

Calendar

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April

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 **Tue 17** School Council Meeting School Council Sub Committee Meeting 6:30pm School Council Meeting

Wed 18 District Cross Country EEPS OPEN DAY

Camp Dates

Year 6 Camp Woorabinda August—Mon 8—12 Year 5 Camp Kangaroobi 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 Learning @ EEPS Newsletter: Term 1 Number 5—5th April, 2022



REMINDER: Last day of Term 1— Friday 8th April — 2.30 dismissal

EEPS resumes Tuesday 26th April

Dear parents and carers,

We are nearly there! I would like to extend an enormous 'thank you' for everyone involved in the EEPS school community this term. To all our families, students and staff, I say 'thank you'. Whilst this has been the first full term of onsite learning since the end of 2019, I know that the ever-present COVID environment continues to present great challenges. Whilst it appears that we have returned to 'business as usual' we certainly recognise the additional social and emotional needs of our school community. In this respect, Term 1, 2022 has been quite unusual.

Report Forum- This evening at 7.00 pm via WebEx

Please remember that we have a Parent Forum this evening seeking feedback on our written students reports. If you are interested in joining here is the link; https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/tyndall.david.m

Uniform Policy Update

At Eltham East wearing correct school uniform is one element of helping to develop and maintain school pride. Thank you to those families who have supported our last call out for hat wearing, with lots of shiny new hats at school (just in time for 'hats away' in May!) I did speak to the students yesterday at assembly and asked them to have a good look at home over the holidays to ensure that they have an EEPS hoodie or bomber jacket for the cooler weather. Last term School Council passed a slightly updated uniform policy, as is their job every year. Please see the following excerpt-

Commemorative Tops and Hoodies

Each year, students in Year 6 are invited to purchase a commemorative top and or hoodie. These items are exclusively for the current students in Year 6 to wear during their final year of primary school. Commemorative tops and or hoodies will not be available for purchase as second-hand uniform items, nor can they be worn by students in other year levels.

To help families there will be a one term transition period, allowing a complete term (Term 2) for affected families to purchase new garments through the uniform shop or to source a second-hand article of clothing. In relation to shorts- please remember that the EEPS black shorts with the school logo are the preferred item, any plain black shorts are acceptable. We politely and respectfully ask that the Eltham Panthers or Wildcats shorts are kept for the purpose of outside sporting training and events and not as substitute school shorts. Please see the new school uniform policy on our EEPS website for your reference.

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Planning for next Term

Our teachers have been busy planning for Term 2. Even with the significant shortage of replacement staff we have been able to provide planning days for our teams of teachers. They have been absolutely invaluable, and I know valued by our committed and dedicated teachers. This afternoon our staff eagerly await our quarterly 'Connect and Reflect' Professional Learning session where our teams present their progress and learning for their Professional Learning Community inquiry cycles during this term.



Movie Night

What a great night we had watching *Sing 2* recently. We are very pleased to report that we raised over \$4000 from the night. We will put this money to very good use as part of our grounds developments later this year. Thank you again to everyone involved.

Mobile Phone policy

Just a reminder that EEPS has a comprehensive Mobile Phone policy, in line with the Department's centralised policy. It is important to remind all families that the mobile policy refers to 'mobile phones and any other personal device with access to a telecommunication system, with or without a physical connection to a network'. This includes watch devices / phones on watches. We would like to remind all families that <u>all</u> mobile devices, including interactive watches, are to be kept securely in bags once children are onsite and not used again until the end of the day once children have left the school grounds. If parents need to make contact with students during the day, then the usual process of calling the office and leaving a message for them is available.

COVID school settings Term 2

We haven't received any further updates from the Department in regard to COVID settings for Term 2. As you know RAT tests have been recommended twice weekly for students, this term in addition to face masks for Year 3-6 students. We will communicate any changes to families as they become available.

Science Talent Search

We are very excited to be involved in the annual Science Talent Search again this year. Please look out for further information in the Newsletter. Thank you to Mr Taburet and Miss Coney for providing this opportunity for EEPS students.

Staff Update

We would like to warmly welcome Ms Romy Magdis to EEPS for a part-time support role for the remainder of 2022. Romy comes to us with a great deal of experience in a number of schools, most recently at Rangeview Primary School in Mitcham.

