NEWSLETTER

East Torrens Primary School

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Week 7
Term 4
2026

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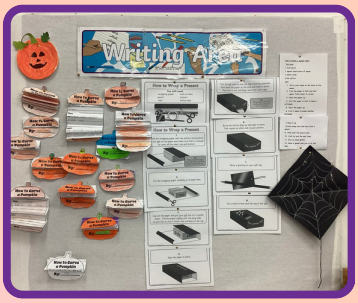
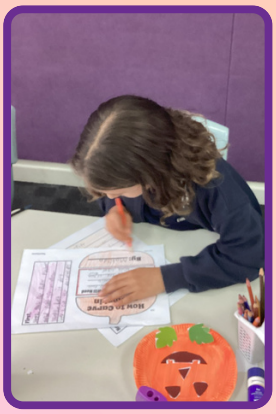
Learning in M4 Procedural Writing



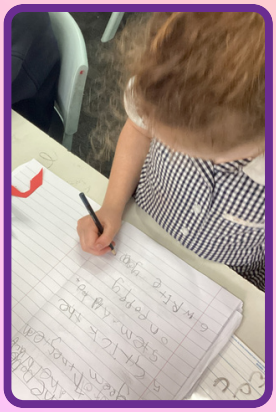
M4 students have been learning about procedural writing through a range of creative, hands-on activities! They began by making their own Halloween pumpkins using paper plates, paint and decorations.



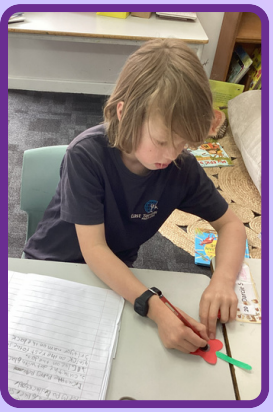


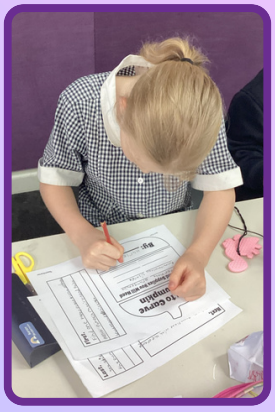
After completing their creations, students wrote step-by-step procedures explaining how they made them. They have been learning to organise their procedures using a title, a list of materials and clearly sequenced steps. Students have also been learning to begin each instruction with an action verb, such as paint, glue, decorate and attach, and use sequencing words such as first, next, then and finally to organise their instructions in the correct order.



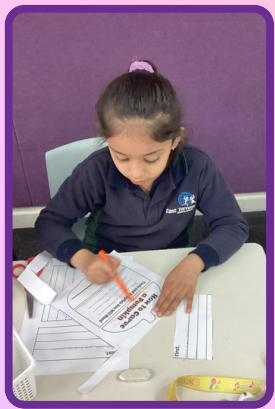


They put these skills into practice by writing their own procedures on how to carve a pumpkin and how to make a poppy, using action verbs and present-tense instructions to explain each step. It has been wonderful to see how engaged and enthusiastic students have been in writing their own procedures and communicating their instructions clearly.









Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Last week, our school community came together for a respectful and meaningful **Remembrance Day service**, providing an important opportunity to pause, reflect and honour those who have served and continue to serve our country. The service was led by our Year 6 Executives and the school choir added to the occasion with a beautiful performance. We thank the students and staff who joined us to mark this significant day of remembrance.







Well done to our **Year 6 Student Executive members** for the leadership they have shown throughout the year. They have made a valuable contribution to our school community by leading projects, welcoming visitors and representing the school with confidence and responsibility. Their positive attitudes and commitment have been greatly appreciated and they have been excellent role models for younger students. We thank them for the important role they have played in supporting the life of our school.

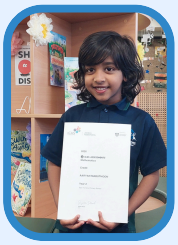
Reminder – Our celebration of our students musical and dance talents will occur at the **End of Year Celebration Assembly** on **Tuesday 1st December at 9am** in the school gym. We welcome family members along to the musical extravaganza.

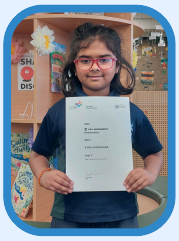
Congratulations to our students who achieved outstanding results in **ICAS**, the international academic competition. We are very proud of their hard work, commitment and academic achievement, and we celebrate their effort and success. We also acknowledge and congratulate all students who participated in the ICAS competitions, recognising their willingness to challenge themselves, extend their learning and embrace new opportunities.

