



Dates for your Calendar

(New items on the calendar will appear in italics)

March

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 Twilight Movie Night on the oval -7pm

Mon 28
Sushi Lunch

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

Camp Dates

Year 6 Camp Woorabinda
August—Mon 8—12
Year 5 Camp Kangarooobi
August -Mon 22—Fri 26
Year 4 Camp ADANAC
October—Mon 24—Wed 26
Year 3 Camp Candlebark
November—Mon 17—Tue 18
Year 2 Day Camp—YMCA
December—Wed 14th

Swimming Dates

Year 1
May
23rd to 27th
Year 2
May & June
30th to 3rd
Year 3&4
October
10th to 14th
Year 5&6
October
17th to 21st
Prep
October & November
Tue 11th, 18th, 25th

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



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REMINDER: Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
Friday 11th March

Dear parents and carers,

We had a very successful Year 2 Information Night for our Year 2 Strings Program last Thursday and a great turn out for our Choir auditions on Friday morning. Well done to those students who are putting their hands up to have a go at something new. Sometimes it does take courage to try something new or to take a learning risk.

Staff News

We wish Miss Hannah McIntyre all the best as she commences family leave tomorrow. Good luck Hannah and we look forward to welcoming you back for a visit with a baby in tow!

Belonging

Whilst the school is travelling along well a couple of recent small instances has led us to reflect on the value of 'belonging and connection'. This Friday we will undertake some additional work with our staff around this theme, as well as work with the Resilience Project. It is a human, innate need to feel connected and belong and this is something that constantly needs to be worked at, especially after the last two years of lockdowns. At assembly yesterday morning I said, 'You belong, each and every one of you - students, teachers and parents - this is our community, our team, Team Purple and Gold - remember that we support each other and we are connected'. It doesn't hurt to reinforce our 'place in space' from time to time.

150 Years of Public Education in Victoria

On Monday we received a letter from the Minister of Education, The Hon. James Merlino. Part of it is reproduced here;

This year marks the 150th anniversary of public education in Victoria – when Victoria made education free, secular and compulsory to all children aged 6-16 under the Education Act 1872. Around 600 schools opened across the state in the five years following the passing of the Education Act – setting Victoria up for its future as the Education State. Today the Victorian Government launched the anniversary at Melbourne's oldest continually-operating government school, Essendon Primary School, which opened in 1850. The milestone will be marked with a range of activities across the year designed to commemorate the past, celebrate the present and imagine the future of education in Victoria.

At EEPS, we are proud to have contributed to 59 out of the 150 years and play an important part of the Eltham community. Please feel free to visit vic.gov.au/150years for more important stories about the history of government schools in Victoria.

New sign off

Due to the very central nature of taking risks with our learning I have decided to change the way I finish assembly. I used to say, 'Do your best, Be your best self and be kind'. From this week it is, 'Be Brave, Be your best self and Be kind', in recognition that the very best learning occurs when we are forced to take risks and we all need courage to face new challenges.

This week the School Captains shared the following quote with us all at Assembly, 'Don't forget that it's progress not perfection'. Once again, something worthwhile to reflect on.

Have a great week and don't forget that this Friday is a Curriculum Day followed by the Labour Day holiday on Monday.

Learning and growing together

*Warren Lloyd
Principal*

*David Tyndall
Assistant Principal*

*Lisa Joseph
Leading Teacher*

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

Admin News

Compass Portal

School Photo Day – Thursday 31st March

MSP Photography will be at EEPS on **Thursday 31st March**. Please see details below of how to place an order.

The Department of Education require us to have permission to take your child's photo. Online payment or pre ordering does NOT give the required permission. Please consent to this event on Compass (events) NOW.

ELTHAM EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY Thursday 31st March 2022

Ordering Now Open!

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the 'Community' tab.

Place your order now to ensure our best pricing!

Family/Sibling Photos are available for students attending the school.
Family photos orders must be placed by 11.59PM the day before photo day.



Class Group Style



Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our Premium or Classic Packs.

To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day at family.nem@msp.com.au

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

9466 7331 | admin.nem@msp.com.au



Prep 2023 Enrolments

Prep 2023 enrolment packages are now available from the EEPS office and on the EEPS website

www.elthameastps.vic.edu.au

Parents seeking to enroll their child are asked to provide their child's birth certificate or passport, their School Immunisation Certificate, details of any relevant medical issues including asthma or anaphylaxis plans and any other information that may assist us in ensuring your child's transition to their new school is successful. We also ask that you bring a recent gas, electricity account or rental agreement showing your address.

School Enrolment Process

Every year we have a high demand for places at our school and we will continue to grow in 2023. For Prep—Year 6, we are accepting children where we are your closest school. The **Find my School website** is a single source provided by DET to visually present all school zones throughout Victoria and to make it easier to find your local neighbourhood school or other public school option.

