



Dates for your Calendar

(New items on the calendar will appear in italics)

April

Tue 26
First Day Term 2
Year 6 to 7 Transition to Secondary School for 2023 application forms sent home

May

Tue 10–Fri 20
Year 3 & 5 Naplan
Fri 13
Year 6 to 7 Application forms due back to EEPS

Mon 16
Bakers Delight Lunch
Tue 17
School Council Sub Committee Meeting 6:30pm
School Council Meeting 7:15pm

Wed 18
District Cross Country

Wed 25
EEPS OPEN DAY

June

Wed 8
Prep 2023 Transition—Music and Movement for Parents and Children

Fri 10
Curriculum Day—Student Free Day

Mon 13
Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tue 14
School Council Sub Committee Meeting 6:30pm
School Council Meeting 7:15pm

Wed 15
Year 3 to 6 House Athletics

Fri 17
Prep 2023 Transition—Music and Movement for Parents and Children

Mon 20
Sushi Lunch

Wed 22
Reports available via Compass

Fri 24
*Last day Term 2—2:30pm dismissal
Prep Long Ago Day*

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

Newsletter: Term 2 No: 6 26th April, 2022



Dear parents and carers,

Eltham East Child Safe Statement of Commitment

Eltham East Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is always our primary focus of our care and decision-making and we have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope that everyone had some sort of a break over the holidays and could spend time together as a family. After three attempts over the last 2 years my family and I could finally get to Central Australia, which was a lovely escape from the challenges of Term 1. A highlight must be the 4.30 am wake ups to beat the heat of the day!

Holiday Maintenance

Thank you to Mr Tyndall for co-ordinating a lot of maintenance jobs over the recent break. As part of the ongoing school facilities improvement we have replaced the OSHC / lower hall awning as there were a few OHS concerns with the existing, aging structure.

ANZAC Day

Thank you to the EEPS students who attended the Eltham Dawn Service yesterday morning. Besides placing a lovely wreath at the Cenotaph, it is always an honour for EEPS students to place flags around the memorial representing each of the local soldiers who died during the first world war. Thank you to our Student Leaders who sold a great deal of badges and pins at the end of last term. Today we are having a short, whole-school commemorative service.



Curriculum Day- Friday 10th June

School Council have approved a Curriculum Day on Friday 10th June 2022. This is the Friday before the Queen's Birthday weekend. This day will be used for teachers to plan and prepare for Term 3 as a whole school Professional Practice Day. Please make a note in your diaries/ calendars of this day. We will be offering an OSHC care day on this date.



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Traffic Safety

Late last term the following email was received from a concerned neighbour and ex-EEPS parent;

As an ex-Eltham East student's parent, I wanted to voice my concerns regarding scooter safety and your students. I live on Frank Street, and often see EEPS students on their scooters flying down the hill on the road. This morning, when I was driving up Frank Street, there was 3 boys in their house-colours riding three-abreast coming down the hill on the opposite side of the road (taking up the entire lane). I know historically, that you haven't been able to do much about people's concerns for your students regarding bikes and scooters, but I have personally known of three boys who have been killed on bikes by a car, so I think it's important to flag it with you (as it's not a once-of event on my road). They also tend to come flying down Frank St on their bikes and take the corner wide onto Delmuir Close, cutting onto the opposite lane and heading towards any potential traffic coming the other way.

Let's all take heed of this sombre story as we start off a new term together.

COVID-19 update / changes

For those who haven't had a chance to read the Compass Newsfeed from yesterday here is a repeat of this key information.

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful break over the school holidays. I know that that most families were greatly looking forward to a rest and / or change of pace!

As I am sure you have heard the Victorian Government has announced some important changes to COVIDSafe measures for schools that will apply from the start of Term 2. These are outlined below.

Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Screening requirements

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts and Positive student cases

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. However, parents and carers are still required to notify the school that their child/ren are household contacts.

Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption.

If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days. If this occurs then please complete the Student COVID-19 [COVID Test Portal](#).

Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

RAT screening program reminder

RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school.

The testing recommendations will remain the same this Term for students and staff with:

- *mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week*

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

If you have any concerns about getting your child vaccinated, please get in contact with your GP or another health professional who can answer your questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school safe.

I look forward to commencing Term 2 together tomorrow with you all.

