



# Eagle Point Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 13th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so very lucky to be living and working in a rural environment that has the best opportunities. We are close to the water, away from the crowds of town, we have beautiful views and room to run and move. We also have the pleasure of sharing this environment with local fauna and flora, some which people love and others we need to be aware of. The fauna reserve is a wonderful place with a local population of bats and wallabies. There is also a thriving ecosystem that includes reptiles. Over the years we have had a family of blue tongue lizards living in the school grounds, they enjoy the food scraps and protection of the buildings. On occasion but not often we also see evidence of snakes that pass through our grounds. I found a snakeskin a few years back over the summer break and last year we had a surprise baby red belly visit us during the School Council Finance meeting. As always, with the warmer weather, it is a good time to remind students of what we do if we were to see a reptile in the school grounds. Staff spoke with students yesterday about what we do, stand still, back away if safe, call for help, find a teacher, move away not towards the area where the reptile was seen. Can parents please discuss reptile safety with all children and assist us to remain safe while at school and in the community.

All schools in Victoria have a governing body called a school council. The school council meets twice per term to provide feedback to the school, present ideas and concerns, review financial documents and provide suggestions to the school. Parents are elected to the school council and the term is a 2 year commitment. This year there are 2 positions to be filled on the council. You do not need any particular skill or level of education to be a member of school council, the most important thing is that you want to see our school be the best it can be. Nominations are currently open for school council, you can either nominate yourself or be nominated by another person. If you are interested to learn more or would like a nomination form for yourself or another person, please collect one from the office. Nominations close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. If we receive more nominations than available positions, there will be a ballot for all families to vote on the outcome.

Have a wonderful week,

Anna Duncan  
Principal

**STUDENT FREE DATES FOR TERM 1:**

**Monday 19th February**

## ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY  
THIS FRIDAY  
2.35PM

## 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



EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
\$1 ICY POLES



# SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 1

## FEBRUARY 2024



Wednesday 14th February	No Preps in Attendance
Wednesday 14th February	Icy Poles at lunchtime—\$1.00
Wednesday 14th February	CSEF Form to be returned by today
Thursday 15th February	Lunch Order Day
Friday 16th February	School Council Nominations Closing Day
Thursday 15th February	Lunch Order Day
Monday 19th February	Student Free Day
Wednesday 21st February	District Swimming—Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool
Wednesday 21st February	No Preps in Attendance
Thursday 21st February	Lunch Order Day

### Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

More information regarding what information is collected is available on the Department of Education website. The link for this can also be found on the For Parents/Policies page of our school website <https://www.eaglepoint.vic.edu.au/home>

### CSEF Application Forms

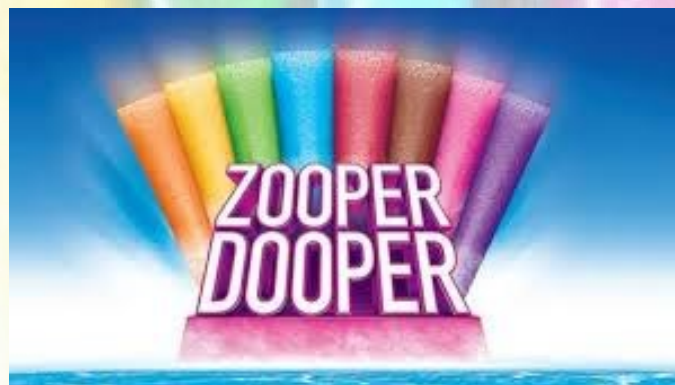
If you hold a current Health Care card you may be eligible to apply for CSEF—*Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding*. Please see information in this newsletter. An application form will be sent home with students who were eligible last year. Please check your child's bag for the form. The form will need to be completed again and returned to the office by Wednesday 14th February.

If you have any questions or any new families require an application form please contact Amanda (Business Manager) or the office.

\*\*\*\* ICY POLES ARE BACK \*\*\*\*

EVERY WEDNESDAY

AT LUNCHTIME — \$1.00



*Acknowledgement to Country*

*Reach to the ground, reach to the sky,  
here are my friends and here am I.*

*I would like to acknowledge the Gunai-Kurnai tribe for the land  
we live on today.*

*Hands up, hands down we are on Gunai-Kurnai ground.*

*By Alexis Room 5*





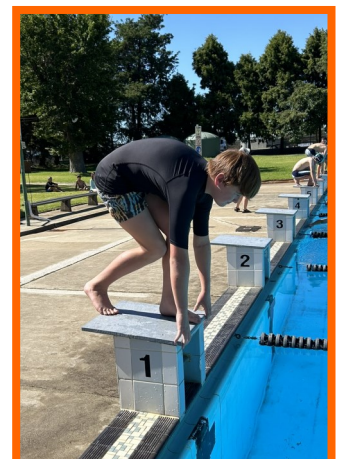
**Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported our Pancake Breakfast this morning. We hope you all enjoyed your pancakes for breakfast.**

**Junior School Council**





# \*\*\*Swimming Trials—Monday 12th February\*\*\*





# Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

## Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb  State  Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

## Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant  Date  /  /

## Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef/eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

#### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

## Payment amounts

#### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

**For ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef/payment-amounts)

**Foundation and Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

## How to complete the application form

**NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

## Eagle Point Primary School Lunch Order Menu

Available Monday and Thursday



### Sandwiches (GF available) White or Wholemeal

Vegemite	\$2.50
Vegemite and Cheese	\$3.00
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo	\$4.50
Egg, Lettuce	\$4.00
Ham	\$4.00
Ham and Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$4.50

### Rolls

Ham and Cheese	\$4.50
Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$5.00
Chicken and Cheese	\$4.50
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo	\$5.00
Ham and Salad	\$5.50
Chicken and Salad	\$5.50

### Hot Food

Meat Pie	\$5.00
Party Pie	\$1.50
Vegetarian Cauli/Cheese Pie	\$5.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.80
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Meat, Veg Pastie	\$5.00
Vegetable Pastie	\$5.00

### Fruit

Banana, Apple, Mandarin	\$1.50
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### Slices, Donuts and Muffins

Hedgehog	\$2.50
Cherry Ripe	\$2.50
Lemon Slice	\$2.50
Wagon Wheel	\$2.50
Brownie (GF)	\$2.50
Cinnamon Donut	\$1.20
Jam Donut	\$2.80
Apple Muffin	\$3.50
Apple Muffin (GF)	\$3.50
Choc Muffin	\$3.50

### Drinks

Pop Top Fruit Juice	
Apple, Blackcurrant, Orange	\$2.50
Big M 250ml	
Chocolate, Strawberry	\$2.50
Paper Bag	\$0.10

**Paynesville Bakery:**

**Phone: 5152 4836**

**Trudie and Adam**

To order: Please write Child's name and Room number on an envelope or brown paper bag.

Place Lunch Order in plastic pockets in the classroom.

Lunch Orders collected from School at 9.15am.

Late Orders to be phoned through to the Bakery on the above number.

If change is required this will be provided by the Bakery.





# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BLUES IN BRUTHEN Market

- Craft stalls
- Food and drink vans
- Alcohol traders
- Local artists and makers
- Live music at the Bruthen Pub

**Sat 17th Feb 2024**  
**10am - 2pm**

**FREE ENTRY  
TO MARKET!**



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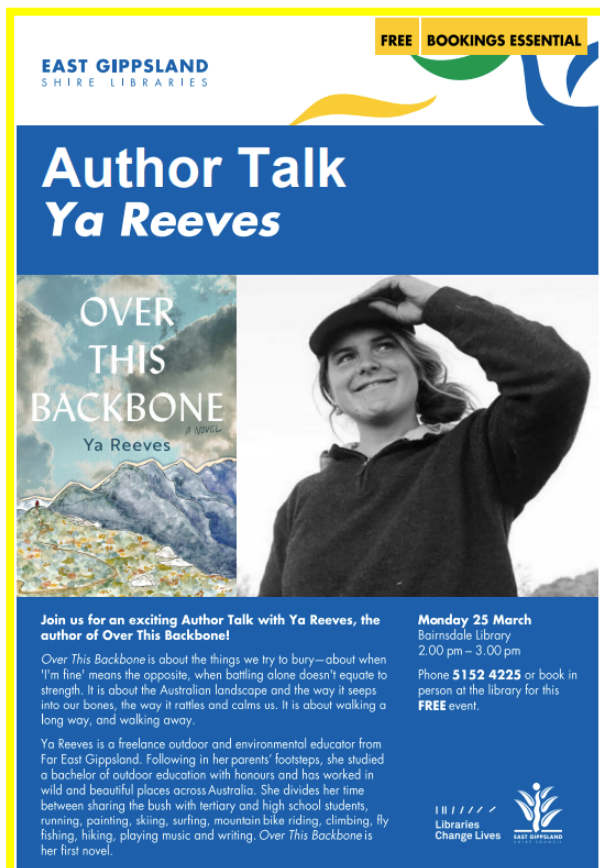
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**Head Office - 03 9863 6824**

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**www.peopleoutdoors.org.au**

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## Author Talk Ya Reeves

**OVER  
THIS  
BACKBONE**  
A NOVEL  
Ya Reeves

**Join us for an exciting Author Talk with Ya Reeves, the author of Over This Backbone!**

Over *This Backbone* is about the things we try to bury—about when 'I'm fine' means the opposite, when battling alone doesn't equate to strength. It is about the Australian landscape and the way it seeps into our bones, the way it rattles and calms us. It is about walking a long way, and walking away.

Ya Reeves is a freelance outdoor and environmental educator from Far East Gippsland. Following in her parents' footsteps, she studied a bachelor of outdoor education with honours and has worked in wild and beautiful places across Australia. She divides her time between sharing the bush with tertiary and high school students, running, painting, skiing, surfing, mountain bike riding, climbing, fly fishing, hiking, playing music and writing. *Over This Backbone* is her first novel.

**Monday 25 March**  
Bairnsdale Library  
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

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

