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THE GATEWAY Thursday 2nd April, 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
AARON TAYLOR

Hi Families

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR EPS!

Last week our Year 3-6 class finalised the colour scheme and ticked off on the design of a new addition to our playground. The new structure will be 2.4m at its highest point and will be installed in the space between the two existing playgrounds.

Adventure Plus will be installing this Australian Made product, installation is scheduled to begin on May 5th. We hope to have many excited students climbing around by the start of Term 3.

HARMONY DAY / RIDE TO SCHOOL

Harmony Day was a great success. It was wonderful to see students actively engaging in activities focused on inclusion, respect and creating a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

Thanks to those that arrived early and participated in our morning ride along the beautiful Campaspe River.

PURPLE UP FOR EPILEPSY DAY

The school was a sea of purple last Thursday 26 March. Students completed collaborative activities. Junior School Council collected gold coin donations, as well, they contributed all the money raised from our Term 1 Zooper Dooper fundraiser. In total, we raised $148.50 for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Thanks to the families for supporting both initiatives.

EASTER MARKET SUCCESS

Thanks to our volunteers who helped with the Easter market on Sunday. We shared the BBQ and drinks stall with OLSH and the Kinder. Total sales reached around $1700 (before costs), which will go toward

EPS VALUES

RESPECT

We are thoughtful and socially responsible. We are considerate of others, our environment and ourselves

RESILIENCE

We understand the importance of having high expectations and striving to achieve our personal best.

CITIZENSHIP

We strive to build meaningful connections and contribute to the collective success of our school and the wider community.

INTEGRITY

We are honest with ourselves and with others.

We acknowledge the traditional land owners of Australia and we welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our service.

another share fun experience for the all the students. The Easter Egg hunt was a massive hit! The feedback on the event, our school and facilities were overwhelmingly positive. Congratulations to the team at the EPA for coordinating a fabulous event.

TERM 2 -WHAT'S COMING UP

Term 2 will be a case of hitting the ground running, with a few key dates to keep on your radar.

EVERY MONDAY - SONGROOM

In term 2, all students will be participating in a Song room program. Working with Darren Netto, who students worked with in 2024, classes will explore several different musical instruments, build their personal and social learning capabilities, whilst learn several different songs and performances. This program will be run each Monday (for 1-hour per class) and will culminate with a school performance on the afternoon of Monday 22nd June. This program is funded through the mental health and wellbeing fund.

TUESDAY 21st – CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

This event is a P-6 event being held at the Elmore Field Days site, on Tuesday 21st April. A permission form is on uEducateUs for this event. Families are welcome to attend, with the first race starting from 12pm.

THURSDAY 23rd- Learning Catch Up

Learning Catch Up Conversations will be held on Thursday 23rd April 3pm - 5:30pm. You can book a time that suits directly through UeducateUs or by contacting the school office. Those that attended Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs) in Term 1, are not required to book a further time, although you are most welcome too.

Saturday 25th - ANZAC DAY

As part of our whole school Assembly on Friday (24/5) afternoon, our senior students will complete a short presentation to commemorate this significant day.

Our school leaders will be participating in the service at Railway square, on Saturday 25th. Time - TBC

SUNSMART

In line with our SunSmart policy, all students are required to continue to wear their school hats during all of April. Our hat off period runs from May to August.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe, happy and restful Easter break.

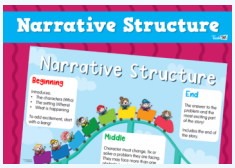
Aaron

Prep- Grade 2

Hello families,

What a busy and successful start to the year it has been for our Quirky Quokkas! Students have settled into classroom routines well. It has been wonderful to see the confidence and independence already developing.

Term 2 is shaping up to be just as exciting, with events such as Cross Country and Learning Conversations in the first week back. Please book a time as these conversations are a valuable opportunity to connect and discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and set goals for continued growth.

