



Dates for your Calendar

(New items on the calendar will appear in italics)

March

Tue 22
School Council Sub Committee Meeting 6:30pm
School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Thur 24
Last day to place Sushi Lunch order form

Fri 25
2022 National Ride to School Day
EEPS Twilight Movie Night on the oval -7pm

Mon 28
Sushi Lunch

April

School Photos

Thursday 31st March

Fri 1
School Cross Country—
Years 3 to 6
Prep Grandparents & Special Friends Day—9:10am to 10:45am

Tues 5
Harmony Day—Free Dress Day

Fri 8
Prep Rainbow Day
Last Day Term 1—
2:30pm dismissal

Tue 26
First day Term 2

May

Mon 16
Bakers Delight Lunch

Wed 18
District Cross Country

Camp Dates

Year 6 Camp Woorabinda
August—Mon 8—12

Year 5 Camp Kangaroo
August -Mon 22—Fri 26

Year 4 Camp ADANAC
October—Mon 24—Wed 26

Year 3 Camp Candlebark
November—Thu 17—Fri 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



Learning @ EEPS Newsletter: Term 1 Number 4— 22nd March, 2022



Dear parents and carers,

We wish our Regional swimmers all the best today and look forward to hearing how they went- good luck to Ryan A, Jamie D, Thomas H, Zephyr P, Laura M, Alannah B, Sara B.

Congratulations to Jamie R for her amazing efforts last weekend winning the State Track & Field Championships in the 100m, 200m & 400m.

Gardens for Wildlife

A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes over the last month to support and enhance biodiversity and habitat preservation for the Eltham Copper Butterfly. We have joined the Nillumbik Gardens for Wildlife and are excited about forthcoming developments as the year unfolds. Thank you to Shellie for her passion and drive in this area.



COVID Updates

Whilst we did have a slight spike in COVID-19 cases last weekend, which was common across the State, we have had relatively few positive cases, which is really positive for families and for the school. The Department has recently recommended that if a student tests positive through a RAT but doesn't have symptoms, or have not been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 then getting a PCR test within 48 hours is a good idea. I know many families have already been doing this. Also, just a reminder that all parent helpers need to have 3 doses of COVID-19 to comply with DET requirements. If you are intending to be a parent helper, and haven't done so, then please show evidence of this to the school office.

Student Leadership

We were able to announce our 2022 Year 6 student EEPS Peer Support leaders at Assembly yesterday morning. Well done to the following students; 6B-Dahlia T, James, G, Alannah B, Laura M, Laura M, Xavier W, Amelia H, 6C- Ruan, Lucy B, Brianna L, Francesca E, Jess A, Ava P, Nella B, Tynan W, 6NC-Jack B, Cassie F, Alissar G, Keira H, Daisy C, Annika G, Abigail F, Nate S, 5/6 V- Tom P, Sophiane CD, Ben F and Priya TS. We look forward to training our new Peer Support leaders ready for Term 2. Next week we will present the JSC badges to our new Year 3-5 JSC Representatives.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Last week we had a special, whole-school activity to mark and acknowledge the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This is what we posted on our Facebook page;

At EEPS the message of 'Be Kind' is an entrenched part of the way we operate as a school. Today, for the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence we came together as a school community to create a very powerful message on our oval. Whilst it was a fun and engaging activity for us to do we reflected on our purpose and the main message- everyone doing their bit to expand our 'kindness culture'. Today, above all days, is the perfect day for Mr Lloyd's saying of, 'Be brave, Be your best self and be kind'. Spread the word- the world could never have enough of, 'Be Kind Together'.

Cultural Diversity Week

This week is Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day today. During this week all classes will be acknowledging and celebrating our cultural diversity. As educators we always like to distil the essence of important messages to the core. At Assembly yesterday I reminded everyone that we all laugh and cry in the same language. We are encouraging all our school community

members to look for similarities and common links between us- the shared bonds of humanity. To celebrate cultural diversity we will be having a special JSC free-dress day / fundraiser on Tuesday 5th April. More details will be coming over the next week.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget to buy your ticket for our 2022 movie night this Friday. Also, don't forget some gold coins for the icy poles, popcorn and raffle tickets. It is going to be a lot of fun. We have some great raffle prizes to offer. Also on Friday we have our first Ride or Walk to School morning. EEPS has a long history of actively supporting and promoting active travel. We encourage as many of our students and families to safely walk or ride to school on Friday. As the Sustainability Leader's said in assembly on Monday, 'The environment will thank you for it'.

Parents as Role models

I have written before reminding parents and carers that safety is the number one foundation stone at EEPS. This extends to road and pedestrian safety for drop-offs and pick-ups. The vast majority of parents are thoughtful and considerate for the safety of others around the school crossings, and as a school we thank you for that. For those parents, who for reasons of being pushed for time, are compromising the safety of our own community members I would ask you to reflect upon the following quote;

'Parents are the ultimate role models for children. Every word, movement and action has an effect. No other person or outside force has a greater influence on a child than the parent.'

The last word from our School Captains, Tom and Greta, 'Don't stand by! Stand up, stand strong, stand together.'