*Warren Lloyd
Principal*

We hope everyone has a great start to the term.

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*

Admin News

Compass Portal

Absences including Family Holidays

Parents need to approve any absences on Compass. If your child is, or will be, absent for three or more consecutive days, please contact the school office. The Compass administration system provides convenient online notification to streamline this process.

The DET policy for family holidays is followed at EEPS. To have an approved absence for a holiday 7 days notice must be given and a Student Learning Plan given. You may find more information at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/attendance.aspx>

In general, it is expected that principals would excuse absences for:

- medical and dental appointments, where out of hours appointments are not possible or not appropriate
- bereavement or attendance at the funeral of a relative or friend of the student, including a student required to attend Sorry Business
- school refusal, if a plan is in place with the parent to address causes
- cultural observance, if the parent notifies the school in advance
- family holidays, where the parent notifies the school in advance (7 days' notice must be given) and the student completes any Student Absence Learning Plan agreed by the school, student and parent.

In general, principals would not be expected to excuse absences, where:

- approval had not been sought in advance or in accordance with school policy
 - the student was absent due to participating in leisure or social activities without approval
 - the conditions of approval have not been met (e.g. Student Absence Learning Plan for a family holiday not completed)
- the parent has provided no explanation for the absences.

Early Dismissal and Late Arrivals

Please approve on **Compass** to collect your child from school before the normal dismissal time of 3.30 pm.

Parents are asked to sign for **Late Arrival/Collection into the Compass Kiosk at the general office** when a *Student Collection Pass / Late Pass* will be issued to present to your child's classroom or specialist teacher. If your child is returning to school please sign into the **Student Late Arrival/Collection Compass Kiosk** at the office when he/she returns. Children must be collected from the classroom.

Students are not permitted to leave the school unaccompanied, or to meet parents at school boundaries other than at dismissal times.

If students leave school early due to illness, parents are to complete the **Student Late Arrival/Collection into the Compass Kiosk** at the office when leaving.



Message from first aid

Important - Children with Allergies

We need to alert all members of our school community that we have several children enrolled in our school with serious food allergies. In each level we have children who have life threatening allergies.

We ask that you avoid sending nuts or nut products such as peanut butter or Nutella in your child's lunch. This would be greatly appreciated.

Exposure to any residue of these products may bring on an anaphylactic reaction to a child and have extremely serious consequences.

In line with our normal practices we will also be reminding all children not to share or trade food as an additional measure to help prevent accidental exposure to children with food allergies.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

If an ambulance needs to be called

The responsibility to call an ambulance lies with the staff member present, exercising duty of care. Parents need to clearly understand that the cost of ambulance transport will **not** be borne by the school. The school does not have insurance to cover costs associated with injuries to students. Student accident insurance is available from some commercial insurers.

Private health insurance may cover ambulance transport but each family needs to check the details of their own cover if they have any. Families can also take out ambulance cover through the Metropolitan Ambulance Service.

Home time messages

We understand that from time to time you may need to ring the office to change pick up arrangements for your child/ children. If you do need to ring (**Pease do not send an email**) the office to change arrangements please try to do so before 3:15pm. We have a process for children receiving messages while at school.

- The message will be taken on duplicate paper.
- At 3:20pm a message goes out over the PA to call all children (by name) with messages to come to the office with their bag.
- Children are given the message verbally.
- Children wait at office until 3:30pm bell.
- As always, the emergency procedure for any child not picked up by 3:45pm is to go to the office. Please remind your children of this.

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Car Parking

The car park inside the school grounds is for staff cars only.

Parents collecting or dropping off children by car should park with careful regard to the safety of children and the free movement of traffic, either:

- On the north side of Luck Street
- Along both sides of Grove Street where permitted
- The small Grove Street car park is only available for parking during the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm. The gates will open at 4.00pm for after school care pick up.



We ask parents to exercise absolute care in these restricted parking areas. The signage and designation of car parking on the surrounding roads is under the jurisdiction of Nillumbik Council. Parking officers frequently patrol these areas.

Prep 2023 Enrolments

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

www.elthameastps.vic.edu.au **enrolments close on 17th June**

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.

