



Dates for your Calendar

(New items on the calendar will appear in italics)

February

- Tue 22**
School Council Sub Committee Meeting 6:30pm
School Council Meeting 7:15pm
School council nominations open
- Fri 25**
District Swimming
Prep Teddy Bears Picnic
- Mon 28**
Preps commence full time
Bakers Delight Lunch

March

- Wed 2**
Closing date for School Council nominations
- Thur 3**
Nominations displayed at the office
- Mon 14**
Labour Day Public Holiday
- Mon 21**
Harmony day
- Tue 22**
School Council Sub Committee Meeting 6:30pm
School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Fri 25**
2022 National Ride to School Day
EEPS Movie Night—Movie TBA

Curriculum Dates for 2022 (Student free day)
Friday 11th March

School Photos
Thursday 31st March

April

- Fri 1**
School Cross Country
- Fri 8**
Prep Rainbow Day
Last Day Term 1—2:30pm dismissal

EEPS UNIFORM SHOP
Open every
Monday & Wednesday
8:45am—11:15am



Learning @ EEPS Newsletter: Term 1 Number 2— 22nd February, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It was fantastic to accompany some of our Year 3-6 students last Friday when we conducted our swimming trials at Watermarc. Our students were both competitive and supportive, in the right mix. Well done to everyone involved.

Staff News

Unfortunately, Mr Bain sustained some serious injuries last week and will be away from school for several weeks. He is recovering well, and we wish him, and his family, all the best over the coming weeks. Thank you to Mr Giles for stepping in to help finish the coordination of the swimming trials and other forthcoming events. Thank you also to Ms Wilmot for stepping in to take some of the PE classes. Other student PE classes will be taken by our other regular CRTs but we will do our best to provide consistency wherever possible. Thank you to everyone for your understanding.

Birthday treats

The last two years has seen many of us have birthdays in lockdown and not being able to celebrate with our friends. It is great that the students can have birthday parties and events again in 2022. We would like to remind everyone that we have a policy of not sharing food with other children. This is due to multiple children with allergies and to respect different family views on the giving out of food, in particular sweets, to everyone. Classrooms will have different ways to celebrate birthdays, such as a birthday hat or certificate. Children are welcome to bring in a small non-food based token to share with their classmates but we would still recommend keeping this to a birthday party event, if your child was having one.

EEPS parking, walking to and from school

Last week I did a Compass Newsfeed expressing serious safety concerns regarding parking and driving around EEPS, especially with drop-off and pick-up. We understand that congestion around the school is an ongoing issue and one that involves some structural developments and as well as behavioural modifications and education. Please be assured that we are in regular contact with Nillumbik Shire Council to investigate some future possible options. However please remember that we all have a part to play in modelling safety and actively practicing it. In particular please remember to;



- Only ever cross the main school roads at the crossings
- If you are at the crossing please wait until the crossing supervisor has blown the whistle before crossing
- Park only in allocated parking spots
- Think about ways that your child/ren may be able to walk safely to a meeting spot
- Not walk directly through carparks, instead using the multiple safe school entry and exit paths
- Always scoot or ride with a helmet and be careful of other pedestrians and cars
- Be careful and courteous when reversing in and out of neighbours driveways

As parents and carers being active role models is very important- please take a little longer drop off, for parking and for trans versing through the school, for us all to remain safe.

School Council Elections

It is the time of the year when we call for nominations for School Council for 2022. School Council members are elected for terms of two years, with half the Council coming up for re-election every year. Please consider nominating yourself as we do need, and rely on, the support of our parent members. (Please see further information in the Newsletter).

Payments for Optional Excursions and Activities

Thank you to our Administration Leaders who have worked out the 2022 prices for the optional Excursions and Activities. They have kept the prices reasonably low, working out at between \$30-\$65 per term, per student. This year we are changing to an event by event basis of payment, rather than paying a term at a time. Please also remember that swimming lessons for all children in 2022 will be at no cost to parents. For fairness and in line with the DET Parent Payment policy, these excursions and activities are provided on a user pays basis. (Additional information is available later in the Newsletter).

Visit from Vicki Ward

In the short to medium term we will need to look at replacing the synthetic turf oval and look at an additional upgrade to our Hall. Vicki Ward visited EEPS on Monday to discuss both of these large projects. We will be sure to keep everyone updated on any further developments in this space!