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



EEPS Cross Country - Friday 1st April: Years 3 to 6

The Eltham East Primary School Cross Country will be held on **Friday, 1st April** for all students in **Years 3 to 6**, beginning at 1:50pm and finishing at approximately 3pm.

This year students will run a **NEW** course around the outskirts of the school. They will exit at the back of the school and run up Luck Street, Linear Reserve (between Hartland and Grove Street) and enter back into the school through the main entrance on Grove Street.

Consent for this event is covered by our **local excursion permission**. **Please ensure you have completed this permission on Compass to enable your child to compete.**

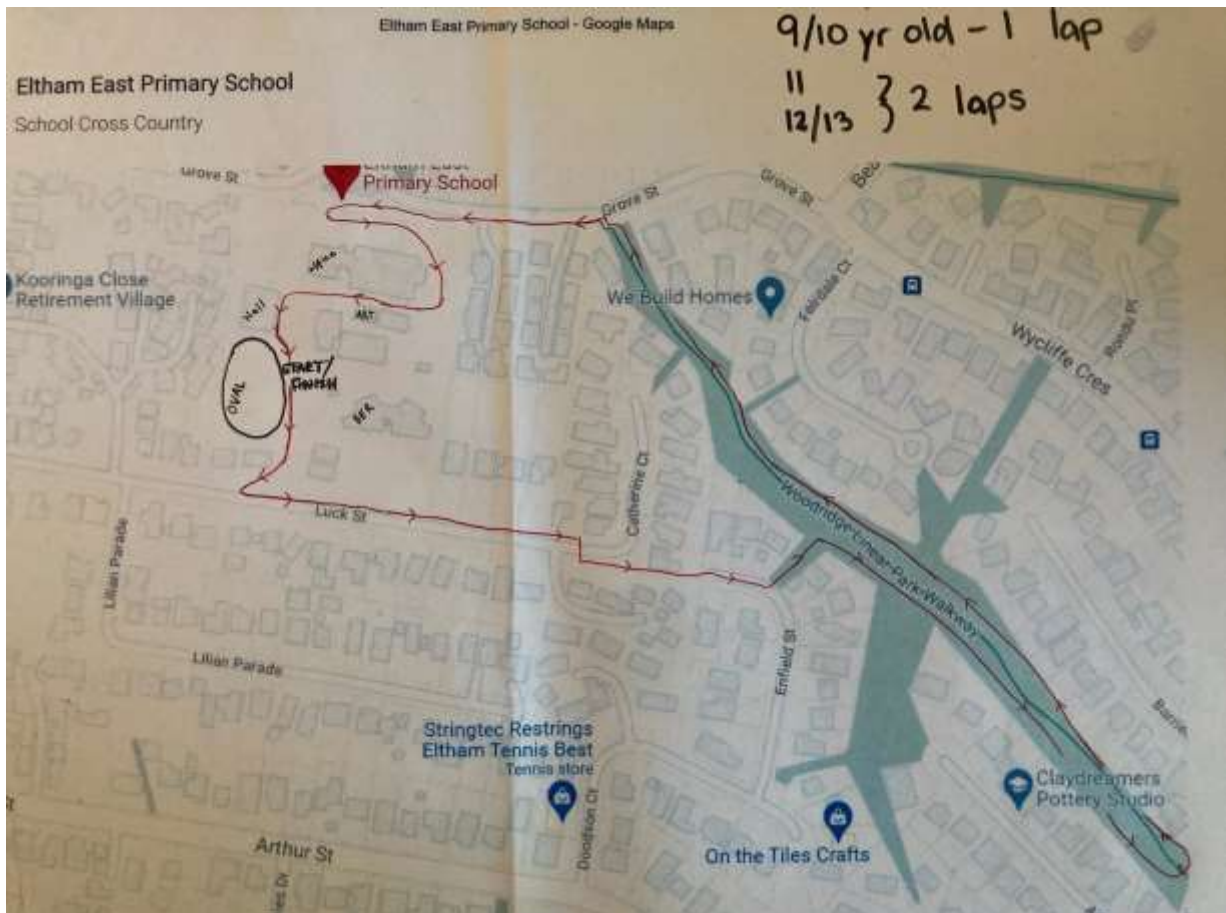
Students will be reminded to apply sunscreen, ensure that they are well hydrated prior to the start of the event, dress accordingly (school uniform) and have their asthma puffer with them if applicable.

To ensure the smooth running of this event and increase student safety, we require parent helpers to cover various checkpoints and record the finishing places of the top eight runners in each age group and we would appreciate your assistance. To assist you must have completed the Parent Helper Course, hold a current Working with Children Check and provide evidence of triple vaccination status or proof of medical exemption.

Please contact Lyndal Wilmot (lyndal.wilmot@education.vic.gov.au) if you are able to assist on the day. All those helping on the day will need to be available to meet at the Hall at 1:30pm.

Kind regards,

Lyndal Wilmot
Physical Education



Friday March 25th

is Ride/Walk to School Day. We invite all parents/carers and students to participate in this fun and healthy event.