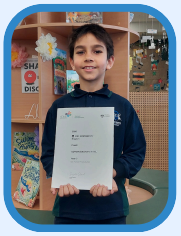
The students receiving a Merit, Credit or Distinction certificate are:

Digital Technologies:	**Distinction – Alex (M4)**
English:	**Distinction – Alex (M4), Credit – Adrian (R12)**
Mathematics:	**Distinction – Ubbay (R12), Credit – Taha (C21), Aaryan (M4), Alex (M4), Merit – Kyra (R14), Delsa (C19)**
Science:	**Distinction – Alex (M4), Merit – Taha (C21), Ayrah (C20)**
Spelling:	**Credit – Alex (M4), Delsa (C19)**
Writing:	**Credit – Ayrah (C20), Ubbay (R12)**

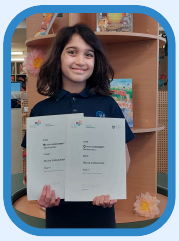
Regards, *Lynette Simons*

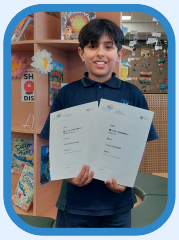














Have you visited our Facebook and Instagram pages? These platforms are a great way to keep up to date with the latest happenings, events, and achievements at East Torrens Primary School. Check out our pages on.....

www.facebook.com/etorrensps



www.instagram.com/etorrensps



Mark your Calendar



Term 4, 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	12/10/2026 First Day Term 4	13/10/2026	14/10/2026	15/10/2026	16/10/2026
2	19/10/2026	20/10/2026	21/10/2026 School Tour 4 pm	22/10/2026	23/10/2026
3	26/10/2026 Governing Council Meeting 6pm	27/10/2026	28/10/2026	29/10/2026	30/10/2026
4	02/11/2026 PUPIL FREE DAY OSHC available	03/11/2026 Children's University Graduation	04/11/2026	05/11/2026	06/11/2026
5	09/11/2026	10/11/2026	11/11/2026 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12/11/2026 Reception Transition Visit School Tour 10 am	13/11/2026 Yr 5/6 Rugby League Carnival
6	16/11/2026	17/11/2026	18/11/2026	19/11/2026 Reception Transition Visit	20/11/2026
7	23/11/2026 Yr 6 Aquatics	24/11/2026	25/11/2026	26/11/2026 Reception Transition Visit	27/11/2026
8	30/11/2026 Governing Council 6pm	01/12/2026 End of Year Celebration School Tour 2 pm	02/12/2026	03/12/2026	04/12/2026
9	07/12/2026	08/12/2026 Year 6 Graduation	09/12/2026	10/12/2026 Awards Assembly	11/12/2026 End of Term Early dismissal 2pm



Intensive English Learning Program News (IELP)

Dear Families,

Happy Week 6! It is hard to believe we are already past the halfway mark of Term 4.

It has been wonderful to see our students growing in confidence over the past few weeks. Our newest IELP member has also settled in beautifully, thanks to our welcoming classes.

Our learning around global festivals and celebrations is in full swing. Students are enjoying sharing their own traditions and learning about different cultures, which continues to build respect and a strong sense of belonging in our classroom.

With plenty of exciting learning and end-of-year activities still to come, we are looking forward to a great finish to the term. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,
Ravinder Kaur
Acting Senior Leader
Intensive English Language Program

