



# Timor Talk

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## KEY DATES

### TERM 4-2025

**6th Oct- 19th December**  
**11 Weeks**

#### Monday 15th December

End of Year Excursion—  
Halls Gap Zoo

#### Wednesday 17th December

School Assembly

2.50-3.10pm

#### Thursday 18th December

Christmas Lunch

#### Friday 19th December

Last Day of school.

**Dismiss at 1pm**

### TERM 1-2026

#### Tuesday 27th January

Staff Return

#### Wednesday 28th January

Students Return



## Year 6 Graduates

Last Thursday 4th December our Year 6 students attended their graduation evening (unfortunately Aiden was unwell but attended via zoom through the night!)

They each presented to parents, friends and staff their primary school journey with many highlights of their time at Timor Primary School.

Awards were presented to very deserving recipients who should be proud of their achievements.

We wish them every success as they commence secondary school and for all their future endeavours!



# School Updates

## Principal End of Year Reflection

As we approach the close of another school year, I find myself reflecting with pride, gratitude and a deep sense of appreciation for our remarkable school community. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and countless moments that remind us why schools are such special places.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge our students. Throughout the year, you have shown resilience, curiosity and an enthusiasm for learning that inspires us all. Whether you were stepping into new challenges, celebrating achievements, or supporting your peers, you demonstrated what it means to be part of a caring and committed community. Your progress—both academically and personally—has been wonderful to witness.

To our teachers and staff: thank you for your dedication and professionalism. You create environments where students feel valued, safe, and supported. Your hard work behind the scenes, your willingness to adapt, and your passion for helping young people flourish are at the heart of everything we do.

I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to our families. Your partnership, encouragement and engagement make a tremendous difference. From attending events to supporting learning at home, your involvement strengthens the bond that makes our school such a vibrant place.

This year, we celebrated many successes—from academic achievements to sporting events, community partnerships and the everyday moments where students demonstrated kindness and leadership. These accomplishments reflect the collective efforts of our entire school community.

As we look ahead to next year, we do so with excitement and optimism. There are new opportunities on the horizon and we remain committed to fostering a school culture where every student feels seen, supported, and inspired.

I wish all our families a restful, joyful break and hope you find time to recharge and reconnect. Thank you once again for a wonderful year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, ready for another chapter of learning and growth.

Merry Christmas

Andrew Tatchell

Principal

# School Updates

## Staffing news

Principal Andrew Tatchell will be on LSL from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. During this period Ms Sherriden Byrne will be Acting Principal on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Mrs Shandelle Wood on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## End of Year Assembly

The final Assembly for 2025 will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 2:50-3:10pm. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

## Reports

Semester Two Reports which will be distributed & available on uEducateUs on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The 'Scoring' page will provide parents and carers with a scale of how your child is progressing against the Victorian Curriculum.



## 2026 Return to School

Staff will return to school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Students will return on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, including the new Preps. Individual student book packs ordered by families will be distributed at school.



## 2026 Parent Payment Policy

School Council have approved the 2026 Parent Payment Policy and a copy has been sent home which includes details for ordering book packs for students to use and own next year. **Please place orders prior to Friday 12th December** to ensure delivery before the 2026 school year commences.

A copy of the policy has been placed on uEducateUs, sent via email & placed on our Website.

Please see Andrea if you need any further clarification or assistance.



## **TIMOR PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026 BOOKPACKS**

Your 2026 school book pack can be purchased on line at Education Plus.

All orders will be sent to the school for distribution.

Orders will not be sent to personal addresses.

**Booklist must be completed online by**

**Friday 12th December 2025 to ensure delivery before  
the start of the school year.**

**Any orders after this date will incur a delivery fee of \$15.00**

**To complete on line go to:**

**[www.edplus.com.au](http://www.edplus.com.au)**

Your school login details are:

**TIMP2026M**



Click on the "Booklist" tab in the top menu, then enter the code above in the "Code" box. Press enter and follow the instructions to complete your order.

Make sure you go all the way to the "Place Order" tab. Once you have done this you should receive a confirmation email confirming your order, if you do not receive this email please contact our store.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Halls Gap Zoo



### End of Year Celebration Excursion— Monday 15th December

We are keeping to our tradition by providing the students with an amazing end of year excursion to celebrate the year!

This year all students and staff will be attending the Halls Gap Zoo on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The bus will depart the **Clarendon St Car park at 8:30am sharp** and return at approximately 4:30pm.

Students will come dressed in their school uniform (including their hat) and will need a packed lunch and a refillable drink bottle for the day.

The school is covering the cost of this excursion through the generous support of the BATES Foundation.

