



## Dates for your Calendar

(New items on the calendar will appear in italics)

### March

#### School Photos

Thursday 31st March

### April

#### Fri 1

School Cross Country—Year 3 to 6

Prep Grandparents & Special Friends Day—9:10am to 10:45am

#### Tue 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 7:15pm

#### Wed 18

District Cross Country

### Swimming Dates

#### Year 1

May  
23rd—27th

#### Year 2

May & June  
30th—3rd

#### Year 3&4

October  
10th—14th

#### Year 5&6

October  
17th - 21st

#### Prep

October & November

Tue 11th, 18th, 25th  
8th, 15th & 22nd

### 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—Thu 17—Fri 18

Year 2 Day Camp—YMCA  
December—Wed 14th

### EEPS UNI-FORM SHOP

Open every  
Monday & Wednesday



## Newsletter: Term 1 No: 5 29th March, 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We had a very active week last week and this week is shaping up the same way! Well done to all our Regional swimmers last week and congratulations to our Year 6 girls relay team who are off to State. What a great effort.

### Movie Night

What a busy day we had on Friday- Ride to School in the morning and then in the evening we had with the EEPS Movie Night! It was a tremendous celebration of our community connecting socially again. We had a lot of fun and it was wonderful to see so many people present. Thank you to Caroline M for organising the raffle and to our lovely band of teachers ably led by Mrs Vescio on the popcorn machine! Thank you also to the parents who were able to help in various ways. We will give an update next week on the amount of money raised from the night to go towards our future grounds redevelopment projects.

### Parent Forum- Written student reports

As part of our ongoing process of improving our practices we are reviewing our student reports that traditionally go home to parents in Term 2 and Term 4. We are seeking feedback from teachers, students and parents. To provide parents and carers with an opportunity to put forward their views, we are holding a Webex Parent Forum next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm. We will send the Webex link prior to the meeting.

### Junior School Council

Congratulations to the 2022 Year 3-5 JSC Representatives.

**Year 3:** Evie R, Claire Z, Kitty M and Neve M

**Year 4:** Tristan B, Ella W, Caden T and Harper M

**Year 5:** Mila G-H, Myles B, Olivia M and Chester P

It was wonderful to present their badges yesterday at assembly and we look forward to their contributions this year.

### School Photos

A reminder that the 2022 school photos will be taken this Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Please ensure that you have given permission on Compass, and ordered photos if you would like them. We know that some people will be isolating, including teachers, and will not be able to attend. We are attempting to organise with the photographers to come back later in the year to take additional portrait photos as required, especially for our Year 6 students. We understand that missing photo day is very disappointing for many children and adults, but it is just one of those things this year.

### COVID Screening Update and RATs

An additional update from the Department;

*Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake screening (RAT tests) for 8 weeks. This was previously 30 days.*

Please also remember that we do have a supply of RATs for all students to test twice weekly until at least the end of term. We will provide further guidance on the recommendations for Term 2 when it becomes available.

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**A good blend- the right model**

Last week Mrs Joseph and Mr Lloyd attended an Education Summit in the city. From time to time it is always good for school leaders to hear from different experts on a variety of topics. As part of the day there were a couple of panel discussions, both slightly controversial in nature. One was titled 'The Reading Wars' and the other one 'The Maths Dilemma'. Both were debating the 'explicit instruction' versus 'inquiry learning' approach. 'The Reading Wars' debate was keen to promote 'explicit phonics instruction' versus a 'whole language approach'. In 'The Maths Dilemma' it was promoting a 'explicit instruction' versus 'learning maths through investigation'. At EEPS we know that the best approach is one that combines all elements to provide balanced instruction for the children. It isn't a 'one or the other' way of teaching and learning for us.

**Kids Hope**

Following approval from School Council last week the school will be forming a partnership with Kids Hope. This will provide another aspect of social and emotional support in the form of regular mentoring for a small number of children throughout the school. We are excited to be able to provide this additional layer to our wellbeing supports throughout the school.

We greatly look forward to welcoming Prep grandparents and special friends on Friday for the Preps and to our EEPS Cross Country in the afternoon.

To finish from our School Captains, "There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs".

Have a great week.

## *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](mailto:family.nem@msp.com.au)

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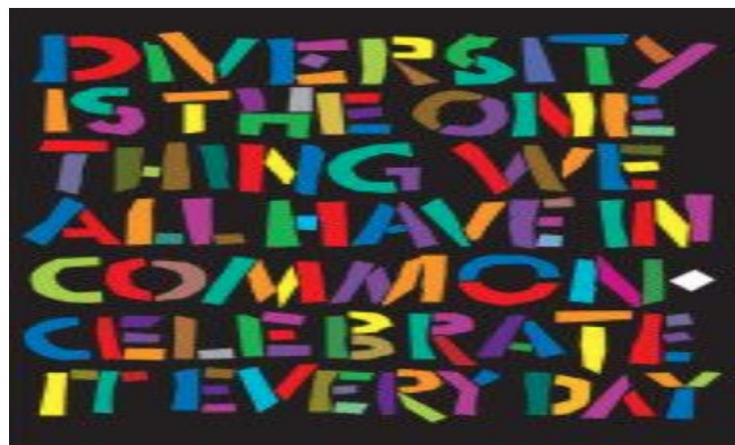