Welcome to Our Newly joined IELP

Virginia Wong – M10 Reception

Erin Pedler – M9A Reception /Year 1
·Rosha H

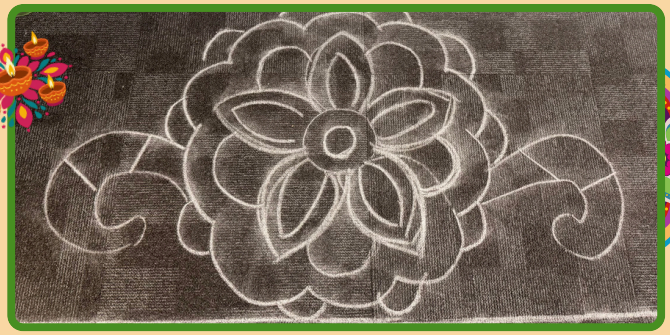
Chamila Chandrasena – M8 Year 2/3

Amber Kazmi – M6A Year 4/5

Rachel Colquhoun/Penny Kavuki-M5 Year 6

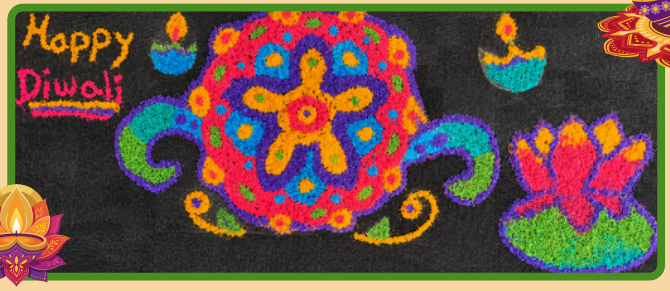


M5's Remembrance Day Silhouettes & Colourful Diwali Rangoli











LEST WE FORGET



Wellbeing from The Nest

Values Certificates

Excellence	Community	Respect	Empathy
Abdullah M10 Daksh H22 Bond C20 Mohammed M10 Jacob M9A Sadhana M5 Seyhi M4 Aradana M5 Hannah M8 Joaquin C19 Zemirah C19	Erik H23 Azeliya H22 Luka M8 Lexie H22	Amira H23 Diego R14 Yina M9A Mayra R13	Aurelia H23 Pavni C21 Layla R14 Divleen M4 Rayan H23 Irene C20



Raffle Tickets



Layla R14
Meisha R14
Mehar R14
Martina C21
Eleanore R14
Guraheen H22

Maya R14
Mark R14
Kyra R14
Areesha R13
Abaan R13
Alan R13
Liven M5

Meisha R14
Aleena M5
Panisa M5
Liana M5
Liam C20
Ichika C21

Finance News

OVERDUE PAYMENTS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please refer to the most recent statement of account sent to your email regarding monies owing to the school.

Payment plans can still be set up for installments.

Immediate payment of all outstanding amounts is required.

Please email dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au if you would like to set up a payment plan or have any finance related questions.

Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards

Kavita Mer
Business Manager



School Card Scheme

If you're a low-income family with children attending government schools, you can get financial help with school fees, materials and services charges through the School Card scheme. You could also get access to a free device if your child is in year 7 or 10 and their school takes part in the department's School Device Program.
Parents should speak directly to their school about financial help.



Who can apply?
School Card is available to:

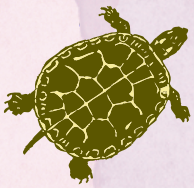
- families with children aged 4 years and over who attend a school full-time
- independent full-time students studying year 10, 11 or 12
- adult re-entry students who are completing their SACE.

Click for more information
and to complete the application form.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Fun and Learning

Our playgroup children have been enjoying many wonderful learning experiences this term. Through a range of hands-on activities, the children have been developing important early learning skills in a fun and engaging way.





Another important part of playgroup is learning how to **share, take turns and play cooperatively** with others. Through group activities, games and free play, the children are building positive social skills and learning how to work and play together kindly.





One of our focus areas has been **learning to write letters**. The children have been practising letter formation and becoming more confident in recognising and attempting to write different letters. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm as they build their early literacy skills.

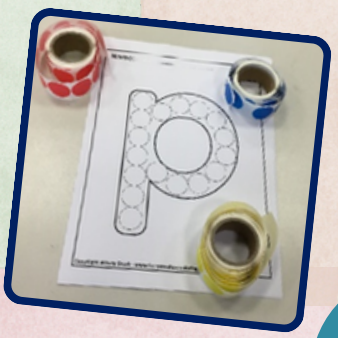




A highlight for many of the children has been **visiting our school pets**. These visits give the children the chance to observe, talk about and care for animals, while also encouraging curiosity and responsibility.



The children have also been busy **sorting different objects by colour and shape**. These activities help develop important thinking and observation skills, while also encouraging the children to talk about what they notice and make connections in their learning.



We are so proud of the way our playgroup children are learning, exploring and growing each week.

Happy fun learning

From Jo, Lisa and Ms A.





We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would be interested in joining playgroup please register at

East Torrens Playgroup Registration Of Interest

Children's University

On Tuesday the 3rd of November, students from Year 3-6 participated in the Children's University Graduation ceremony at Bonython Hall at the University of Adelaide. The students were recognised for having accrued 30 hours or more of voluntary out of school learning in a range of areas.

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements.

National Bronze Award for 30 hours
Ubbay, Theo (R12) Hannah A, Hannah C, Artur (R13)
National Silver Award for 65 hours
Alrayyan (C19), Chloe (R13) Max (C21)
National Bronze Certificate for 100 hours
Adrian, Eamon (R12) Issac Dean (C20)
Martina, Olivia (C21)
National Gold Certificate for 200 hours
Benicio (C21)



Below are comments from some students who graduated this year from Children's University.

