



Wishing you
a safe and happy
holiday season,
from all the
ETPS STAFF



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

With this last newsletter for the year, I would like to say a big thank you to our students, staff and families for the contributions over the year that have made East Torrens PS such a successful learning community. Listed below are just a few of the extra experiences our students have participated in over the past year:

SPORTS DAY	SCIENCE WEEK	BOOK WEEK	NAPLAN
SWIMMING LESSONS	SRC	CHOIR	SAPSASA SPORTS
AFTER SCHOOL STEM LESSONS	IN-SCHOOL STEM LEARNING	HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS	REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION
IN SCHOOL PERFORMANCES	CLASS EXCURSIONS	CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY	UNILABS
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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE	END OF YEAR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY	STEM OPEN MORNING	HOUSE TEAM PRIZE
YEAR 6 GRADUATION	NEW RECEPTION TRANSITION DAYS	YEAR 6 AQUATICS CAMP	

Reminder: From December 10th 2025, Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X and YouTube will be required to take reasonable steps to prevent Australian children under 16 years from having accounts on their platforms.

Advice for parents on supporting their children with these changes and keeping children safe online can be found at www.esafety.gov.au

Year 6 Graduation: On Tuesday night our year 6 students were acknowledged at their graduation ceremony. Listening to the confident way they spoke and their reflections on their time at East Torrens PS made us all very proud. We thank them for their contribution to the school and wish them well for their transition to high school.

Each year the Hartley Medal is awarded to a year 6 student who is a conscientious student, contributes positively to the school and demonstrates academic achievement. This year, the award recipient was Amir Bahrami who was presented with a certificate and trophy by the Honourable Vincent Tarzia MP Member for Hartley.

Reminder: School recommences on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 8:40am.

From the staff of East Torrens PS, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season and a restful break for the students.

Regards,

Lynette Simons



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**The uniform shop is closed for 2025
and will reopen on the dates listed below.**



School commences next year on
Tuesday 27th January 2026

2026 Uniform Purchases

Uniforms can be purchased from the Front Office from

Monday 19th January – 9am – 3pm

Tuesday 20th January – 9am – 3pm

Wednesday 21st January – 9am – 3pm

Regular Uniform Shop hours during 2026 will be



UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30 am

Wednesday 2.30 – 3.30 pm



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Intensive English Language Program (IELP) News

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of the school year, it's wonderful to reflect on what a busy and productive year it has been. I'm sure we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break these holidays.

I would like to thank all our staff for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to our students throughout the year.

I also acknowledge and thank our IELP staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year. I am grateful for your contributions and wish you all the very best for 2026.

I are excited to announce that a number of our students will be transitioning into mainstream education. I have no doubt that they will continue to thrive and achieve great success in their learning journey.

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in learning English.

Wishing everyone a restful break. I look forward to seeing you in 2026. Happy Holidays!

Kind regards,

Yiota Chronis
IELP Senior Leader



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Reception (M10) Virginia Wong

Enzo J

Year 3/4 (M6) Shah Chowdhury

Jackson Z

Alice S

Ryan M

Ramiru D

Reception/Year 1 (M9) Erin Pedler

Aanvi G

Hana N

Evni D

Jason G

Liam—

Adrina K

Avina K

Keer Z

Year 4/5 (M6A) Ravinder Kaur

Taha B

Avrora N

Year 1/2 (M8) Chamila Chandresena Kathy Papas

Franco B

Sinai G

Kaaren V

Weier W

Year 5/6 (M5) Rachel Colquhoun Penny Kavuki

Subegh C

Alex A

Ernest B

Jun Y

Joey W

Harper G

Hiroto K

Year 2/3 (M7) Patricia Fernandez

Ellie A

Mikel A

Lando J

Jerry Z



**Have a
Fun-Filled
Holiday**



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Another year finished

After an extremely busy year for myself both personally and professionally it is time to reflect. Personally this year saw me travelling through parts of Europe with my family and coming home to find that two of my sons would be engaged during the coming months. A very happy year for our family.

