



Eagle Point Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 31st October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good luck to Ned Strong and Olive Evans who will be travelling to Melbourne to compete in the State Athletics carnival. Both students have preformed exceptionally well and have qualified for their events. Ned will compete in both discuss and shot put while Olive runs in the 200m. Congratulations to both of you, we are very proud of you and will be cheering you on from school.

There are a large number of students arriving at school very early in the mornings. Students are not to be onsite until 8:30am and must go directly to the Eating Area, (please do not go to classrooms first). Staff are onsite but are in classrooms getting organised for the day ahead and there is no active supervision of students in the yard. The yard duty teacher comes to the Eating Area at 8:45am when students can move to classrooms or into the yard for some playtime before the bell. If children will be onsite between 8:30-8:45am, can parents please outline the expectations of this procedure. In the future, we may be able to offer Before School Hours Care but we do not currently have the numbers to make this option viable. Please contact the office if you would like to register your interest for this program.

Next week, all students will begin swimming lessons at the Bairnsdale Aquatic Centre. Information about the swimming program and what to bring is available on uEducateUs. Goggles are encouraged but not compulsory and must be provided by families. Please ensure all items are named including school uniforms, goggles, bathers, towels as items can easily get mixed up in the changerooms. Permission for the swimming program is done through uEducateUs so please contact the office if you need assistance with this.

Next week there will be no school for students on Tuesday 7th November as this is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. School will be open on Monday 6th, with Tuesday the public holiday and open again on Wednesday. I hope families plan something special for this weekend to relax.

Have a wonderful week.

Anna Duncan
Principal

STUDENT FREE DATES FOR TERM 4:

Monday 20th November

ASSEMBLY

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THIS FRIDAY

2:30PM

PAYNESVILLE BAKERY LUNCH ORDERS

MONDAY

Lunch Order Day

Students need to hand in their
lunch order by 9.30am

THURSDAY

Lunch Order Day

Students need to hand in their
lunch order by 9.30am





SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 4

NOVEMBER 2023



Wednesday 1st November	State Athletics Championships - Albert Park
Thursday 2nd November	Lunch Order Day
Friday 3rd November	Carey 2023 Middle School Tour—Room 7 @2.30pm No Assembly
Monday 6th November	Lunch Order Day
Monday 6th November	Mobile Library—East Gippsland Shire 9.30-11.00am
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No School
Wednesday 8th November	Swimming Starts—refer timetables attached
Thursday 9th November	Lunch Order Day
Friday 10th November	Prep 2024 Transition Day 1 - 9.00-11.00am
Friday 10th November	Eagle Point's Got Talent Round 5
Monday 13th November	Lunch Order Day
Wednesday 15th November	Tea Towel Art Exhibition - 6.30-8pm
Thursday 16th November	Lunch Order Day
Friday 17th November	Free Dress Day for Universal Childrens Day \$2.00 to come to school in free dress
Friday 17th November	Prep 2024 Transition Day 2 - 9.00-11.30am
Friday 17th November	Nexus Arts—Bernard Mangakahia The Spirit of Polynesia



SWIMMING TIMETABLE

ROOMS 5, 6, 3 & 7



Wednesday 8th November	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Wednesday 8th November	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Monday 13th November	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Monday 13th November	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Wednesday 15th November	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Wednesday 15th November	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Wednesday 22nd November	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Wednesday 22nd November	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Monday 27th November	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Monday 27th November	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Wednesday 29th November	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Wednesday 29th November	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Monday 4th December	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Monday 4th December	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Wednesday 6th December	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Wednesday 6th December	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Monday 11th December	Room 5 & 6—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Monday 11th December	Room 3 & 7—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm



SWIMMING TIMETABLE

ROOMS 1, 8, 2 & 4



Thursday 9th November	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Thursday 9th November	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Tuesday 14th November	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Tuesday 14th November	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Thursday 16th November	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Thursday 16th November	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Tuesday 21st November	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Tuesday 21st November	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Thursday 23rd November	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Thursday 23rd November	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Tuesday 28th November	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Tuesday 28th November	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Thursday 30th November	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Thursday 30th November	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Tuesday 5th December	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Tuesday 5th December	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm
Thursday 7th December	Room 1 & 8—Lesson @12.00-12.45pm
Thursday 7th December	Room 2 & 4—Lesson @12.45-1.30pm

Raymond Island Excursion



On Friday 27th October students from Rooms 1, 2, 4 and 8 went to Raymond Island for their junior school excursion. The day was perfect for exploring the island, with the children participating in four activities, such as the boardwalk and beachcombing, koala trail, bird spotting and scavenger hunt.

Highlights included being invited into a local resident's backyard to see a baby koala with its mum.





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THE CAREY 2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL TOUR



This Friday 3rd November at 2.30pm

A night celebrating some of the most famous songs made popular from Hollywood movies. Featuring a cast of 27 singers and a live band, the middle school students invite you to share in this year's tour "LIGHTS, CAMERA, MUSIC!"



Free Dress Day for
Universal Childrens Day
Friday 17th November

\$2 to come to school in free dress

This day recognises the welfare of children worldwide and to promotes togetherness and awareness of the right of children.