### Christmas Lunch —18th December

The annual hot Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12:30pm. Students and staff do not need their lunch on this day.

### Early Dismissal —Friday 19th December

A reminder that school is dismissed early at 1:00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Last Friday 5th December, the school had a visit from 'Bubsie' the first car to travel around Australia.

Imagine a world without highways, bridges, or even road signs. No GPS, no mobile phone, no internet. Just a tattered map, a trusty car, and Australia's vast, untamed landscape. In 1925, two ordinary men, Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies, dared to dream of driving a car right around this incredible continent. Their Citroën 5CV, "Bubsie," became their companion on this epic adventure, battling scorching heat, mechanical breakdowns, and the sheer isolation of the outback.

Students were enthralled to hear 'Bubsie's' story and take a look at this special car.

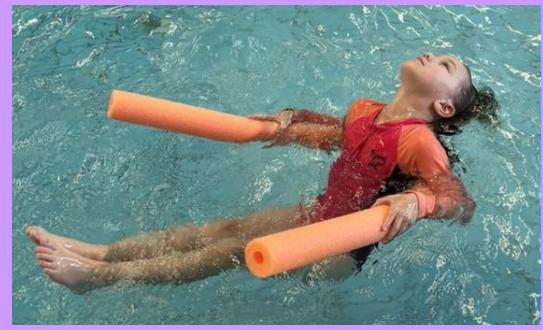


# WHAT'S Been HAPPENING?

## P-3 Swimming Program—8th—12th December

As part of our Physical Education curriculum, students are mandated to participate in an annual swimming program. Students in Years P-3 have participated in the 5-day program this week at the Maryborough Indoor Sports and Leisure Centre, 40 Gillies Street Maryborough.

The schools swimming program will include 5 X 45-minute intensive lessons, with all lessons being taught by fully qualified AUSWIM instructors.



# MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

## Mindful Acrostic Poem

M – meditating.  
 I – imagining.  
 N – not thinking about the past and future.  
 D – drawing a beautiful picture.  
 F – fishing to take your mind off stuff.  
 U – unwinding in nature.  
 L – listening to others.

Adeline C



Stay connected with us – we're here to support you and your child's success every step of the way

## GEM CHAT

### MINDFULNESS:

Look around. Name something blue, something shiny, something red and something rough.



*A great grounding strategy*

## FAMILY RESOURCE

Call 1800 595 212 to connect with free advice and support when you need it most

Speak with a trained professional and peer worker that will work with you to understand your situation and needs.

Be connected to local services that best meets your needs, including your nearest Medicare Mental Health service, or other trusted mental health providers.

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## Wellbeing Tip of The Week

**Try a One Minute Tidy!**

A quick tidy of your bag, desk, or locker helps your brain stay organised and ready to learn



## ATTENDANCE STAR

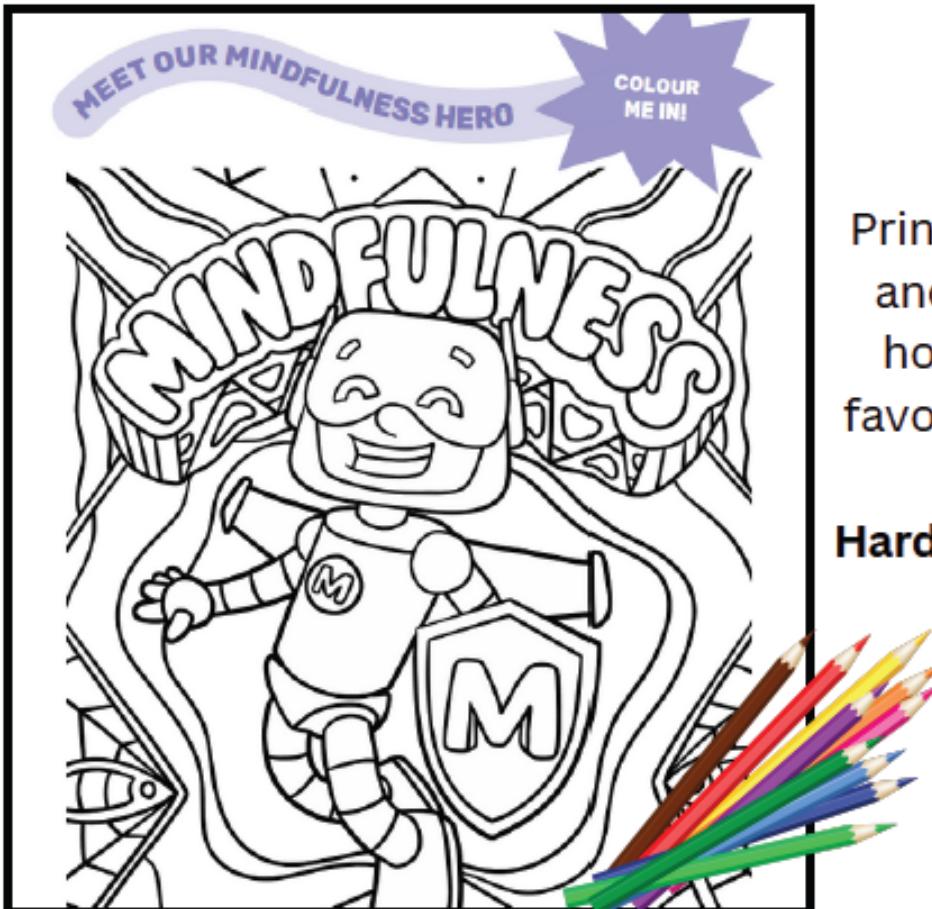
"I have gotten smarter this year and made lots of friends!"  
 -Rhyder H