School has also been very rewarding and so many fun and exciting things occurred during the year. Sports day, Book Week, Science Week, Local council visits, New play areas and we could not forget the arrival of the chickens.

It has been wonderful to see all our students work hard throughout the year and reach personal and learning goals.

I am really looking forward to launching our Friendology program in the new year and sharing it with the students and the wider community.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the families and the students of ETPS for their strength and positive attitude in 2025 and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. 2026 is already looking like it has so many things to look forward to, but all will be revealed in good time.

 Mrs Piro



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Assembly Awards

Week 9 Term 4 2025

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Ella	C20	Writing her 'heart words' in correct sentences
Enzo	M4	Great singing and dancing for our concert
Joey	M5	Showing improvement in his written and oral language
Subegh	M5	Consistently improving in all areas of his learning
Jaxson	H23	Being resilient and trying new things
Liam	M9	Always trying his best in his learning
Taylor	H23	Being resilient and trying new things
Armaan	M10	His improvement in phonics and reading
Jerry	M7	Always trying his best and using good vocabulary in his sentences
Menglin	M10	His improvement in phonics and using English in class
Mahmoud	M8	His amazing story about Not Giving Up!
Wilson	M8	Always trying hard with his English learning
Max	C21	Making great progress with his personal goals



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Jasper	C20	Always being respectful
Mardin	M6a	Showing remarkable growth in responsibility and focus by completing storyboard on time
Thivyanshi	M6a	Displaying respect through her inclusive and considerate behaviour in storyboard task
Noor	H23	Learning to respect others and make A choices
Mehar	H22	Respecting his learning and trying his best
Layton	C21	Helping organise the classroom resources



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Yasya	C20	Fitting into the new class for term 4
Guraheen	H22	Being a positive and responsible member of the class
Yiseo	H23	Settling in fast and becoming responsible member of the class
Phoenix	H23	Being a positive and responsible member of the class
Mayra	M7	Getting along with others and working together as a team player





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Ruby	H22	Transitioning to school more successfully
Jamillah	H22	Always being a kind friend
Tyler	C21	Supporting others and the classroom space



Values Raffle Winners

Taha R14
Thomas C21
Bani R14
Ichika M6a
Rawan C20
Aishpreet C21
Aaryan H23
Tsehi M7

Martina C21
Isabella R14
Jun M5
Chris R14
Zois C21
Sarah C21

Seyhi M8
Tiffany H22
Connor R13
Aayat H23
Chloe R13
Gayu R12
Ravleen H23
Mayra M7



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With 6 weeks off school, kids can get bored, so I have compiled a list of things to do in the Christmas break that won't break the bank!

Parks and the beach – both are free and wear the kids out dramatically!! In our family we pack snacks and lunch and freeze pop tops or juice boxes and it works out to be a great day for the kids, and a financially cheap day.

Christmas Carols – There are heaps of carols events going on around Adelaide and most, if not all of them are free!! Here are a few locations:

Campbelltown Carols Event

Saturday 13 December, Thorndon Park, 6pm - approximately 8.30pm

There will be Sensory Tents at this year's Carols Event, facilitated by a member of the Autism Inclusion Coffee & Chat group.

Civic Park Carols at Modbury; 14 December

Revival City Carols: 21st December, 231 Milne Rd Modbury North, 4pm & 6pm

Rostrevor Baptist Church: 21st December, 288 Montacute Road, Rostrevor, from 12pm

Riverbank Christmas Lights Display

22 Nov 2025 – 2 Jan 2026, the banks of the River Torrens in Southwark (formerly Thebarton)

Countdown to Christmas with Music at the Tree

From 18–24 December, head to Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga Each night from 6:30–8:30 pm, enjoy free live original music and contemporary takes on Christmas classics covering soul, honky tonk, strings, pop, jazz, afro beat, folk, and more.

Free Christmas Activities

Adelaide Central Market | 16-24 Dec 2025

Kids can join in the Adelaide Central Market's free workshops, including a gingerbread cooking demonstration and free festive craft in the lead up to Christmas.

Museums and the **space discovery** centers also have school holiday programs that run into January

I hope this break is a time to unwind and refresh and to spend some quality time with loved ones.