Have a good week of 'Learning and Growing Together'.

Learning and growing together

Warren Lloyd
Principal

David Tyndall
Assistant Principal

Lisa Joseph
Leading Teacher

EEPS SWIMMING TRIALS

Last Friday, a number of our Year 3-6 students attended our school swimming trials at Watermarc. The day highlighted we have many strong swimmers at EEPS. I would like to congratulate those students who stepped outside of their comfort zones to compete on the day. All the students did a great job at creating such a positive and supportive atmosphere to allow this. I would like to thank those parents that supported the many jobs on the day including traveling on the bus, time keeping, handing out ribbons, supporting with supervision and swimming in the relay race against the students. It really was a team effort!

A number of students have been selected to represent EEPS at the Eltham District Swimming Carnival (see attached list). This event is planned for this **Friday the 25th of February**. Please see further information via the Event on Compass. **Please note, spectators will not be permitted at this event.**

If you have any questions, please email Derek Giles (derek.giles@education.vic.gov.au)

EEPS FINANCE NEWS

Excursions and Incursions

This year an Event for each excursion/incursion will be published on Compass for payment and consent as it occurs throughout the year. For your budgeting purposes, it is anticipated that the total costs for the year will be as set out in the table below. Please remember that swimming lessons for all students, and the associated transport costs, will be at no cost to parents this year.

Prep	\$110 - \$120	
Year 1	\$110 - \$120	
Year 2	\$130 - \$140	Includes day camp
Year 3	\$110 - \$120	Excludes camp
Year 4	\$140 - \$150	Excludes camp
Year 5	\$170 - \$180	Excludes camp
Year 6	\$250 - \$260	Excludes camp and graduation

These Excursion and Incursion charges are optional costs for curriculum enhancement. Parents are free to opt for their children not to participate and this will be handled respectfully and discretely. As per the Parent Payment Policy, children of families who opt not to pay by the due/closing date on Compass will be unable to participate in the event. Individual phone calls will not be made on the day of the event.

Jenny and Lesley

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Earlier in the term we announced that in addition to PATHS and Respectful Relationships, this year we will also begin implementing The Resilience Project (TRP) curriculum as part of The EEPS CORE, our social and emotional learning program. Through TRP, teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) to build resilience.

GEM CHAT is a way that you can bring some of the TRP learning into your home and facilitate positive conversations as your family shares a meal either in the morning, afternoon or evening or at a time that works best. Check out some great GEM CHAT Gratitude questions here:

- What were three things that went well for you today?
- Who is someone you feel really grateful for today? Tell us why.
- What is it about our home that makes it our home/special family place?
- What is something you are looking forward to tomorrow?

Want to look further into the benefits of Gratitude? Follow this [LINK!](#)



Anna Baker
Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations 2022

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Eltham East Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office from **Tuesday 22nd February** and **must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd March 2022.**

The ballot will close at **4.00 pm on Thursday 15th March 2022.**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	Four (4) Vacancies One (1) Casual Vacancy One (1) Community member Vacancy
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	Two (2) DET member vacancies

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Warren Lloyd
Principal

School Council Elections—Information for Parents 2022

Our timeline:

Notice of election and call for nominations:	Tuesday 22nd February
Closing date for nomination:	Wednesday 2nd March
Nominations displayed at Office by:	Thursday 3rd March
Close of Ballot if necessary:	Tuesday 15th March

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
 - A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
 - An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.
- The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt email following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Ask at the school for help if you would like to nominate for School Council and are not sure what to do. Consider nominating for election to council this year. Be sure to vote in the elections, if necessary.

Contact the school for further information.

Admin News

Compass Portal

EEPS Permission and Acknowledgments for 2022

At the start of each year we ask you to become familiar with, and acknowledge important school policies and programs. The relevant detailed documents for you to read are available on the school website:

www.elthameastps.vic.edu.au

Unfortunately the detailed content in these documents cannot be inserted here.

You will be requested to give your consent in relation to the following items.

1. ICT Acceptable use agreement for internet and digital technologies.
2. Photographing, Filming and Recording Students.

Please ensure that this is acknowledged by Friday 26th February.