# Diversity Matters

*Together, at EEPS, we are AWESOME!  
You are invited to celebrate your uniqueness on  
Tuesday April 5.*

*You are welcome to express your individuality  
with the clothes you wear, the way you wear  
your hair or by wearing a hat or beanie. You can  
wear your favourite sporting uniform or any  
aspect of your identity or cultural background  
that makes you, YOU!*



*Please bring a GOLD coin donation so that we can continue to  
support our World Vision Sponsor child.*

*Please remember to be Sunsmart and wear enclosed shoes.*

# Active April



This Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> and next Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> Mrs Hallam will be on the oval from 8:40am with skipping ropes before school. Students and parents from all year levels are invited to come and start the day with a skip. Get active during April!

## Science Talent Search

Dear Parents,

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's to Year 6 students are being invited to complete an entry for the statewide, 'Science Talent Search' as part of optional learning activities.

Over the ten years that we have been running the Science Talent Search we have seen an impressive variety of work produced and submitted by our students. This has resulted in many major cash bursaries, minor bursaries and certificates of merit. 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 three following projects: a creative writing piece, a poster or an experimental research project. If you want the opportunity for your child's entry to be considered for the official Science Talent Search competition you must follow the guidelines. The guidelines will be attached to the newsletter next week.

**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.

Discuss all entries with our Science Talent Search Coordinators:

**Valentin Taburet and Sarah Coney.**

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.

There will be more information to come in the following weeks and 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.*

*Prep to 6 teachers.*

*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](http://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.

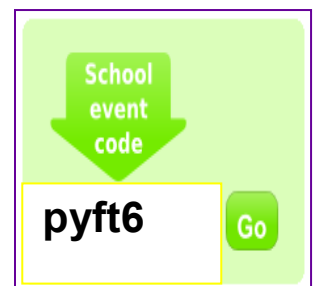
- Families for whom EEPS is the closest state primary school will have priority.
- If you already have a child at the school and we are **not** your closest school, please ensure that you enroll your child **before the closing date to secure your place.**

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

## Book your Prep Transition sessions online

Go to: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://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.

## 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.



### 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 the order form and envelope and place lunch order form and cash into envelope.***

***Last day to place a lunch order is the Thursday before. Late orders will not be accepted.***

#### Lunch Order dates for 2022

Bakers Delight Lunch	Monday 16th May	Order form need to be at the school office by Thursday 12th May
Sushi Lunch	Monday 20th June	Order form need to be at the school office by Thursday 16th June
Bakers Delight Lunch	Monday 25th July	Order 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.

## PJS, SOCKS, SINGLETS & JOCKS CAMPAIGN HELPS US WITH MAKING WARM & HAPPY KIDS & TOTS!

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.

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will not be open on Wednesday 30th March.

You can place an order online please go to EEPS website, located under "Uniform" and it will be ready to pick up from the school office.

It will re open on Monday 4th April.



## 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's School Council does not endorse any product or service advertised.



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## Hots Shots & Junior Coaching Term 2

### Eltham Tennis Club New Coaching Team Has Arrived!

#### Register Today:

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## Newsletter Advertising—Community Notices

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### Would your 5 to 10 year old like to learn netball?

Come and join our NetSetGo starter program 4.30pm Thursdays, 28 April to 9 June, on the outdoor courts at Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre in Templestowe



\$110 registration includes NetSetGo pack, insurance and a Panthers coach

## FOR INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

[www.panthersjuniornetballclub/net-set-go](http://www.panthersjuniornetballclub/net-set-go)



Come and meet our dedicated educators and explore the beautiful, natural surrounds of Eltham Woods Pre School at our

## Family Open Day

10am - 12pm  
Saturday, 7th May

3 & 4 Year Old Programs

Full Day 4 Year Old Programs

Extended Care Option Available

At Eltham Woods, we believe that each child is a unique learner, who contributes their own individual skills, knowledge and abilities. Our educators and families work together as a community to foster our children's learning and development.

SOA Frank Street, Eltham

For more information, please call (03) 7019 8193  
[elthamwoods.kindergarten.vic.gov.au](http://elthamwoods.kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

## Grandparents Morning Tea

Join us for morning tea, meet other grandparents and share your experiences.



**Grandparents living in or connected to Nillumbik are invited to join us for our Grandparents Morning Tea.**

The Grandparents Morning Tea are free events that provides an opportunity for local grandparents to come together, hear from each other and share their experiences of being a grandparent.

- Wednesday 20 April 2022, 10am – 12pm at Eltham Library Community Room
- Tuesday 26 April 2022, 10am – 12pm at Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre
- Thursday 5 May 2022, 10am -12pm at Hurstbridge Community Hub

Morning tea is provided. Please let us know if you have dietary requirements.

Together with **Grandparents Victoria**, Council hopes to connect with and hear from as many residents who are grandparents about the experiences and supports that they may need.

For more information or to register to attend, visit [nillumbik.vic.edu.au/parenting-series](http://nillumbik.vic.edu.au/parenting-series) or contact Positive Ageing Officer on 9433 3345 or [positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au).









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