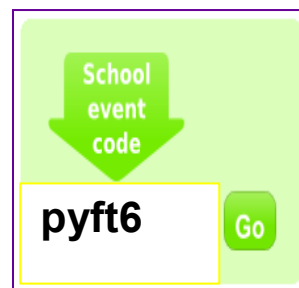
- Families for whom EEPS is the closest state primary school will have priority.
- If you already have a child at the school and we are **not** your closest school, please ensure that you enroll your child **before the closing date to secure your place.**

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 17th
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

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	<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.

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.

EEPS UNIFORM SHOP

Open every Monday & Wednesday 8.45am—11.15am

For Online (Paypal) orders, please go to EEPS website, located under "Uniform".

Alternatively, please order at www.fcw.com.au Go to "Online Schools Shops", Go to "EEPS". Order forms may also be left at the school office, to be processed by uniform shop at regular opening hours. Payment to be made by completing credit card details.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS. These orders will be delivered to your nominated child's classroom.

Price lists are available FCW on EEPS website under "uniform". Prices are subject to change without notice.

Melissa for FCW @ EEPS



Eltham East Primary School



Special Lunch Order Day

Monday 16th May, 2022

(NB: payment required by Thursday 12th May, 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

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <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 16th May, 2022

(NB: payment required by Thursday 12th May, 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"/> | Marguerita | <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 |

Newsletter Advertising—Community Notices

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**CAR PARKS
FOR COMMUTERS**

Eltham Station Car Park

Early works – April 2022

The Victorian Government and Australian Government have partnered to deliver more commuter car parking for Eltham Station. This will free up local streets and make it easier for passengers to catch the train.

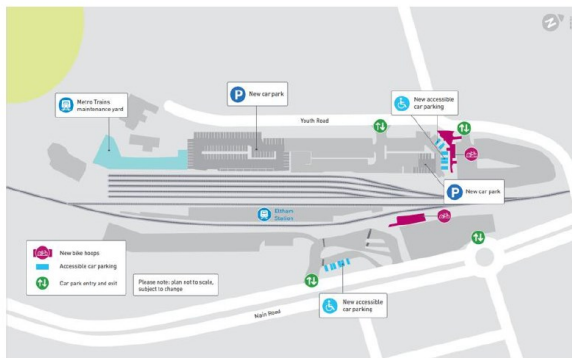
Eltham Station commuters will soon benefit from new and upgraded parking spaces. New lighting, CCTV and bicycle hoops, will be installed to make it safer for commuters and more convenient for people to ride to the station and further ease pressure on car parking.

What to expect?

From late April, early site preparatory works will start at the new car park location and include:

- Set up of site fencing for construction.
- Site offices and parking for the construction team will be set up on Youth Road (refer to map overleaf).
- Locating and relocation of underground services.
- Ground improvement works.
- You may notice some construction noise and activity with vehicles and workers moving around the area.
- Temporary traffic management measures may be in place, however, access to properties will be maintained at all times.
- Further information will be distributed before main construction works begin.

Guides and the Eltham Co-Op over many months. This has led to a number of changes to the original design proposed earlier last year.



Works will occur **Monday to Saturday**, between **7.00am and 6.00pm**, with some out of hours works required at times.

Consultation

The Department of Transport and Level Crossing Removal Project have been in conversation with Nillumbik Shire Council, community members, members of the Eltham Community Action Group and local stakeholders including the Eltham Girl

carparks.vic.gov.au

If you have any questions about these works, please contact the Car Parks for Commuters team on **1800 105 105**.



Translation service – For languages other than English, please call 9209 0147.

Please contact us if you would like this information in an accessible format.

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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.panthersjunior.netballclub/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) 7014 8143
elthamwoods.kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Experience OLMC Heidelberg



Languages Workshop

Date: Monday 16 May
Time: 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Location: Level 2 Centenary Building
OLMC Heidelberg (enter via on Cape Street)

Who is it for: Girls in Grades 4 and 5
Cost: Free
RSVP: Book online by Thursday 12 May

Try some of the languages offered at Our Lady of Mercy College Heidelberg. Take part in a half hour session of fun activities in each language, experiencing what it's like to study at OLMC Heidelberg:

- French - Learn some French vocabulary through gestures and games.
- Italian - Learn about Carnevale through poems, songs and games, and decorate a Carnevale mask!

Book your place now: olmc.vic.edu.au/experience-olmc-heidelberg

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