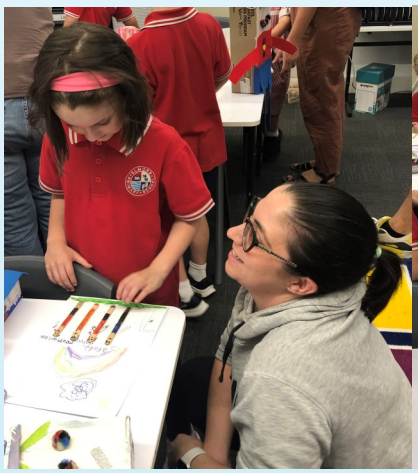
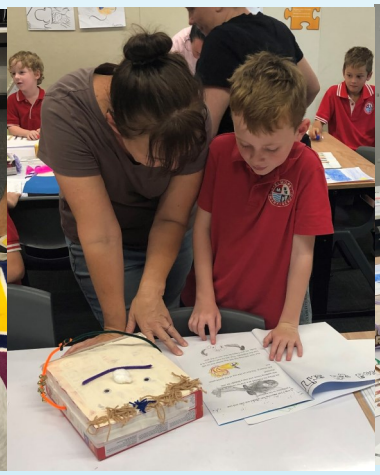


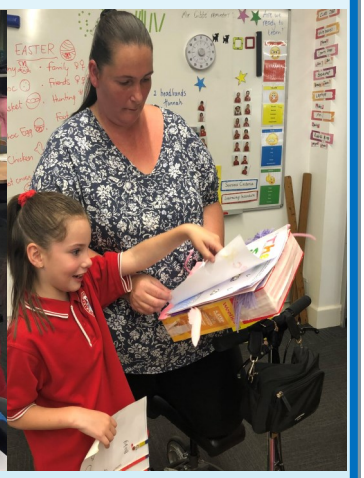
This term, the Quirky Quokkas have been diving into the wonderful world of narratives! Students have been exploring different stories, identifying author themes, and learning about how narratives are structured, including beginnings, problems, and resolutions.

We have carried this learning into our writing sessions, where students have worked through the full writing process; planning, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. It has been fantastic to see their ideas grow and develop into magical masterpieces!

A big focus has been on adding detail through descriptive language and ensuring our writing flows smoothly from one idea to the next. Students have shown great creativity and pride in their work.

We were incredibly excited to share these wonderful pieces with our families at our Learning Showcase and celebrate all the hard work that has gone into them. Thanks to those who came along.



Wishing you all a happy Easter and a relaxing school holidays.

Cheers Nick and Daisy

The Wacky Wombats! Grade 3–6

Hi everyone,

What a fantastic term it has been as we head into the Easter holiday break!

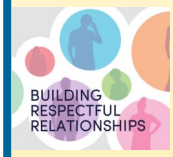
I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest, plenty of sunshine, and of course, lots of chocolate.

Our students have been working exceptionally hard in preparation for the showcase afternoon, publishing their stories with great care and pride. They have followed the full writing process, with a strong emphasis on *'quality over quantity' and* the use of effective writing techniques. From planning and drafting through to editing and publishing, the results have been impressive with some amazing pieces written.

In Inquiry Learning, we have been exploring historical artefacts and how they have evolved over time. Students investigated the development of the telephone alongside other significant inventions, before researching an artefact of their choice. They then created engaging and informative digital posters, showcasing both their research skills and creativity.

Looking ahead to next term:

- Developing persuasive reading and writing skills
- Exploring money and financial mathematics
- Inquiry Learning: *Think Global, Act Local* with a focus on sustainability



- Respectful Relationships, including wellbeing, problem-solving, and positive coping strategies
- Continued focus on the Spellex program and handwriting

I look forward to connecting with you during the upcoming student learning conversations.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable break.

Please feel free to reach out if there is anything you need

Cheers

Sam

WELLBEING @ EPS

Parent Afternoon Tea

Thank you to the parents who attended the afternoon on Monday to share and talk about the new whole school behaviour matrix. The matrix was developed from input from parents, students and staff to highlight what we saw as important expected behaviours in line with our existing School Vision and Values. A copy of the Matrix is included on the newsletter, and any further comments are welcome. The matrix forms part of my role within the school and part of our involvement in the statewide School Wide Positive Behaviours program which we are a part of this year.

Junior school Council

At our last meeting a number of items were discussed-

Upcoming events

Clean Up Australia Day. To be re-scheduled and to coincide with **World Environment Day on Friday, June 5th**

Friday, April 24th – ANZAC Day. We will acknowledge this day with an activity and a student led recognition of the day, possibly at Assembly.