We are accepting all enrolments from Tuesday 1st March until Friday 17th June. From 18th July, you will receive a letter confirming your place at our school.

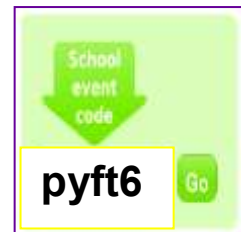
- Families for whom EEPS is the closest state primary school will have priority.
- If you already have a child at the school and we are **not** your closest school, please ensure that you enroll your child **before the closing date to secure your place.**

After this, remaining places will be given to families outside our area.

Book your Prep Transition sessions online

Go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions.

- 1. Music and Movement for Parents and Children:** Wednesday June 8th & Friday June 10th
- 2. Story Time for Parents and Children:** Wednesday July 20th & Friday July 22nd
- 3. Art Lesson for Children:** Wednesday August 24th & Friday August 26th



Orientation Program

Big Book Fun for Children: Upon receipt of enrolment form, we will book your child into this session at the school office or if you have emailed your enrolment, you will receive an email with booking date and time. Session dates are: Wednesday October 12th & Friday October 14th.

Classroom Visit for Children (1hr & 15min session): Wednesday November 2nd **OR** Friday November 4th
Orientation for Children (1 hr session): Tuesday December 6th.

You will be notified of your child's session via a Compass email later in term 4.

EEPS Twilight Movie Night

Friday 25th March, 2022



Pack a picnic dinner, rugs, beanbags and cushions to join us on the EEPS oval snuggled down in front of the big screen under the stars. Start arriving at 7.00 pm, the movie will start at dusk.



Popcorn, Icy Poles and some fantastic raffle prizes!



Please order tickets by Thursday 24th March.

\$10 per person for adults and school age children (capped at \$50 for a family).

Pre-schoolers free.

Please order your ticket/s via Compass – Course Confirmation/School Payments on Home Screen.

Please ensure to enter \$0.00 in the amount field for the item you **do not** want to order.

Enter amount for number of tickets required (\$10 = 1 ticket, \$20 - 2 tickets etc)

If you cannot attend, it is not necessary to update Compass.

Tickets will be sent home or can be picked up from the office from **Monday 21st March.**

As this is a social event the children will be the responsibility of their parents for the evening. **Children cannot attend unless their parent/guardian is attending.**

Please no glass at the event or chair legs on the synthetic turf

On the night we'd like people to start arriving at 7:00pm and we will commence the movie at dusk.

See you there!

COVID-19 vaccination information

Please remember that Department policy requires parents and carers and other adult visitors attending this event to show evidence of COVID-19 vaccination on arrival, or medical exemption. Thank you.

2022 Community Activities

Donations for Movie Night raffle

We are calling for donations, no matter how big or small for our fundraising raffle that will be held at the family movie night on Friday 25th March. In past years, local business have been a great support, however we are mindful of the effects COVID-19 has had on many of these business. We are happy to accept wine, new packaged toys, vouchers if you have a business or anything else you think would be suitable. Please contact Caroline Melocco if you can assist (carolinemelocco@outlook.com)

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

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.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 2 orders are due back to the school office or via LOOP online by **Thursday 17th March**.

Newsletter Advertising

We accept advertisements to be included in our newsletter from most areas of private industry, however it should be noted that Eltham East Primary School Council does not endorse any product or service advertised.



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Enquiries: Richard Rowe, Edendale Coordinator
Telephone: 9433 3231

28 February 2022

Celebrating the platypus in the Diamond Creek – drawing competition for primary school students

As part of our 'Celebrating the Platypus in the Diamond Creek' family event at Edendale Farm, we're running a drawing competition, with some great prizes up for grabs!

The event will be held on Saturday 26 March, 1.30pm-6.30pm.

Categories for the competition include:

- prep, grade 1 and 2
- grade 3 and 4, and
- grade 5 and 6.

We're looking for creative entries that convey one or more of the following messages relating to platypus conservation:

- Never leave rubbish around parks and waterways
- Throw out fishing line and don't leave it where you've been fishing
- Save the Diamond Creek platypus
- Keep your dog on a lead around the Diamond Creek
- Help plant habitat plants along the creek

Entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 18 March.

Entries can be:

- dropped off at Council's Civic Drive office in Greensborough,
- dropped off at Edendale Community Environment Farm,
- or posted to:

Richard Rowe
C/O Nillumbik Shire Council
PO Box 476
Greensborough VIC 3088

We have prizes available for three winners in each age group, which will be presented at **4pm** on the day of the event. **Winners will need to be present at the celebration day in order to receive their prize.**

Please include the entrant's name, suburb, school, and year level. Entries must have this information to be considered. Please also include a parent or carer's contact details (phone number and/or email).

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