



Timor Talk

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KEY DATES

TERM 4-2025

6th Oct- 19th December
11 Weeks

Friday 28th November

2026 Prep Transition #2

1st & 3rd December

Student Led Conferences

Wednesday 3rd December

School Council Meeting

Thursday 4th December

Yr 6 Graduation Dinner—
Bull & Mouth, 5.15pm

8th—12th December

P-3 Swimming Program

Tuesday 9th December

Statewide Transition Day

Monday 15th December

End of Year Excursion—
Halls Gap Zoo

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December

Last Day of school. Dismiss
at 1pm

**HATS ARE
COMPULSARY IN
TERM 4**



'Search Timor PS Community'



2025 Energy Breakthrough

On Friday 21st November the year 4/5/6 students participated in the Energy Breakthrough Robotics challenge.

In teams of four, students were required to complete 3 missions and undertake an interview in front of a panel of judges. All missions and the interview were scored then winners were announced.

Results were:

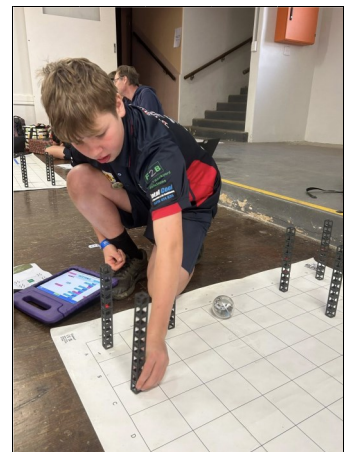
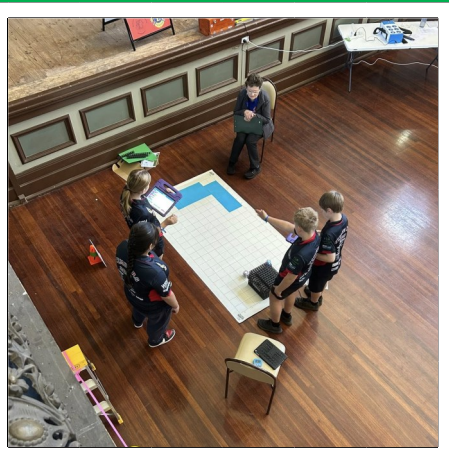
Mechanical Animals – 532 pts -6th Overall

Monkey Bots – 549 pts—5th Overall

Alpha Bots – 569 pts—3rd Overall

Bolt Scavengers – 494 pts - 7th Overall

All students demonstrated great teamwork skills and had a fantastic day. They enjoyed a special KFC lunch in recognition of the work they have put in throughout Term 4!

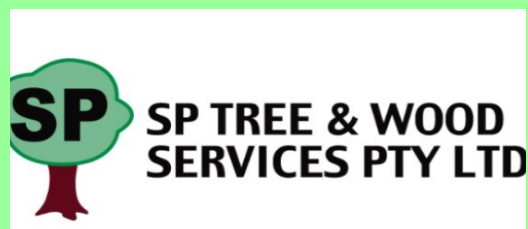


Be Respectful – Be Responsible – Achieve your Potential

Timor Primary School would like to thank the following generous sponsors who helped make our EBT Robotics event so successful



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School Updates

Attendance—Every Day Counts

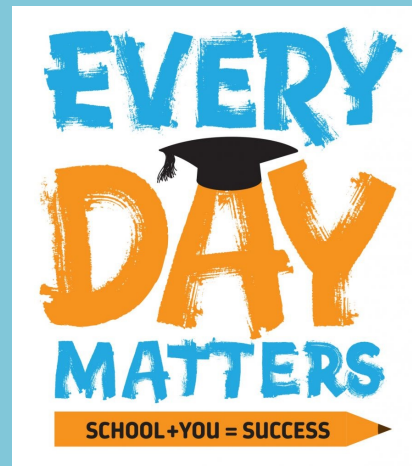
At Timor PS, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or tests, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or our Engagement and Wellbeing Coordinator Michelle Coburn about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via uEducateUs so we can work together to support them.



Students with 20+ Absence days as at

27th November:

0 Days —0%

1-10 Days —17%

11-20 Days —33%

20+ Days —35%

30+ Days —15%

50% of students have been absent more than 20 days or 4 weeks or nearly half a term of schools so far this year

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see [Attendance and Missing 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

Your school login details are:

TIMP2026M



Education Plus



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 you 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.



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School Updates

2026 Student Leadership Opportunities

Students currently in Year 5 will have the opportunity to apply for either a House Captain or School Captain position for 2026. Students are required to complete an application and will be interviewed by a panel that consists of Mr Tatchell, Ms Byrne and a 2025 School Captain.