Participating in Children's University gave me joy. I got to visit many places and experience many different things. I enjoyed the graduation ceremony because I liked wearing the cloak and cap. I would definitely recommend Children's University to others. (Adrian R12)

Children's University was fun. The most fun part was creating PowerPoints to share my learning. The graduation ceremony was fun too. (Ubbay R12)



My favourite part of the graduation was standing up in front of others and receiving my award. I also liked reflecting on my learning. My favourite activities allowed me to be creative like the activity when I designed a new sports uniform. (Chloe R13)

Children's University

I enjoyed collecting hours and visiting learning destinations like the Adelaide Zoo. (Artur R13)

I enjoyed doing the challenges to collect hours. I enjoyed visiting Melba's factory and reflecting on my sporting achievements. (Hannah C R13)

I felt excited at the graduation when I walked into Bonython Hall and saw what it looked like. My favourite activities were the Lego challenges. I got to use Lego I had at home that I hadn't used in a long time. I was so proud with my creations that I didn't want to pull them apart. I look forward to participating in the Children's University again next year. (Hannah A R13)

I was proud when I got my award. I also liked how I could take my tassel home. I found the website useful and used it to share my learning and explore different topics. I liked the way I can build up my hours so I can build up achievements if I participate again next year. (Theo R12)

There are lots of different topics students can explore like Maths, sports and Geography. There are also lots of places they can visit using the learning destinations. I enjoyed being part of the to the different awards students achieved at the graduation. I am proud that I have gone past the 100-hour mark of out of school hours learning. (Eamon R12)

Look out for information about Children's University for next year in Term 1 newsletters if your child is interested in becoming a member in 2027.

Melissa Ciufoli

ETPS Children's University Coordinator





Autism Inclusion

Please see below some upcoming free workshops from Growing Space

The **Growing Space** are hosting free workshops coming up in November and December.

The relaxed, welcoming workshops are for people with disability, their families, carers and supporters. All the facilitators have lived experience of disability, are parents or carers, or both. Everyone receives free, helpful resources: in person on the day, or by email for online sessions.

- **All the Basics**: where to start with supports, finding reliable providers, understanding the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and free community supports.
- **Speak Up and Be Heard**: build confidence to express your needs, make your own decisions and have your voice heard.

Online: all sessions are captioned. Online sessions are tailored for parents and carers, and for neurodivergent teenagers and adults.
Support people: welcome at every session. Please book a ticket for them too.
Anything else? Tell us about any access needs when you book, or reply to this email.

📍 **In-person workshops: Adelaide CBD**

Tuesday 24 November 2026
Aurora Skydeck, Pirie Street, Adelaide

10:00am – 12:00pm
All the Basics

1:00pm – 3:00pm
Speak Up and Be Heard

Light morning and afternoon tea provided. We'll contact you about dietary needs after you book.

💻 **Online workshops on Microsoft Teams (Adelaide time)**

Wednesday 25 November
10:00am – 11:30am
Speak Up and Be Heard for Parents and Carers

Thursday 26 November
2:00pm – 3:30pm
Speak Up and Be Heard for Neurodivergent Teenagers and Adults

Tuesday 1 December
10:00am – 11:30am
All the Basics

🎟️ **Places are limited. Book your spot: www.thegrowingspace.com.au/events**

If you have any questions or would like to chat, you can email Maria Primavera, Austism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) at: maria.primavera797@schools.sa.edu.au

RECEPTION ENROLMENTS

If your child is due to start school in 2027 or 2028, please complete the online Registration of Interest form to be added to our waiting list

Getting ready for Reception

East Torrens Primary School



In South Australia, the first year of primary school is called Reception.

Children who turn 5 years old:

- before 1 May can start school in Term 1
- between 1 May and 31 October can start school in Term 3 (mid-year intake)
- after 31 October can start the next year.

Children who start school at the beginning of the year will complete 4 terms of reception.

Children who start school in a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.

Registration of Interest should be made to the school of your choice by the end of Term 2 of the year prior to your child starting school.

Scan to register your interest to enrol at East Torrens Primary School or visit www.etorrensps.sa.edu.au/enrolments/registration-of-interest/

Library News



Please ensure that all library books and other school property are returned by the last day of term.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Uniform Shop

Please note that the uniform shop will be closed during the school holidays

2027 Uniform Purchases

Uniforms can be purchased at the school on

Monday 18th January – 9am – 3pm

Tuesday 19th January – 9am – 3pm

Wednesday 20th January – 9am – 3pm

Regular Uniform Shop hours during 2027 will be

East Torrens Primary School

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30 am

Wednesday 2.30 - 3.30 pm

