ELMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THE GATEWAY Thursday 11th June, 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
AARON TAYLOR

This past fortnight has again seen an increase in absences (myself included). As winter has now well and truly hit, we encourage families to ensure students are dressed warmly and to keep children home if they are unwell. These small steps help keep our school community healthy and support students to continue learning throughout the colder months. Please ensure all jackets and jumpers are clearly labelled

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

This week staff participated in a productive Pupil Free Day focused on analysing and using Mathematics assessments to inform our practice. Teachers spent the day at the Victorian Academy for Teaching and Leadership, working alongside approximately 50 other staff members from our Community of Practice schools, which includes Goornong, Raywood, Axedale, Heathcote, Eppalock, Redesdale Mia Mia and California Gully.

SEMESTER ONE ACADEMIC REPORTS

Student Academic Reports will be available to families on June 25th. All students will receive progression points (dot points) that indicate their achievement against the Victorian Curriculum F–10. These progression points provide an indication of your child's current stage of learning and progress. This will be accompanied by a general comment relating to your child's personal and social learning capabilities, specialist class comments as well as already released comments from Semester 1 relating to Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

School Reports

LEARNING CATCH UP CONVERSATIONS - TERM 3

To ensure families continue to receive meaningful feedback about their child's learning, progress and next steps, we strongly encourage parents and carers to book a Learning Catch Up Conversation with their child's classroom teacher. This will be held on **Monday 13th July**, during the day. These conversations provide a valuable opportunity to discuss achievement, celebrate growth and identify future learning goals together. Interview times will be 15 minutes and can be booked via UeducateUs from 3:30pm on Thursday June 11th.

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.

Students are asked to attend the interview in school uniform. Students attend for their allocated interview time ONLY. Normal classes will resume on Tuesday 14th July.

2027 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are now accepting Prep enrolments for 2027. If you are planning to enrol your child at Elmore Primary School for Prep in 2027, please contact the office to register your interest or arrange a school tour. We look forward to welcoming new families into our school community.

WOOD RAFFLE – HELP REQUIRED

We are aiming to draw our wood raffle in the final week of term. Prior to this, I am chasing some assistance to cut and split a load of wood. We also need a venue or friendly farmer where we can source the produce!

Lastly, we are hoping to set up and sell tickets at the front of the IGA on Saturday 20th, 9am – 12pm. If you are able to help with any of the above, please speak with Aaron or the office.

SONGROOM PERFORMANCE– Monday 22 June

This term students have been participating in the Songroom program. This has involved a weekly 1-hour lesson involving, movement, music and performance. We intend to showcase our skills with a whole school event, with class and whole school performances. This will take place during the afternoon of Monday 22nd June. Exact details and times will be advertised closer to the date.

TERM 3 - STUDENT FREE DAY

Thursday 23rd July will be a Student Free Day at EPS. Staff will be participating in a further mathematics focused professional learning day.

RICHMOND AFLW

Last week, students were treated to an unforgettable experience as players from Richmond AFLW team visited our school to run a football clinic and Q&A session. The clinic was a fantastic opportunity for our aspiring young athletes to develop their footy skills alongside professional athletes. During the Q&A session the Richmond players shared insights into life as elite athletes. They spoke about their journey into the AFLW, training routines, handling challenges, the importance of resilience, teamwork and self-belief. It was a day filled with fun, learning and motivation.

3-6 NEWSLETTER PAGE

Due to Miss Stanford being unwell across the past fortnight, the 3-6 page is unavailable for this addition of the newsletter.

Rest assured that learning has continued in this classroom with Mrs Tuohey and Mr Taylor filling in.

We hope to welcome Miss Stanford back on Monday.

Aaron

This week's Value– We ask for help if needed

DATES TO REMEMBER — 2026		
June		
Friday 12th	2.30-3.10	**Parent Forum Invite**
Tuesday 16th	9.15—3.00	**Rochester SC Transition Day—Grade 5's & 6's**
Wednesday 17th		**Division Soccer– selected students only**
Thursday 18th		**Templestowe College Performance**
Monday 22nd	TBC	**Songroom Performance**
Wednesday 24th		**Active Schools Incursion**
Friday 26th		**PJ DAY—Wear your PJ's** **END OF TERM 2**
July		
Monday 13th		**Learning Catch Up Conversations– students attend for their 15 minute session only**
Tuesday 14th		**Student classes resume**
Friday 23rd		**Student Free Day**

Prep- Grade 2—The Quirky Quokkas

With only two and a half weeks remaining until the end of Term 2, Nick and I have been reflecting on the incredible growth and learning that has taken place across the semester. Every member of the Quirky Quokkas should feel proud of their achievements, both academically and socially.

