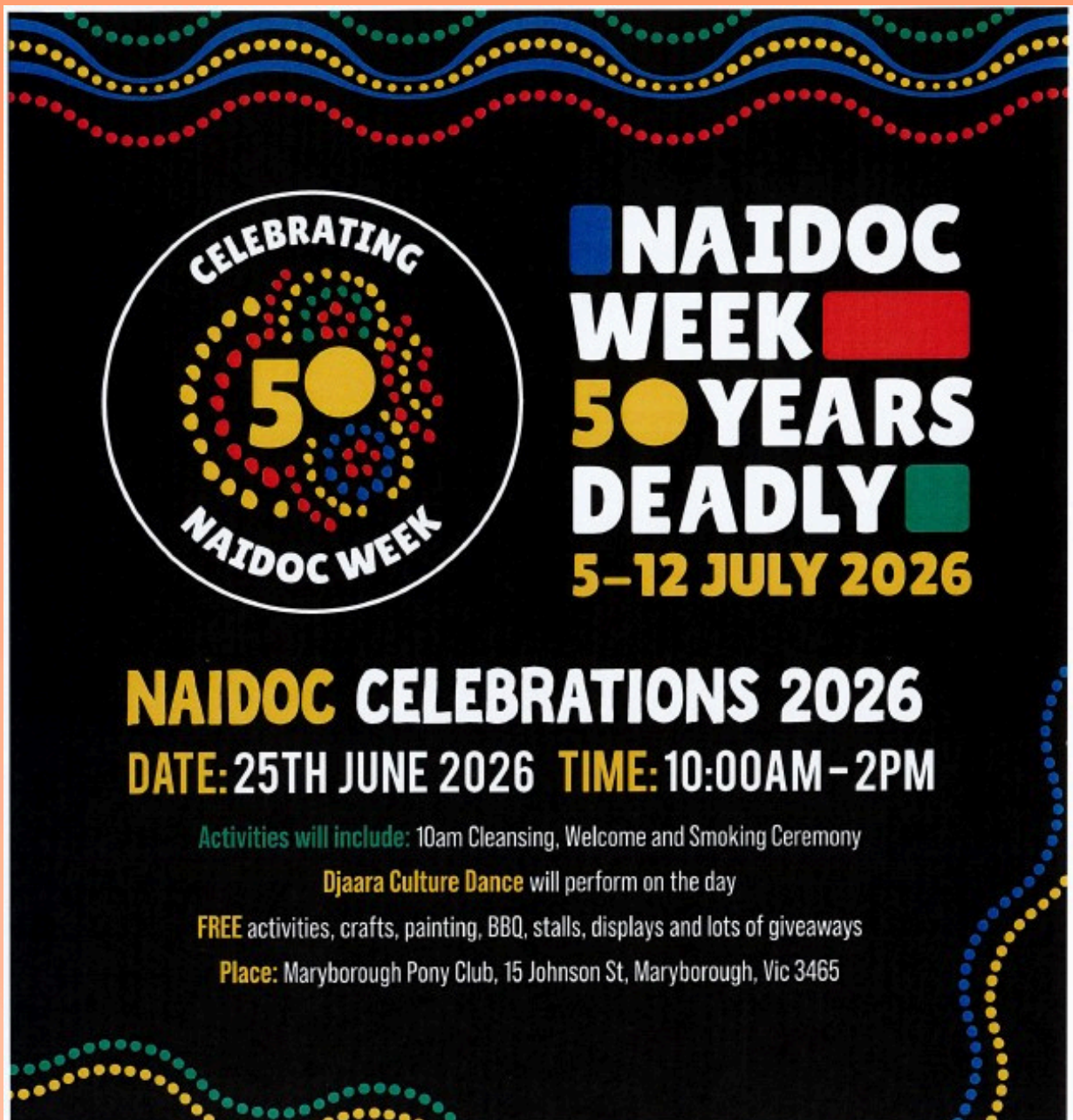
National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 27 May 2026 at 12.00 pm AEST, millions of children, parents, teachers, and library lovers across Australia and beyond will come together to read Luna Roo at the same time – celebrating the joy of reading, storytelling and connection. Published by Little Book Press the story follows the spirited kangaroo Luna and her friends as they chase their football dreams across the outback, blending action, teamwork and fun to inspire young readers.

Luna Roo was selected from 84 submissions from publishers around the country.



UPCOMING EVENT



Students and Staff will attend the Naidoc Celebrations on Thursday 25th June from 10am - 12pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS



KINDERGARTEN IN CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS FOR 2027

Giving Every Child Every Chance

Central Kindergarten Registration

Families in Central Goldfields Shire can register their child/children for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten in 2027 through the Centralised Kindergarten Registration

Central Registration ensures transparent, fair and equitable allocation to all eligible children following priority access guidelines, more information available on the website or at kindergartens

- A.G. Leech Kindergarten
- Californian Gully Kindergarten
- Dunolly Kindergarten
- Goldfields Family Centre
- Roseberry House Early Learning Centre
- Talbot Kindergarten
- T.L. Stone Memorial Kindergarten

**Central Kindergarten Registration Period
Monday 1st June to Friday 26th June, 2026**

For more information, and to apply,
use QR Code or visit

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment



Families needing assistance with their registration can contact Central Registration on 0460 816 540 or email central.registration@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au



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