



# Eagle Point Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 7th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This seems to be a very short week indeed with yesterday being a public holiday for the Melbourne Cup. This week we will be welcoming our 2024 Prep students for their first transition session to our school, and we are all excited to meet them and welcome them to school. As a welcome to our new families (and a thank you to our existing families) I have organised Anywhere Espresso to be onsite from 8:30-9:30am to provide a welcome coffee free of charge to parents. Please come along to school, grab a coffee and come to the eating area to welcome new parents and have a chat.

I have received a phone call from the East Gippsland Shire Council regarding parking around the school. Please remember to only park in dedicated parking areas at the front of the school or in the car park beside the Community Hall. Please do not park across driveways or alongside the road as our neighbours can be impacted. If you have difficulty accessing a carpark, please use the Drop and Go zone along School Road. Please join the line and staff will match students to the correct car. It does help if students are aware that they will meet you so please discuss this with them in the morning.

I have included a copy of the school's Head lice policy with this newsletter. From time to time, head lice can become a problem in schools due to students being in close proximity to each other. This often occurs in junior classes as students of this age are more likely to come into closer contact. Please ensure that your child's hair is tied back if it is long enough to do so and check hair regularly for live lice and/or eggs. There are many quick and easy treatments available in supermarkets for head lice or please contact the office if you need assistance. Please remember to treat all members of the household including adults if lice are found as they can spread very quickly.

We have a couple of major events coming up with the Art Show on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November starting at 6:30pm. This year will feature the tea towel art as well as other examples of student's art. There will be a family art activity as well as time to browse the galleries in each classroom. Thank you to Miss Tracey Buckwell as she has been working hard to make this an exciting evening for the whole school community.

The annual School Concert will be held at Boucher Hall, Bairnsdale on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November starting at 6:00pm. The evening is always a great party, and this year is shaping up to be fantastic. Tickets will go on sale the week prior to the concert at \$5 each or \$20 for a family of 2 adults and siblings.

Have a wonderful week.

Anna Duncan  
Principal

**STUDENT FREE DATES FOR TERM 4:**

**Monday 20th November**

**ASSEMBLY**

**ASSEMBLY**

**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



<b>Wednesday 8th November</b>	<b>Swimming Starts</b> —refer timetables attached
<b>Thursday 9th November</b>	<b>Lunch Order Day</b>
<b>Friday 10th November</b>	<b>Prep 2024 Transition Day 1</b> - 9.00-11.00am
<b>Friday 10th November</b>	<b>Eagle Point's Got Talent Round 5</b>
<b>Monday 13th November</b>	<b>Lunch Order Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th November</b>	<b>Tea Towel Art Exhibition</b> - 6.30-8pm
<b>Thursday 16th November</b>	<b>Lunch Order Day</b>
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	<b>Free Dress Day for Universal Childrens Day</b> \$2.00 to come to school in free dress
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	<b>Prep 2024 Transition Day 2</b> - 9.00-11.30am
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	<b>Nexus Arts</b> —Bernard Mangakahia The Spirit of Polynesia
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	<b>Eagle Point's Got Talent Finals</b>
<b>Monday 20th November</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
<b>Monday 20th November</b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> —East Gippsland Shire 9.30-11.00am
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b>	<b>Lunch Order Day</b>
<b>Friday 24th November</b>	<b>Prep 2024 Transition Day 3</b> - 9.00-12.30pm
<b>Friday 24th November</b>	<b>Eagle Point's Got Talent Finals</b>
<b>Monday 27th November</b>	<b>Lunch Order Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 28th November</b>	<b>Nagle College Orientation Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 29th November</b>	<b>Whole School Production</b> —Boucher Hall 6pm



# SWIMMING TIMETABLE

## ROOMS 5, 6, 3 & 7



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



# SWIMMING TIMETABLE

## ROOMS 1, 8, 2 & 4



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



# SCHOOL PRODUCTION

*Wednesday 29th November*

*6pm at Boucher Hall, Bairnsdale*

# KINGS & QUEENS OF POP

*.....Tickets go on sale the week prior to the concert.....*

*\$5 each or \$20 for a family of 2 adults and siblings*

Free Dress Day



# 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.*



Operation Christmas Child

*The boxes for Operation Christmas Child have left the school and we have collected 43 shoe boxes altogether. Congratulations to Emily Crouch for a successful project and thank you to Jasmine Stork for assisting her. There will be happy children at Christmas time.*







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



# HEAD LICE

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

- Head lice (pediculosis) are tiny insects that live on the human scalp where they feed and breed. While they do not carry or transmit disease, they are a cause of head itch and scratching, which may lead to infection and swollen lymph glands; therefore, they need to be controlled.

### **Aims:**

- To respond to reports of head lice quickly and effectively.
- To ensure effective processes for treating head lice are well known and consistently followed.
- To ensure that parents and guardians are well informed about head lice and their treatment.