Department of Education provisioned Online Learning Services.

This is for new students commencing EEPS for 2022.

At the start of each year we ask you to become familiar with, and acknowledge important school policies and programs, including **G Suite and Office365 online education services.**

The relevant detailed documents for you to read are available on the school website:

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Unfortunately the detailed content in these documents cannot be inserted here.

If you do not agree to the items below, please download the form from our website and refer to the opt out process.

1. G Suite For Education Information Pack for Parents.
2. Office365 Information Pack for Parents.

Student Enrolment Information Form

Full Student Enrolment Information Forms have been emailed to all families. Please update enrolment information and return to the school office or via email to: Anna.Strebinos@education.vic.gov.au by **Friday 26th February. If you do not have any changes, you do not have to return the form.**

2022 Community Activities

Bakers Delight Lunches & Sushi Lunches

Bakers Delight and Sushi lunches will begin again in 2022. Please look out for lunch order forms in the newsletter.

Please write your child's name, class, room number and if it's a Bakers Delight or Sushi lunch on an envelope and place lunch order form and cash into envelope. Last day to place a lunch order is the Thursday before.

Lunch Order dates for 2022

Bakers Delight Lunch	Monday 28th February	<i>Order form need to be at the school office by Thursday 24th February</i>
Sushi Lunch	Monday 28th March	<i>Order form need to be at the school office by Thursday 24th March</i>
Bakers Delight Lunch	Monday 16th May	<i>Order form need to be at the school office by Thursday 12th May</i>
Sushi Lunch	Monday 20th June	<i>Order form need to be at the school office by Thursday 16th June</i>
Bakers Delight Lunch	Monday 25th July	<i>Order form need to be at the school office by Thursday 22nd July</i>

Icypole sales

Icypoles will be sold out of the Discovery Kitchen every Monday. The cost of an icypole is \$1.00.

TERM 1

FEBRUARY 2022

Garden News

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies



Joy in the garden

We are seeing an abundance of insects in the garden at the moment: Praying mantids are thriving in the parsley, ladybugs in the carrots that we let go to seed, and a range of butterflies are enjoying the flowers on the mint. Students are enjoying tasting the various flavours of mint that are growing and are looking forward to the tomatoes ripening. We have little packets of marigold and parsley seeds that we have collected for students to bring home. Students are spending time looking through magnifying glasses, learning about compost and deciding what to plant next. A big thank you to the students who come each day to pick up rubbish and to those who help with packing up at the end of lunch.



Praying mantis
We are finding lots of praying mantids enjoying the parsley



Orchard swallowtail
We enjoyed watching this beautiful butterfly laying eggs.



Painted lady
Butterflies are enjoying the flowers on the mint

Eltham East Primary School



Special Lunch Order Day

Monday 28th February, 2022

(NB: payment required by Thursday 24th February, 2022(Cash Only)

Child's Name..... Grade.....Room.....

Payment of \$5.50 enclosed for lunch order of: an apple, fruit juice/water and savoury roll (please tick your selection below)

Please send cash only in a labelled envelope with child's name, class and room number.

Savoury Roll Option - \$5.50

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|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheese & Bacon | <input type="checkbox"/> | Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheese & Pineapple | <input type="checkbox"/> | Apple Juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheesymite | <input type="checkbox"/> | Apple/Blackcurrant Juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Savoury Bite | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orange Juice |
| | (consists of a small roll, cocktail frankfurt, tomato sauce & cheese) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tropical Juice |

Eltham East Primary School



Special Lunch Order Day

Monday 28th February, 2022

(NB: payment required by Thursday 24th February, 2022(Cash Only)

Child's Name..... Grade.....Room.....

Payment of \$6.50 enclosed for lunch order of: an apple, fruit juice/water and pizza slice (please tick your selection below)

Please send cash only in a labelled envelope with child's name, class and room number.

Pizza Slice Option - \$6.50

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|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ham & Pineapple | <input type="checkbox"/> | Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Margherita | <input type="checkbox"/> | Apple Juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BBQ Bonanza | <input type="checkbox"/> | Apple/Blackcurrant Juice |
| | (consists of BBQ sauce, ham, bacon, mild salami & cheese) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orange Juice |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tropical Juice |

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