Praying you have a safe and Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

I look forward to serving the East Torrens community in 2026!!

Lisa

Pastoral Care Worker



PLAYGROUP



Welcome to 2026

Welcome
Back to
Playgroup

Week 2:

All about
Me!

Week 3:

St.
Valentine's
Day

Week 4:

Chinese
New Year

Week 5:

Alphabet
Soup



Come in and join
us on Wednesday
morning!

Playgroup term program

Routine
Play Time
Group Time
Singing
Listen to a story
Dancing
Shared Fruit Time

Week 11
Library Visit
Nature Play

Week 6:

Pre-Writing
Activities

Week 7:

My Body
5 senses

Week 8:

Autumn

Week 9:

Easter
Activities

Week 10:

Pre- Number
Activities

If you would be interested in
joining this program please
register at

[East Torrens Playgroup
Registration Of Interest](#)

What to bring

Healthy snack ideas



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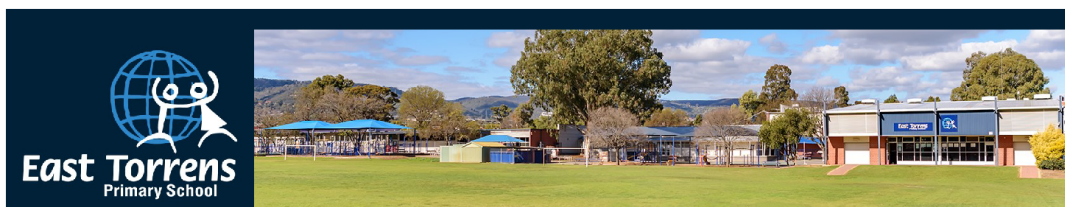
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2026

If your child is due to start school in 2026, please complete the online Registration of Interest form to be added to our waiting list.




Is your child due to start Reception in Term 1 or Term 3 of 2026?

Please visit our website www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au to complete our registration of interest form.

<https://www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au/enrolments/registration-of-interest/>

For information regarding our Principal's School Tours please visit

<https://www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au/enrolments/school-tours/>

There two intakes per year		
	Children who are born between 1st November and 30th April , will commence in Term 1 of the following year and complete 4 terms of reception.	Children who are born between 1st May and 31st October , will commence in Term 3 and complete 6 terms of reception.
	TERM 1	TERM 3
Due: Term 2, Week 10 - 4/7/2025 Please submit your Registration of Interest as soon as possible in order to be placed on our waiting list. The enrolment officer will acknowledge your submission via email.		
Registration of Interest forms to be received by the school. Email sent regarding placement at ETPS Acceptance of Enrolment offer due Attend scheduled enrolment meeting Attend 3 scheduled Transition Visits	From: Term 3, Week 1 21/7/2025	From: Term 1, Week 10 30/3/2026
	Due: Term 3, Week 2 1/8/2025	Due: Term 1, Week 11 10/4/2026
	Term 3, Weeks 9 & 10 15/9/2025 to 25/9/2025	Term 2, Weeks 2 & 3 4/5/2026 to 14/5/2026
	Term 4 Thursday 20/11/2025 Wednesday 26/11/2025 Wednesday 3/12/2025	Term 2 Thursday 11/6/2026 Wednesday 17/6/2026 Thursday 25/6/2026



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IGNITE at The Heights School – **REGISTER NOW**

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential.

The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

WHEN DO STUDENTS ENTER THE IGNITE PROGRAM?

Students who wish to be considered for the IGNITE program sit the ACER assessment in Year 6 for entry into the program in Year 7. Entry does **not** occur at other year levels.

In 2026 Year 6 students are eligible to sit the assessment for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program in 2027. The date and location of the assessment are:

DATE: SATURDAY 21 February 2026 9:00AM - 1:00PM

LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THE IGNITE ENTRY ASSESSMENT?

Register your child to sit the assessment at:

<https://higherability.acer.org/intro/1410>

A non-refundable registration fee of \$150 applies.

Registrations close Wednesday 11 February, 2026.

No late registrations will be accepted.



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