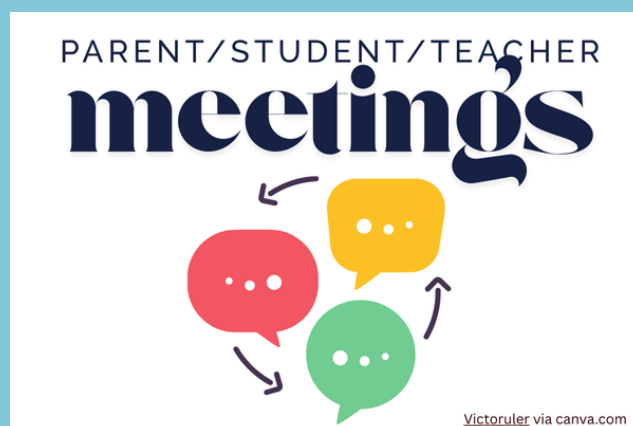
Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences will take place on Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd December from 3:20-5:00pm. Students will present and share a snapshot of their work and learning for this year at the 10-minute conference.

Please note all bookings must be made through uEducateUs.

How to make a booking:

1. Log into uEducateUs
2. Select 'Events'
3. Select 'Interviews'
4. Select 'Parent Teacher Interviews'
5. Select day (e.g Monday)
6. Select 'time slot' (e.g 3:40pm)
7. Check 'Available Classes'
8. Select 'Class'
9. Select 'Student' from drop down box
10. Select 'Assign' to save



If you are unable to or have difficulty making a booking, please contact Andrea or Andrew at the school on 54612595.

Reports



Students are currently being assessed to inform their Semester Two Report which will be distributed on Thursday 18th December. The 'Scoring' page will provide parents and carers with a scale of how your child is progressing against the Victorian Curriculum.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



On the 24th of November, The Connected Circus ran a series of workshops that taught students the value of resilience and persistence. 4-6 students were given the opportunity to practice their leadership skills and did an excellent job teaching the P-3 students circus skills. We had 100% participation by all and couldn't be prouder of the way students went outside their comfort zone and gave everything a go. Well done by all!

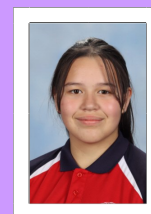
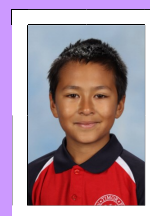
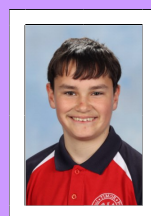
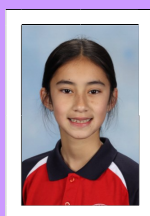


UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 6 Graduation—Thursday 4th December

This years Year 6 Graduation is scheduled for Thursday 4th December, starting at 5:00pm at the Bull and Mouth Hotel Maryborough. This year we will have 6 graduating students. Families have been allocated 5 spaces per family and **are required to pre-order their meals by 9:00am Friday 28th November** (payment on the night).

This momentous occasion will see 6 scholarships presented; 2 x \$250.00 Terry Floyd Foundation Scholarships, 1 x \$500.00 Cottage by the Sea -Shine on Community Scholarship, 1 x \$300.00 Freemasons Scholarship, 1 x Murray Hall Numeracy Award, 1 x Bev Hartwig Aspirational Award and 1 x MEC Book Award. Students will also have the opportunity to present a snapshot of their schooling at Timor PS.



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 will participate in the 5-day program that will take place 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.

Students will be transported to and from the venue by bus, leaving school at 12:30pm and returning at 3:00pm.

Each day students will need to bring the following: Towel, Bathers (recommend bathers to be worn under school uniform to school), Change of underwear, Bag for wet bathers and towel, Goggles (optional)

The cost of the program is \$72.00 per student. The school is covering the cost of the program through identified Swimming Program funding and the Physical Education budget.

Please complete and return the medical form and provide consent by approving the activity on uEducateUs by Thursday 4th December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Statewide Transition Day— Tuesday 9th December

On Tuesday 9th December all students will be participating in the annual Statewide Transition Day. Students in Year 6 will be attending their secondary school of choice for the day. 2026 Prep students and current students in Years Prep -5 will also be transitioning with their 2026 class and teacher from 9:00-12:00noon.



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 15th 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 18th 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 19th December.



UPCOMING EVENTS



2026 PREP TRANSITION DAYS

Our 2026 Prep students are invited to attend school for the following transition days



Friday 21st November



9 am - 11 am



Friday 28th November



9 am - 11 am



Friday 5th December



9 am - 11.30 am



Tuesday 9th December



9 am - 12pm



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING
OUR NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

December 3rd marks
International Day of
People with Disability.

<https://www.idpwd.com.au/about/about-idpwd/>

Don't you think life would be really boring if everyone was exactly the same? It is great to celebrate diversity. Use the letters below to write an acrostic poem about what diversity means to you.

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



GEM CHAT

EMPATHY:

Write a kindness
note for someone
and give it to them.
Put time in to make
it special!