EAGLE POINT PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS

Phone: (03) 5156 6382
Address: 43 School Road,
Eagle Point Vic 3878

Mobile: 0409 149 905
Email: eagle.point.ps@education.vic.gov.au
Website: www.eaglepoint.vic.edu.au

DATE		TIME	WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BRING TO SCHOOL
Friday 10 th November		9am-11am	Fruit, hat, drink and sports shoes and news or an item to share.
Friday 17 th November	Includes recess and NEXUS Arts incursion	9am-11:30am	Fruit, hat, playlunch, drink and sports shoes and news or an item to share.
Friday 24 th November	Includes recess	9am-12:30pm	Fruit, hat, playlunch, drink and sports shoes and news or an item to share.
Friday 1 st December	Includes recess	9am-12:30pm	Fruit, playlunch, drink, hat, sports shoes and news or an item to share.
Friday 8 th December	Includes recess and an early lunch	9am-1:30pm	Fruit, playlunch, lunch and drink, hat, sports shoes and news or an item to share.

It would be great if your child could be at school at 8.50am so that he/she has time to get ready before the session begins. Please look carefully at the times of each session as they gradually increase over the term.

We look forward to seeing you all on **Friday 10th November** for our first transition session.

Kind regards,

Anna Duncan
Principal

Lisa Whykes-Zelenko and Jaclyn Palmer
Prep/1 Teachers



WEDNESDAY 15TH
NOVEMBER

EAGLE POINT PRIMARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS
PRESENT

TEA TOWEL
ART
EXHIBITION

FREE ENTRY

Includes the viewing of
students amazing artwork and
participation in a family art

6.30 – 8PM at
EAGLE POINT PRIMARY

By Brianna

Newsletter article: Schools in Category 3 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and the Category 4 list.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **East Gippsland district**.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and are up to date with maintenance works to assist in preparing our grounds and buildings.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in East Gippsland **fire district**.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in East Gippsland **fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by announcement on the uEducateUs app.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading newsletters and uEducateUs announcements.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices.
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

COMMUNITY NEWS

EAST GIPPSLAND
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FREE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Tech Savvy Workshop

Intermediate Android Devices



Join us for this intermediate workshop on Android Devices!

This is a continuance of the beginner's course and may be unsuitable for novice users.

This workshop provides slightly more advanced, but still basic, information on Android devices. It is suitable for tablet or smartphone users. You can bring your own device, or a training device will be provided.

Content: Types of Internet connections; Connecting to WiFi; Installing Apps; Removing Apps; Customising your device; Device housekeeping and maintenance; and exploring the settings.

Thursday 9 Nov.
Orbost Service Centre
2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Thursday 16 Nov.
Paynesville Service Centre
9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Thursday 16 Nov.
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Monday 20 Nov.
Ormeo Service Centre
9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Monday 20 Nov.
Bairnsdale Library
1.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Phone **5152 4225** or book in person at the library for this **FREE** event.




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FREE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Library Speechies Talk



Join us for a Library Speechie Talk this November!

Do you have a child between 0-5 years old? Would you like to help develop their language and literacy skills?

Speech pathologists work with children and families to help to build the foundations on which literacy skills develop and help support a healthy transition into literacy.

Meet your local speech pathologist, enjoy a reading of one of Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year 2023

winning books and find out more about how you can support your child's language and literacy development at home.

(As we only received pairings for two locations due to volunteer speech pathologist interest in the area, this program is only being held in Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance.)

Monday 13 November
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Tuesday 28 November
Bairnsdale Library
11.30 am - 12.30 pm

Phone **5152 4225** or book in person at the library for this **FREE** event.





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FREE AGES 2-5 BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

Social Inclusion Week Storytime



Join in on the fun at a special Storytime session to celebrate Social Inclusion Week!

The aim is to help all Australians feel included and valued, giving everyone the opportunity to participate fully in society.

The Storytime session will include stories, songs and a craft activity.

Tuesday 21 November
Orbost Service Centre
11.00 am

Tuesday 21 November
Bairnsdale Library
11.00 am

Tuesday 21 November
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
11.00 am

Tuesday 21 November
Paynesville Service Centre
11.00 am

Wednesday 22 November
Ormeo Service Centre
11.15 am


Thursday 23 November
Mallacoota Service Centre
2.30 pm

Phone **5152 4225** or book in person at the library for this **FREE** event.





EVERY WEDNESDAY
COMMENCING
25 OCTOBER 2023

SOCIAL WEDNESDAY HOCKEY



**FOR KIDS AND ADULTS
ANY LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE**




**U11 AND U13
4PM TO 5PM**

**U15 AND ABOVE
5PM TO 6PM**

Details

- ✓ Beginners very welcome
- ✓ Gear supplied
- ✓ Fun activities
- ✓ Games played if numbers allow
- ✓ Older players welcome to help juniors

WORLD CENTRE
Wallace Street, Bairnsdale



More Information Paula - 0409 142-599 paoneill@nagle.vic.edu.au



Walk to Change the Story

A GLCH initiative for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Take steps to end violence against women and children

Saturday 25 November 2023

COMMUNITY WALK

Start and finish at
Nicholson Street Mall
in Bairnsdale.

Meet 10.30 am sharp!

COMMUNITY EVENT

- Welcome to Country
- Clothesline Project
- Banner Making
- Information Stalls
- Big Respect Gippsland Photo Booth
- HEY Project T-shirt Tie-dying
- Music with FReeZa
- Children's Activities
- Lion's Club BBQ

For more information visit glch.org.au or find us on Facebook
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