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# Eagle Point Primary School

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## Dates to Remember

February	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sovereign Hill Camp – Grades 5 & 6
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	No Preps
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	No Preps
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting 7pm
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	District Swimming Carnival
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Preps
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	Nexus Arts - Leigh Hobbs
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos

Dear Families,

Welcome back to an exciting year at Eagle Point Primary School. Last week I wrote a quick hello to all of our new families and of course to those who are returning. At Eagle Point PS we value the relationships and connections we make with students and families. There will be a couple of opportunities to bring the community together and get to know you all a little better in the next few weeks. We will be holding a Welcome BBQ which we encourage all families to attend. This night is for everyone from students, parents, carers, grandparents and younger/older siblings. It is a great chance for us to come together for a talk and share a meal. More details will follow closer to the date.

Over the next few weeks each of our families will be contacted by their classroom teacher. The purpose of these conversations will be to check in with families and learn more about each of the students. Teachers may contact you either by telephone or face to face. Our aim will be to have a chat with each family by the end of term.

As the school year begins, we have had some time as a staff and in class to reflect upon the stresses and worries many of our families have experienced during this fire season. It has become apparent that so many people have been affected in so many ways. Please come and have a chat if you have any concerns or need any support during this time.

Have a wonderful week,

Kind regards,  
Anna Duncan  
Principal



JSC - Juice Boxes are available daily at lunchtime \$1.00



Icy Poles are available lunch time Thursdays .50c



### Playgroup

Eagle Point Primary School Playgroup will begin this Friday starting at 9am and finishing at 11am. Children and families of children aged birth to school age are welcome to come along and bring a friend. You do not have to have children enrolled at Eagle Point to come along. This is an opportunity to sit and chat with other parents, have a cuppa and biscuit and watch the little ones play. Please contact Anna via the office to register your interest or if you have any questions.

### Student Free Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March will be a student free day, as all staff will be participating in a professional learning day at the school. Staff will be working with psychologist Kate Cooper. The day is titled 'How to Manage Student Anxiety - Strategies & Activities for Teachers & ES Staff P-12' a topic which is becoming more relevant for staff each year. Please make arrangements for students on this day.

### Stratford Pony Club Interschool Equestrian Challenge

If any students are interested in attending the Stratford Pony Club Equestrian Challenge on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February please see Mrs Duncan for entry forms and information. Students can be from all age groups including Prep-Grade 6, must have access to their own pony and full parental supervision is required on this day.

### Coronavirus

With the spread of the Coronavirus to Australia in January the Dept of Education have provided specific advice on how to reduce the risk of the virus spreading. If students or direct family members have been to Hubei Province China within the past 14 days we ask they remain at home until the exclusion period ends. I have included an information sheet with this newsletter to provide you with the most up to date information from DET. If you have any concerns regarding this virus please contact Anna Duncan.

**East Gippsland United Football Club**  
**SEASON 2020 JUNIOR SOCCER**  
**REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS**

HOWITT PARK

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

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U12 boys: register from 4:30pm, trials 5.00pm

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U14 boys and U13 girls:  
register from 5:30pm, trials 6.00pm

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U16 boys and U16 girls:  
register from 6:30pm, trials 7.00pm.



## LET'S TALK ABOUT PARENTING

A Parents Building Solutions Program



Do you want to know how to talk so children will listen?  
 Understand what is normal children's behaviour?  
 Communicate better with your child?  
 Stay connected to your child?  
 Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

**WHEN:** Fridays for 5 weeks  
21<sup>st</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
(no session 20<sup>th</sup> March)

**TIME:** 10.30am – 12.30pm

**WHERE:** Anglicare Victoria  
347 Main Street  
Bairnsdale

**COST:** Free. Bookings essential.

**Bookings and further information:**  
Parentzone Gippsland on 5135 9555 or  
parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au



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### JAY LAGA'AIA IS COMING TO TOWN TO HELP OUR BUSHFIRE RECOVERY



**Where:** Uniting Church, Lucknow  
**When:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm-4pm  
**What:** Free children's concert & celebration  
**Why:** For thanks and a much needed dose of fun!

*Hope to see you all there!*



St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale is commencing its Sacramental Program for 2020. If any parents/caregivers wish their child/ren to be involved in the programs for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com) Information sessions begin 12<sup>th</sup>

The Department of Health and Human Services is aware of cases of a novel coronavirus, referred to as 2019-nCoV, associated with Hubei Province, including Wuhan City, China. This virus can cause an infection in people, including a severe respiratory illness. Symptoms include fever with a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath. Cases of this coronavirus have now been reported in some other Chinese provinces and several other countries.

As of 1 February 2020, the case definition for a person suspected to have contracted novel coronavirus has been expanded. Any person who has an acute respiratory infection and has been in mainland China or has had close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the 14 days prior to onset of illness should be tested for the infection.

- As a precaution, people who have been in mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) are advised to self-isolate if they were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020, when the risk of human to human transmission across many provinces of mainland China was identified to have significantly increased.
- If a person who has been in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 begins to feel unwell and develop shortness of breath, a cough or respiratory illness during the 14 days since they were last in mainland China, they should seek medical attention. Call ahead to your GP or emergency department and mention your travel to mainland China.
- The Australian Government has announced travel restrictions and has advised that visitors from mainland China who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents or their dependents will not be allowed entry into Australia. The Australian Government has also recommended that Australians should not travel to mainland China at the current time.

**Call the Department of Health and Human Service's dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398 if you develop these symptoms.** This hotline is serviced by Nurse-on-Call.

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

For more information visit:

- [Smartraveller website](#)
- [Better Health Channel - Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)
- [The World Health Organization page on the Novel Coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [WorkSafe - Exposure to coronavirus in workplaces](#)

# Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

## Factsheet for the Victorian public

Last updated: 1 February 2020

### Situation

The Department of Health and Human Services is working closely with the Victorian health sector, Commonwealth and international agencies to respond appropriately to the outbreak of a novel coronavirus in mainland China.

This is a rapidly changing situation. Please go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus> for updates.

At this time, there have been confirmed cases in Victoria. If you think you may have novel coronavirus, please call the dedicated hotline 1800 675 389. This hotline is serviced by Nurse-on-Call. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies.

### What is novel coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as MERS-CoV and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).

This novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans.

Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people. Several known coronaviruses are circulating in animals that have not yet infected humans.

### Am I at risk?

Australian health authorities have declared the people at highest risk of developing novel coronavirus are:

- People who have travelled from mainland China to Australia since 1 February 2020
- People who have traveled to Hubei Province, China in the past 14 days
- Close contacts of confirmed cases of novel coronavirus
- People who have attended a healthcare facility in China in the past 14 days.

### Who is most at risk of infection with this novel coronavirus?

Some people will not get sick at all, some will get mild symptoms from which they will recover easily, and others may become very ill quite quickly. Because this is such a new infection, little is known about why some get sick while others do not, and in whom there is a greater or lesser risk of serious infection.

Experience tells us that people with compromised immune systems, the very old and young and those with diagnosed heart and lung conditions are most at risk of developing complications if they contract an infection like this.

Healthcare workers are potentially at risk of infection if they are in close contact with a case of novel coronavirus infection. As a precaution, advice has been provided to healthcare workers on simple steps to reduce the risk of transmission. It is important to regularly wash your hands. Healthcare workers should wear a simple mask, gown and gloves when assessing people who might have 2019-nCoV.