### **Implementation:**

- Anyone can catch head lice. Head lice cannot fly, hop or jump. They spread from person to person by head to head contact.
- While it is parents who have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice on their children, the school will assist by offering up-to-date information and by alerting parents of lice when detected.
- All children may be visually checked for evidence of headlice and parents notified if evidence is found.
- Schools are not required to conduct visual head lice checks but in the event that they decide to, parental consent is required if the student is physically examined. This consent will be given using a pink permissions form provided at the time of enrolment and can be updated each year.
- All children inspected will be provided with a confidential report indicating to parents the results of the inspection (see the Form attached), as well as advice on the latest information regarding head lice.
- Consistent with Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019, the principal will ensure that the parents of any child found to have live lice are informed that their child is to be excluded from attending school until appropriate treatment has commenced.
- The Health Nurse will also provide parents of children found to have live lice or eggs with information about head lice treatment and prevention.
- If a parent has reported a case of head lice to the school a notification will go home to all students in the class to inform parents and ask them to check all students.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.
- Review Date: October 2026

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

**October 2023**



## HEAD LICE CHECK REPORT SHEET

Your child was checked today by trained staff at school for the presence of head lice. This was a:

- ☐ Visual Check (observation without physical contact)
- ☐ Inspection (physical search of the child's head and hair)

The results of the check are:

- ☐ No lice or eggs detected.
- ☐ Dead eggs were found.
- ☐ Live eggs were found.
- ☐ Live lice were found.

Therefore the following action is required:-

- ☐ No action required.
- ☐ Please treat your child's hair with a method that has killed or removed live lice  
before the child is returned to school.

**Please Note:** All children who are found to have live eggs will be re-checked by trained staff soon after returning to school to ensure the infestation has been effectively treated.

Regards

Principal

## 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  
SHIRE LIBRARIES

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.

<b>Thursday 9 Nov.</b> Orbost Service Centre 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm  <b>Thursday 16 Nov.</b> Paynesville Service Centre 9.30 am – 12.00 pm  <b>Thursday 16 Nov.</b> Lakes Entrance Service Centre 9.30 am – 12.00 pm  <b>Monday 20 Nov.</b> Ormeo Service Centre 9.30 am – 12.00 pm	<b>Monday 20 Nov.</b> Bairnsdale Library 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm  Phone <b>5152 4225</b> or book in person at the library for this <b>FREE</b> event.
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EAST GIPPSLAND  
SHIRE LIBRARIES

FREE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

## Library Speechies Talk



**Speechie Library Talks 2023**  
Speech Pathology Australia  
Australian Library and Information Association

**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.)**

<b>Monday 13 November</b> Lakes Entrance Service Centre 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm  <b>Tuesday 28 November</b> Bairnsdale Library 11.30 am - 12.30 pm  Phone <b>5152 4225</b> or book in person at the library for this <b>FREE</b> event.
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EAST GIPPSLAND  
SHIRE LIBRARIES

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.

<b>Tuesday 21 November</b> Orbost Service Centre 11.00 am  <b>Tuesday 21 November</b> Bairnsdale Library 11.00 am  <b>Tuesday 21 November</b> Lakes Entrance Service Centre 11.00 am  <b>Tuesday 21 November</b> Paynesville Service Centre 11.00 am	<b>Wednesday 22 November</b> Ormeo Service Centre 11.15 am  <b>Thursday 23 November</b> Mallacoota Service Centre 2.30 pm  Phone <b>5152 4225</b> or book in person at the library for this <b>FREE</b> event.
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## 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

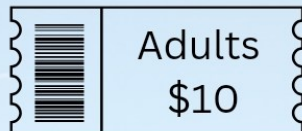


# COMMUNITY NEWS

*Help us celebrate 142 years of the Bairnsdale Show in 2023.*

## ★ THE ★ **BAIRNSDALE** ★ SHOW ★

**Saturday 11th  
November 2023  
9am-4pm  
Bairnsdale Racecourse**





*Featuring.....*

**Black Snake Productions  
Fairy Julianne  
Ranger Nick  
Whip Cracking with Emiliqua East  
Carnival rides  
Wood chops  
Annual events  
FREE courtesy bus  
FREE Entertainment all day  
FREE Live music and dance all day  
Local food vans  
Market stalls  
Big competitions  
Animals galore**

**Displays of the region's best arts and crafts,  
horticulture, poultry, photography, cooking and more  
Horse events (split over Saturday and Sunday)**

**PLUS SO MUCH MORE!**

 Find us on facebook

 [www.bairnsdaleshow.com.au](http://www.bairnsdaleshow.com.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](http://glch.org.au) or find us on Facebook  
(Gippsland Lakes Complete Health or Walk to Change the Story)

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