Rhyder's attendance is currently sitting at 99.44%!



# TRY AT HOME



Print the colouring and complete at home with your favourite music on!

**Hard copies** at front office!

## WHAT IS MINDFULNESS?

Mindfulness is simply **paying attention, on purpose**, to what is happening right now.

It helps children slow down, notice their thoughts and feelings, and **bring their minds back to the present moment**

- Mindfulness helps children:
- Feel calmer and more settled
- Manage big feelings
- Improve focus and attention
- Make more thoughtful choices



# Children's Wellbeing Continuum



At our school, we know that children's wellbeing is just as important as their learning. That's why we use tools like the Children's Wellbeing Continuum to help us understand how students are feeling, coping, and connecting.

The Wellbeing Continuum helps us (and you at home) to think about:

- When a child is doing well and thriving
- When they might be just getting by
- Or when they could be struggling and needing extra support

It's not a test – it's a simple way to check in and notice how children are going socially, emotionally, and mentally.



Centre for Community Child Health



## The Children's Wellbeing Continuum



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These simple conversations can help children build awareness of their feelings, know that it's okay to talk about them, and remind them that support is always there.

*Together, we can help every child feel safe, seen, and supported – every day.*



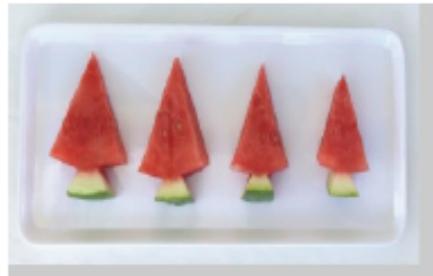


## Fresh festive swaps

Festive food can be colourful, fun and fresh!

Why not try these ideas:

- Swap from cakes and pastries to watermelon Christmas trees or mini bagel Christmas ornaments.
- For a fresh twist on dip and crackers, serve guacamole with cherry tomatoes, cucumber and red capsicum strips for a very festive look.
- Swap from gingerbread and shortbread to wholegrain cereal bites or you could try this fruit salad parfait.



Find more ideas at: [www.swapit.net.au](http://www.swapit.net.au)

# TROY CHAPLIN COMMUNITY JUNIOR COACHING & SUPER SKILLS EVENT

**Tuesday  
23 December  
Princes Park,  
Maryborough**

**Don't miss this special FREE opportunity  
for the Central Goldfields community!**

Former local and AFL coach  
Troy Chaplin returns to Maryborough  
to share his skills, knowledge and  
passion for the game with local  
junior coaches, junior footballers,  
parents and the wider community.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**4pm – 4.45pm**

**Coaching Presentation.**

Open to all junior coaches and Club presidents  
from across the community.

**5pm – 6pm**

**Junior Football Super Skills Session.**

Open to all junior players – boys and girls.

**6pm – 6.30pm**

**Kids & Parents Presentation + Q&A.**

Your chance to hear from Troy and ask questions.

**6.30pm onwards**

**Sausage sizzle.** Everyone welcome!



## ABOUT TROY CHAPLIN

- 215 AFL games (Port Adelaide & Richmond)
- Assistant Coach, Melbourne Football Club (10 years)
- 2021 AFL Premiership Assistant Coach
- 2022 AFLCA Assistant Coach of the Year
- Camberwell Sharks Junior Football Coach
  - 2024 U11 YJFL Div 1 Premiers
  - 2025 U12 YJFL Div 1 Premiers



This is a  
FREE event  
– please scan  
the QR code to  
register your  
attendance.

Proudly presented  
by Maryborough  
Football Netball Club

