



Eagle Point Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 2nd, February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an absolute delight this week to walk around the school and see the smiling faces of students returning for the 2023 school year. There were so many excited voices on Monday catching up with friends and telling fun stories of holiday adventures. We also welcome a number of new families to the school. I hope you enjoy your time with us and feel a welcome part of the Eagle Point Primary School family.

The Professional Learning Day scheduled for Monday 20th February will need to be postponed until later in the term as other commitments have arisen for that day. I have notified Theircare Out of School Hours Care so if children were booked in for the full day program, they will be in contact once a new date has been confirmed. There will also be a Common Professional Practice Day for all staff on Friday 10th March so there will be no school for students on this day. Staff will be attending professional learning about student wellbeing for learning at the Riviera Christian Centre and Bairnsdale Secondary College. All schools in the Bairnsdale area have been invited to attend on this day.

The afterschool program started today after a short delay. Students can access the program after school or on student free days. If you would like more information or to pre-register just in case, please visit www.theircare.com.au Theircare is available after school each week night and on student free days.

As the school year begins, I ask parents to please consider where they park while waiting to collect children from school. I understand that it does get quite congested around the school between 3:15-3:45pm but I have noticed that some people are parking at the end of the allocated car parking spaces in front of the school and along the bushes outside the hall. Parking here means that children are not able to follow the path along the fence-line and are having to walk behind cars onto the road to get into the school grounds. This is extremely unsafe for students. If you are not able to find a car parking space at these times, please use the Hall carpark or arrange with your child to meet at the Drop and Go gate where cars can collect children directly from in front of the school without having to get out of your car.

Have a wonderful week,

Anna Duncan

Principal

ASSEMBLY

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2:35PM

TOONALOOK LUNCH ORDERS

SUNDAY

Order online for
Monday

MONDAY

Lunch Order
Day

WEDNESDAY

Order online
for Thursday

THURSDAY

Lunch
Order Day

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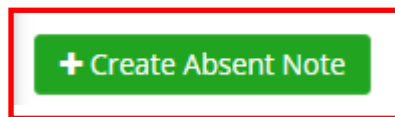
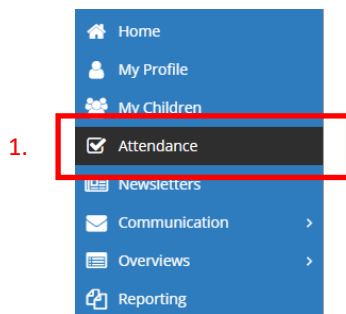


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	February 6, 2023
all-day ● Lunch Order Day	
Wednesday	February 8, 2023
all-day ● No Prep Students	
Thursday	February 9, 2023
all-day ● Lunch Order Day	
Monday	February 13, 2023
all-day ● Lunch Order Day	
all-day ● Swimming trials	
Wednesday	February 15, 2023
all-day ● No Prep Students	
Thursday	February 16, 2023
all-day ● Lunch Order Day	
Monday	February 20, 2023
all-day ● Lunch Order Day	
Wednesday	February 22, 2023
all-day ● District Swim meet	
all-day ● No Prep Students	
5:30pm - 6:30pm ● School Council Finance Meeting	
7:00pm - 8:00pm ● School Council Meeting	
Thursday	February 23, 2023
all-day ● Lunch Order Day	
all-day ● Student Free Day	
Monday	February 27, 2023
all-day ● Lunch Order Day	
Wednesday	March 1, 2023
all-day ● Divisional Swimming	
all-day ● No Prep Students	
Thursday	March 2, 2023
all-day ● Lunch Order Day	

ABSENT STUDENTS:

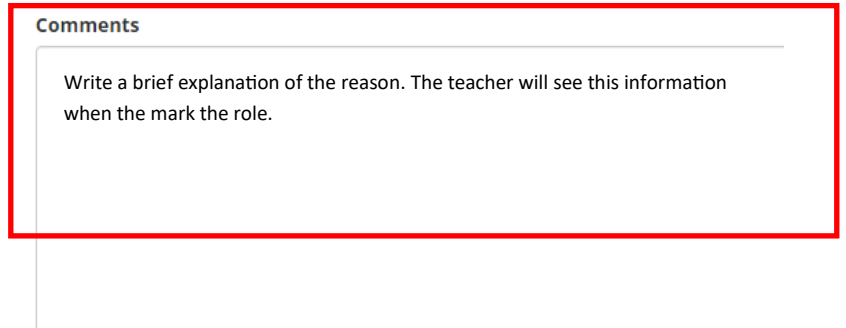
If your child is absent please log into uEducateUs & complete the following:



1. click on attendance
2. New screen will open, click on + Create absent note
3. Type: choose the absent type eg Illness
4. Start/End date: choose the dates
5. Comments: brief explanation.
6. Save

CHILD'S NAME: Choose the child that will be absent, there name will be here.

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The annual swim carnival trials will be held on Monday 13th February at the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool. All students are invited to try out for the school team but they must be able to swim at least 50

metres without stopping in either freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly. Students will travel by bus to the pool with Mrs Simpson and myself. If students would like to register for the trials, please give your name to Mrs Simpson by Wednesday 8th Feb.

Appendix A

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category according to Ministerial Order 1280. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- **A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest, and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable

School Council

Nominations for the 2023 School Council are now open. All parents are eligible to join School Council. You can self nominate or nominate another person with their approval. Nomination forms are available from the office. Closing date for nominations is Thursday 23rd Feb 2023. There are 3 parent positions available for a 2 year term. Current serving members are able to be nominated for an additional term.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (eg. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.