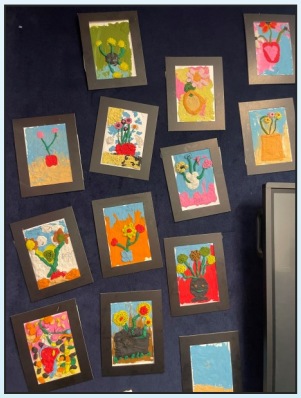
What's been happening?

Last week we had a visit from some of the Richmond Football Club women's team. They shared interesting information about their career in women's football and took our kids for some fun footy drills.

We also ventured to Bendigo to visit Peppergreen Farm, experiencing a few different activities across the day.

What are we learning?

Our imaginative writing pieces are really taking shape, students have taken time over the last couple of weeks to explore planning and expanding our ideas. Students are now into the drafting process with a focus on bringing their writing to life with vivid details and creating a storyline that flows. Our published pieces will be on show for students to share with families on the afternoon of our Songroom Performance (Monday 22nd June).



In maths we have continued to develop our addition and subtraction skills, building knowledge of different strategies.

In Art with Mrs Cowan students used Van Gough 'Sunflowers' as inspiration to create their own flower masterpieces out of plasticine. These are displayed on our library wall, please take the time to check them out next time you visit.

Amongst all this learning we have also been undertaking end of semester assessments of reading, writing and mathematics to help inform our end of semester reporting.

What's coming up?

Week 9 – we continue Songroom on Monday afternoon.

Week 10 – last week of term see our Songroom Performance (Monday 22nd June) and students will also have the opportunity display their writing pieces.

Have a great week and if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us via uEducateUs or contact the school.

Cheers Nick and Daisy

WELLBEING @ EPS

Song Room

Our Song Room program with Darren culminates this Term with a performance on Monday, June 22nd. Darren has been involved with both classes exploring music and song. There will be a whole school performance on Monday June 22nd, most likely in the afternoon. Actual time to be confirmed.

Parent Forum

The last parent forum for Term 2 is to be held this week, Friday, June 12th at 2.30 (before Assembly) to give parents the opportunity to meet and discuss any topics of interest to the school they may have.
Please feel welcome to attend.

School Wide Positive Behaviors Program

Students have had a chance to trade their stamps on vouchers or items of their choice. It was great to see hard work and positive behaviors and attitudes rewarded.

Junior school Council

At our last meeting a number of items were discussed-
It is hoped to purchase some soccer goalie gloves and a new soccer ball. Aiming to get the missing basketball ring repaired and put back up on the backboard for use. Also new nets put on the basketball rings
Upcoming events -
Clean Up Australia Day. Wet weather saw this postponed again. We will endeavor to hold this before the end of term.
Friday, June 26th (last day of Term 2)- PJ Day- wear your pyjamas to school for the day!
JSC will meet again shortly

Premiers Reading Challenge

The challenge underway and the aim is to read as many books as you can up to Friday September 4th. All students have their Log ins and can log in books read both at home and at school. The theme this year is 'Stories to Discover. Hopefully students have already logged some the books and novels they have read this term

If parents have any concerns or questions, please see me, or make contact through UEducate Us.
Cheers Helen

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2026

Dear parent/carer,

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and we're excited to be taking part!

All children from birth to Year 10 are welcome to join in.

This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs.

All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au]

You can also contact our Challenge Coordinator, Helen Tuohey with any questions.

Happy reading!

Helen Tuohey

WEEK 8 AWARD WINNERS

Oden, Jack C, Aiden, Charlie B, Cody, Wayne, Thomas

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 Aaron Taylor
1:30pm	**Lunch orders – Elmore Bakery** Orders placed at school in sealed envelope.
11:30pm – 1:30pm	**Specialist Classes** PE – Natalie Pelly STEM – Helen Tuohey
FRIDAY	
2:20pm	**Living Well** 3-6s with Helen Tuohey
3:05pm	**School Assembly**

Bendigo Community Health Services

5 ways to wellbeing

Being Active Everyday

Aim for 30 minutes of active movement.

Being active has many physical, social and emotional benefits, and everyone can benefit from movement throughout the day.

Finding it hard to fit in 30 mins at one time? Try two 15 min sessions or three 10 min sessions! You can also build up from shorter sessions to longer ones!

Find resources and information below:

HLC - Geocaching & other activities

Bendigo Cycling & Walking Trails

Get Active Vic

What are the benefits?