Do with your family!



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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Attendance

Tip: Ask for help if mornings feel
hard

Talk to your teacher, parent, or
another trusted adult — you don't
need to figure it out alone



Here are some of the values that students
have been discussing in Morning Circle and
are focusing on in their school day!

RESPECT

ACHIEVEMENT

RESPONSIBLE

SELF CONTROL

GENEROSITY

optimism

COURAGE

STUDENT ZONE

KINDNESS SHOUT OUT!

My Mummy!

My Mummy is very kind and she plays with me. She brushes my hair and cooks all my meals. She helps me and Max with our life. I love my Mummy.

Quinn S-K



Wellbeing Tip of The Week

When you feel busy or stressed, pause and take three slow breaths. Notice what you can see, hear, and feel around you. It helps calm your brain and get you ready to learn.



STUDENT ADVICE COLUMN

What helps you start your day in a good mood?

I play with my little brother Jeremy and have a good breakfast!



Elena E



STUDENT INTERVIEW

Ari T

WHAT DOES BEING A GOOD LISTENER LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

Listening and not wandering off with your mind. Asking questions to understand more.

HOW DO YOU TRY AND MAKE SOMEONE FEEL BETTER?

If they are sitting alone you could ask if they want to play. If they are hurt you could help them up and find a teacher.

WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU SHOW KINDNESS TO YOUR CLASSMATES?

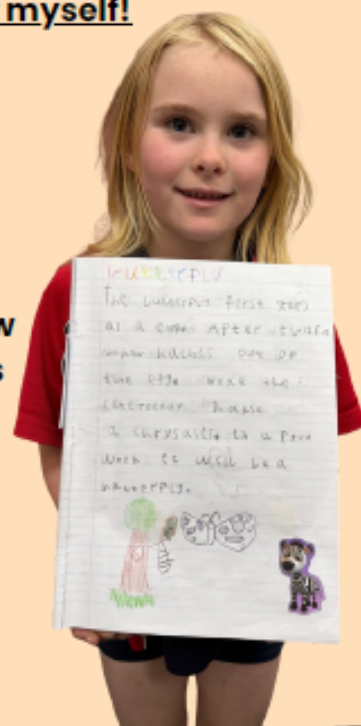
Helping them if they don't understand and Miss Raven is busy.



I am proud of myself!

"I like this piece because it looks good and I like how the writing is neat! My picture is great!"

- Demi L



THE

**RESILIENCE
PROJECT™**

TRY AT HOME

TRY IT AT HOME FAMILY ACTIVITY: **MOOD CHANGERS**

YOU WILL NEED:

- Time together as a family.
- Mood changers template (or you can create/draw your own).
- Textas and pencils.

WHAT TO DO:

- As a family, take some time to discuss the things in your lives that bring you joy, make you smile, and contribute to your happiness. Consider activities such as laughing, bike riding, dancing, reading or colouring in as examples that can uplift your spirits. Reflect on how engaging in these activities can positively impact your mood, especially during times when you're feeling down.
- Think of four specific things that consistently bring you happiness. These could serve as effective tools to improve your mood when you're feeling sad, angry, frustrated, annoyed or upset. Use the template provided to draw or write about your mood changers.
- Choose a spot in your home to display these mood changers. They can serve as visual reminders and prompts to engage in activities that promote emotional well-being.

Family Emotional Literacy habit builder:

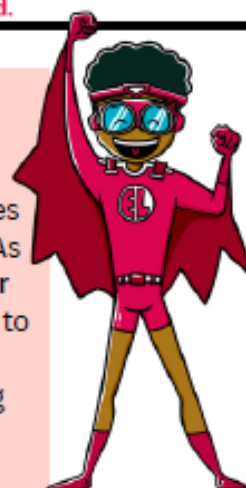
Around the dinner table, ask everyone to share a feeling they felt during that day. Discuss how they dealt with that feeling, and then share strategies you could use when faced with particular feelings.

We would love to see what you are doing at home. Please share some photos or let your child's teacher know what you have enjoyed.

WHAT IS EMOTIONAL LITERACY?

Emotional literacy is about understanding and talking about our feelings.

Working on our emotional literacy skills provides us with opportunities to enhance our understanding and expression of various emotions. As we improve our emotional literacy skills, we can better recognise our own feelings and enhance our ability to manage them. This equips us to navigate diverse experiences, including handling conflicts, forming friendships, coping with challenging circumstances, and maintaining resilience when faced with change



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.





Every day counts

Missing **one day per fortnight**
adds up to missing
four weeks of school a year.



COME & PLAY SUPER CLINIC

TUES DEC 2 - 4:45PM - 5:45PM
JUBILEE OVAL, MARYBOROUGH



**FREE TO
REGISTER**
AGES 5 - 12 YEARS OLD