You could ride a bike or scooter or walk to school. If you have a friend that lives nearby you might like to walk together. Student leaders and teachers will be greeting walkers and riders as they come into school.



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)

Movie Night Tickets

Movie Night Tickets purchased via Compass **will be sent home with your children from Wednesday 23rd March.** Ticket orders will close via Compass on Thursday 24th March at 4pm. If you did not receive your tickets, please email anna.strebinos@education.vic.gov.au or ring the office on 9439 9793.

If you cannot attend this event, you do not need to update Compass.

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.

TERM 1

MARCH 2022

Garden News

A garden is a wonderful teacher



Searching for insects

We have been enjoying learning about insects in the garden. Praying mantids are very hard to find as they camouflage well. They will change colour to suit their environment as you can see in the photos below.

Praying mantids are predators of the garden, eating other insects.

They lay their eggs within a protective case called an ootheca - we will be looking out for these and any hatchlings.

Artichokes

Artichokes are starting to flower and will be ready to harvest after the April holidays.



Apple Cucumber
Our Apple cucumbers are growing well, we are watching them turn from flowers.....



... to fruits.

Students have describe them as "a bit like a normal cucumber, but with less flavour"





Sushi Lunch – Monday 28th March, 2022

(Orders close on Thursday 24th March)

From Maki Sushi

4 delicious varieties to
choose from:

- Tuna (cooked tuna with mayo & cucumber)
- Chicken (chicken teriyaki & lettuce)
- Prawn roll (cooked prawn, cucumber & mayo)
- Vegetarian (avocado, cucumber and carrot)

Orders need to be placed by Thursday 24th March . No late orders will be accepted.

Correct money please. CASH ONLY

Please use a separate order per child, extra forms available at the office

The soy sauce provided contains gluten

Please note: due to the number of orders we can only offer one flavor per box – all flavors come as standard – we are unable to provide special requests.

The cost for **2 sushi rolls** in a box with soy sauce is **\$6.50**

The cost for **1 sushi roll** in a box with soy sauce is **\$3.50**

(Please note: change of price).

EEPS Sushi lunch payment slip
 (Lunch order date: Monday 28th March)
 Please return this slip by Thursday 24th March with your payment in an envelope.
 (No late orders will be accepted).

Cash Only

First name: _____

Surname : _____

Class: _____

Tuna 2 rolls or 1roll

Chicken 2 rolls or 1roll

Prawn 2 rolls or 1 roll

Vegetarian 2 rolls or 1 roll

Food Allergy Alert

Please tick the box if your child has an allergy relevant to the above ingredients.

Total Amount: _____ (Cash only)

Please note: one flavour per box

1 box with 2 rolls is \$6.50. 1 box with 1 roll is \$3.50 Each order comes with 1 soy sauce.

Enjoy your **MakiSushi!**

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LOCATION: RESEARCH TENNIS CLUB

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
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WEB: WWW.TOPLINETENNIS.COM
EMAIL: INFO@TOPLINETENNIS.COM

TOPLINE TENNIS ANZ & HOT SHOTS

The advertisement features a vibrant blue and yellow background with a top photograph of three children holding tennis rackets. A large speech bubble contains the main title and location. A cloud-shaped callout box highlights the specialization in beginner lessons. The central text block details a special offer. Two smaller inset photos show children in action on a tennis court. The bottom section includes contact information and logos for Topline Tennis and ANZ & Hot Shots.

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Eltham Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to our

EASTER EGG HUNT

SAT 9TH APRIL - 10AM - 2PM

Collect your map at Organic Fox. Find the hidden Easter Egg in shop windows and when you have found them, write the name of the shops in which they appear. When you have found all the hidden eggs, return this sheet to Kids of Eltham to receive your free Easter treat. (one treat per child per completed sheet)

@ElthamTown1668 @eltham_town






FOOTY IS BACK

Research Junior Football Club is looking for new players for its Under 9's and 10's

REGISTRATION SPECIAL OFFER HAS BEEN EXTENDED*

***2 for 1 REGISTRATION DEAL - ALL U9'S & 10'S JOIN WITH A FRIEND & REGISTER BEFORE ROUND 1 (3rd APRIL), GET ONE FREE**

and a free pair of footy shorts & Auskick registration each!

esquirec-secretary@researchjuniorfc.com.au or 0418 862 103

www.researchjuniorfc.com.au

*Offer ends 3 April 2022 - excludes NFL & Magic levels; payable as a rebate




EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

Book now 9433 3744 or online

Eltham
Yoga for Kids
 12 & 19 Apr 9.30am - 10.15am \$24
Yoga for Teens
 12 & 19 Apr 10.30am - 11.30am \$24
Easter Craft
 11 Apr 10am - 12pm \$35

Diamond Creek
Drama for Kids
 20 Apr 9.30am - 12pm \$25

Diamond Creek
Nature Journaling
 21 Apr 11am - 12.30pm \$25

Panton Hill
Easter Craft (7 - 12 years)
 12 Apr 10am - 12pm \$35
Bush Magic
 11 Apr 10am - 11am \$16




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