- Time spent with friends and family
- Assists with emotional regulation
- Improved confidence
- Lower stress and anxiety
- Healthy growth & development
- Lowered risk of disease

Tips:

- Sports such as football or netball.
- Bike or scooter riding
- Swimming
- Dancing in the house
- Yoga
- Walking to/from school
- Walking the dog
- Helping with chores around the house
- Make it a family activity!

www.bchs.com.au

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing footy goods

nab AFL Auskick

4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.

AFL Superkick

7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

ALL PROGRAMS RUN 9AM-3PM

COST IS $55 (FOOTY INCLUDED)

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BENDIGO ALL GIRLS AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY | 9AM-3PM

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GIRLS AGED 4-12

$35 PER PERSON - FOOTY TO KEEP!

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VICTORIA State Government | Department of Education

ES RELIEF PROGRAM 2026

Supporting Victorian Government Schools with Trained Relief Administration & Finance Staff

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Introduction to CASES21, Finance & Student Insight
- School Administration & Finance Processes
- Managing Receipts, Creditor & Debtor Payments
- Student Administration Skills
- Tax Insights
- Student First Aid Training & Certification

ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals interested in working in Education Support administration and finance roles
- Have **not previously worked** in a school office
- Are **not currently employed** by a school
- Are **interested in casual relief work** within a school office environment. The program is specifically for individuals interested in working **casual relief roles** within a school office
- Ideally have a referral from a current Victorian school employee

MORE INFO

https://bmv.org.au/es-relief-program/

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EDUCATION SUPPORT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION RELIEF PROGRAM 2026

Supporting Victorian State Schools with Qualified Relief Staff

The Education Support Finance & Administration Relief Program is an initiative run through the Department of Education and Business Managers Victoria, aimed at providing assistance and support within the education sector, particularly for office staff in administration and finance roles. This program offers opportunities for individuals to receive training and gain practical experience in educational office settings.

By the program's conclusion, participants will have the training required to provide relief support in school administrative systems, enabling them to assist at short notice in schools.

The program trains participants for school office relief roles, equipping them with essential skills to assist schools on a short-term, flexible basis.

Program Requirements

- Attend all compulsory program components, including face-to-face training, online sessions, at-home learning modules, graduation day and volunteer work experience
- Complete 60 hours of volunteer work experience within Victorian government schools
- Undergo an interview and complete a PC competency test prior to acceptance into the program
- Gain experience across various areas of school administration and finance
- Be available for short-term relief work at short notice
- Commit to 12 months of relief work following program completion

Program Details

- Program commencement: Week beginning 27 July 2026
- Program duration: Term 3 2026 through to Term 4 2026
- Program Orientation Session: Week beginning 13 July 2026
- 12 hub training days delivered through a combination of face-to-face training, online sessions and at-home learning modules, plus fist aid training day
- Training centres will be offered across Victoria (locations to be confirmed)
- Each training centre will accommodate a maximum of 10 participants
- Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed between 22-26 June 2026

APPLY NOW

To apply for the 2026 Education Support Finance & Administration Relief Program, please complete the online application form and upload a current resume (maximum two pages).
Applicants may nominate two preferred training centre locations. Successful applicants will be allocated (if possible) to one of their selected training centres and must ensure they are able to travel to and attend their allocated location.

APPLICATION FORM LINK - APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026

https://bmv.org.au/es-relief-program/

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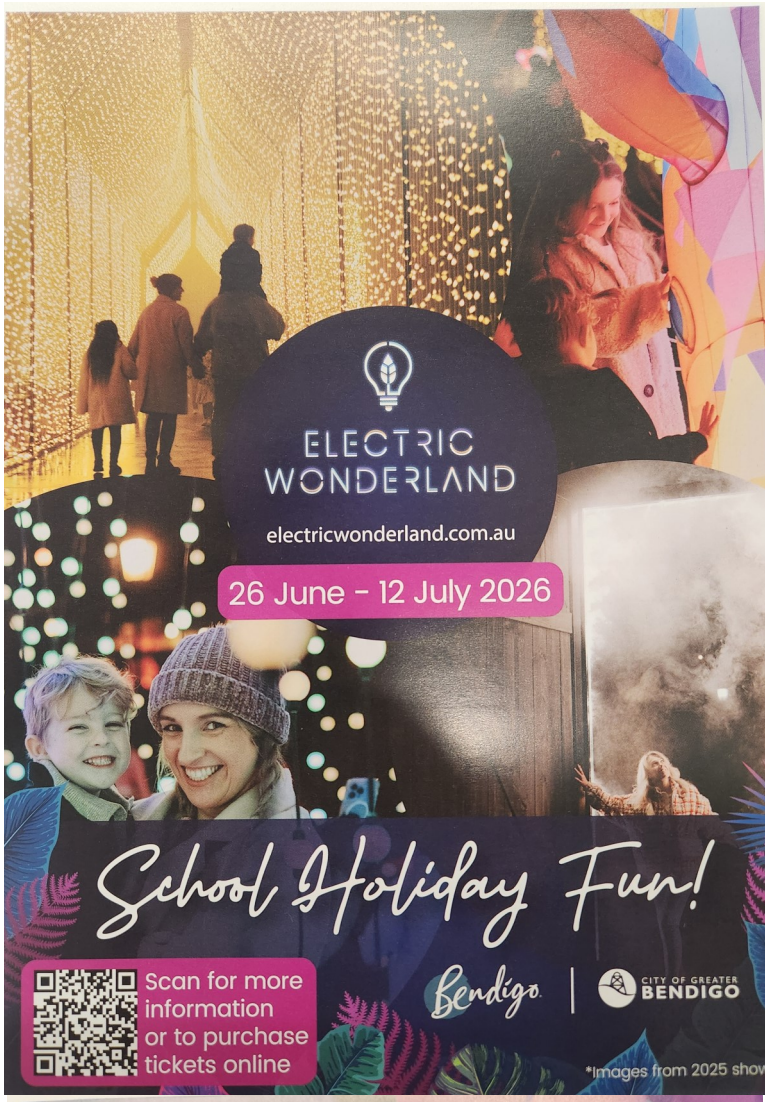