Friday, May 8th- Do It For Dolly Day. We will 'go blue' for the day with some activities and students invited to wear blue for Dolly on the day.

Tuesday, May 26th - **National Sorry Day.** An activity to acknowledge this day will happen during the day

Friday, June 26th (last day of Term 2)- PJ Day- wear your pajamas to school for the day!

Money from the sale of the zooper doopers will be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation.

Some new study shovels and buckets for the sand pit to be bought.

More pump attachments for the Sports Shed needed.

JSC to have input into the new playground design as led by Mr Taylor.

Harmony Day & wear a touch of **Purple For Epilepsy Day** was well supported by everyone and thanks to the families and students who took the time to wear the colours to support both days.

Song Room

The Song Room program will run across Term 2 beginning on the first day of term. Darren Netto will be leading taking the program. Families may remember Darren from a couple of years ago and his numerous guitars he used/played with the kids. The program is funded under the Mental Health in Primary Schools umbrella. Each Monday Darren will engage with both classes to explore music and involve both classes in activities around appreciating and being involved in music. The sessions will culminate in a whole school performance for the community on Monday, June 22nd.

If parents have any concerns please see me, or make contact through uEducateUs.

Cheers Helen

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BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

Integrity

We show integrity by demonstarting our school values and behaviour expecations

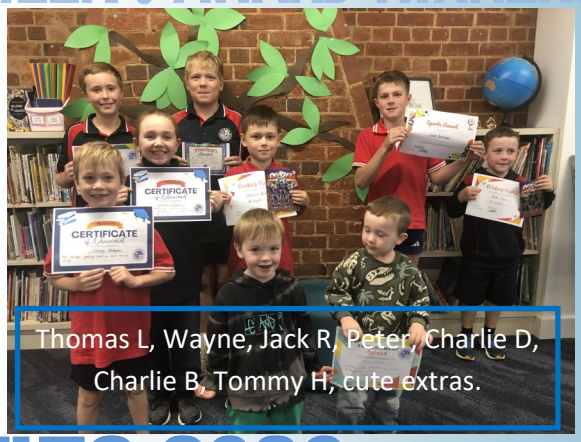
	Respect	Resilience	Citizenship
Always	We... • put our belongings away • We keep our hands and feet to oursleves • use an appropriate voice • use equipment for its intended purpose • use kind words and manners	We ... • wait our turn • ask for help, if needed	We .. • are inclusive • place rubbish in the bin • share • follow instructions • ask for permission
Inside	We ... • follow classroom expectations	We ... • use an appropriate voice and tone	We ... • walk
Outside	We... • leave nature in nature • return our sports equipment	We... • play in our designated areas	We ... • determine the rules and play by them

DATES TO REMEMBER — 2026		
April		
Monday 20th	12.30—3.20	START OF TERM 2 Song Room
Tuesday 21st	12.00	Cluster Cross Country—Elmore Events Centre
Monday 27th	12.30-3.20	Song Room
May		
Friday 8th		**Do It For Dolly Day**

WEEK 8 AWARD WINNERS

Jack R, Easton, Hadleigh, Isla M, Peyton, Hannah

WEEK 9 AWARD WINNERS



Thomas L, Wayne, Jack R, Peter, Charlie D, Charlie B, Tommy H, cute extras.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2026

MONDAY	
12:30 – 3:20pm	**MACC – ART** Alternating fortnight with Sue Cowan
TUESDAY	
12:30 – 3:20pm	**MARC – Library** Alternating fortnight with Sue Gentry
1:30pm	**Lunch orders – Elmore Bakery** Orders placed at school in sealed envelope.
2:20pm	**Living Well** P-2s with Helen Tuohey
WEDNESDAY	
8:20am – 8:45am	**Breakfast Club** Multipurpose room with Aaron Taylor
2:20pm	**AUSLAN** Weekly sessions, Tim Pitts visits fortnightly
THURSDAY	
8:20am – 8:45am	**Breakfast Club** Multipurpose room with Lesley Hanna
1:30pm	**Lunch orders – Elmore Bakery** Orders placed at school in sealed envelope.
12:30pm – 3:20pm	**Specialist Classes** PE – Natalie Pelly STEM – Helen Tuohey
FRIDAY	
2:20pm	**Living Well** 3-6s with Helen Tuohey
3:05pm	**School Assembly**