ANZAC Day

As you will be aware ANZAC day falls on the last day of the Easter holiday break. Due to the timing this year we will not hold our traditional ANZAC Day commemoration in the usual format. Instead, some of our Student Leaders will represent EEPS at the Eltham Dawn Service on Monday 25th April and we will hold a short acknowledgement through our PA system on the first day of Term 2.

Mental Health Services and Support

Whilst we know that 'reaching out' to a friend or colleague is always a very proactive strategy for health and wellbeing, sometimes extra supports are needed. We have attached a Mental Health Services and Support' page if this is any help at any stage.

In the words of our Student Leaders, "Your attitude determines your direction".

Thank you again and I hope that you can have a rest over the holidays with your family.

Learning and growing together

Warren Lloyd Principal David Tyndall Assistant Principal

Lisa Joseph Leading Teacher

Science Talent Search

Dear Parents and Carers,

Science Talent Search **Optional** Learning Challenge

Eltham East places a strong emphasis on the teaching of science. To further build children's understandings of science, Prep to Year 6 students are being invited to complete an entry for the statewide, 'Science Talent Search' as part of optional learning activities.

The theme for this year's Science Talent Search is 'Glass: More than meets the eye.'

The children have a choice of working on one of the following three projects:

- a creative writing piece
- a poster
- an experimental research project

All entries for the official Science Talent Search competition must follow the competition guidelines (see attached). *First drafts are due Week 3 Term 2 and final projects are due in Week 7 Term 2.* This will give children an opportunity to clarify their ideas with teachers if needed.

The school is not able to send all projects to the statewide level as entries are subject to a strict quota. School level projects will be judged by Eltham East teachers according to the guidelines.

Our school Science Talent Search Coordinators are Valentin Taburet and Sarah Coney.

Parents may need to guide and help students with the choice and direction of their activity; however, the work completed is to be the own student's work and will be judged according to strict guidelines. We will have check in sessions for students and teachers to ensure the projects are on the right track.

For more information, visit the STS website.http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/index.html

Thank you and we are looking forward to showcasing our great scientific talent.

Thanks,

Valentin Taburet and Sarah Coney



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

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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.

2022 Community Activities

ANZAC DAY BADGES

The EEPS Student Leadership team have a selection of badges that will be for sale from the BER building at lunch eating time. The cost of the badges range from \$2 to \$5.



PJS, SOCKS, SINGLETS & JOCKS CAMPAIGN

We are asking our school community to purchase new packets of underwear, socks and pyjamas for children sizes 2 to 16 (kids). All items donated go to families in our immediate community who are struggling with hardship, albeit financial, homelessness, single parent families etc. to ease their burden. Through a wide number of outreach services, Big Group Hug happily supply those in need with these bare necessities.

Please drop off these items in the foyer of the office until Monday 9th May.

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 LunchMonday 16th MayOrder form need to be at the school office by Thursday 12th MaySushi LunchMonday 20th JuneOrder form need to be at the school office by Thursday 16th JuneBakers Delight LunchMonday 25th JulyOrder form need to be at the school office by Thursday 22nd July

Icypole sales

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

Uniform Shop—closed until Wednesday 27th April

The uniform shop will be closed until Wednesday 27th April.

You can place an order online and it will be sent home with your child this week.



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Garden News

We may think that we are nurturing our garden, but of course it is the garden that is nurturing us



Gardens for Wildlife

EEPS have joined the Nillumbik Gardens for Wildlife Program. We have had the Garden Guides visit and do a report on ways that we can improve our habitats around the school to encourage more wildlife such as birds and butterflies. This includes planting, removing weeds and pruning.

You can find out more about Gardens for Wildlife and how to become involved here: Nillumbik Gardens for Wildlife

Tubes wanted

As a part of this, students are involved in identifying, and propagating suitable plants from cuttings and seed. For this we will need more tubes (as in the photos below) if anyone has some to donate, that would be wonderful. They can be left at the office or at the garden. Thank you.







What to plant in April:

Carrot

Broccoli

Cabbage

Celery

Kale

Lettuce

Peas

Radish

Silverbeet

Snowpeas

Spinach



Tomatoes are still ripening...

Eltham East Primary School



Special Lunch Order Day Monday 16th May, 2022

(NB: payment required by Thursday 12th May, 2022(Cash Only)

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Thursday 28 April





Open Morning

Tours commence at 9.15am

Information Evening

Presentation commencing at 7pm

For all details see www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au

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Weekly tours available commencing at 9.30am

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