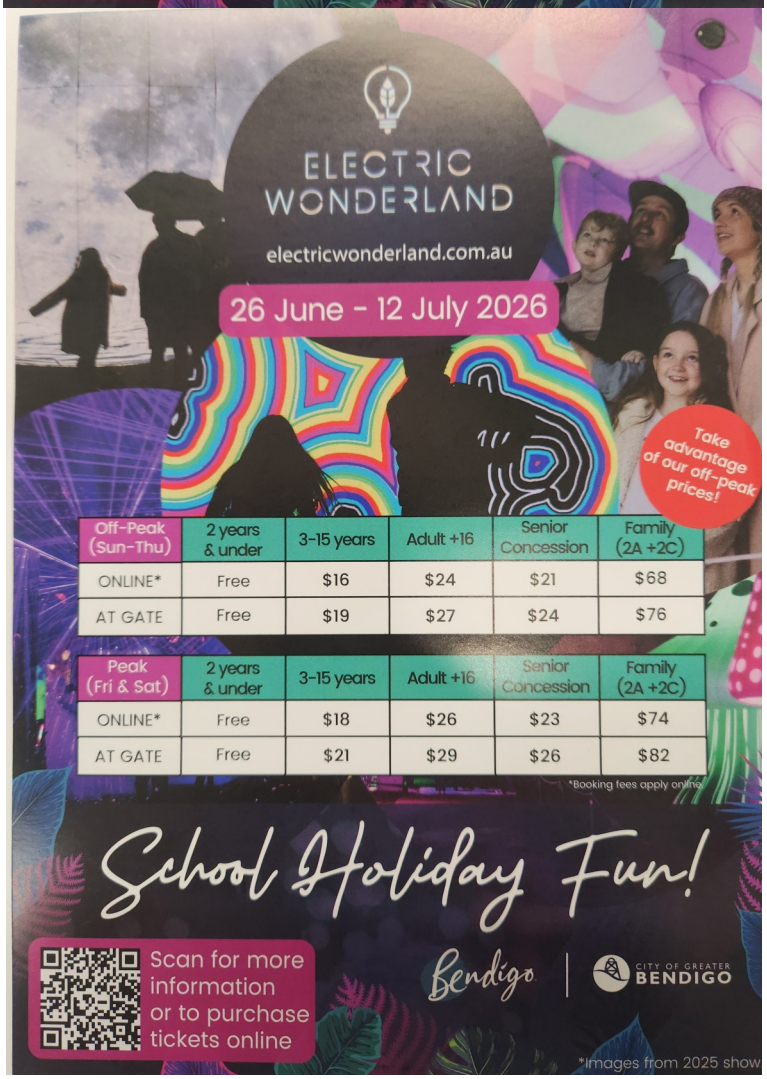

Off-Peak (Sun-Thu)	2 years & under	3-15 years	Adult +16	Senior Concession	Family (2A +2C)
ONLINE*	Free	$16	$24	$21	$68
AT GATE	Free	$19	$27	$24	$76

Peak (Fri & Sat)	2 years & under	3-15 years	Adult +16	Senior Concession	Family (2A +2C)
ONLINE*	Free	$18	$26	$23	$74
AT GATE	Free	$21	$29	$26	$82

*Booking fees apply online