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EPS NEWS - ISSUE 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Aaron Taylor

Hi everyone,

As our midyear break is rapidly upon us, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate and thank Samantha Stanford for the incredible work she has completed in and around the school on top of the brilliant job she has done in guiding our year 3-6 classroom over the past 2.5 - 3 years. Sam will be taking maternity leave from the end of term. I'm sure you would all join me in wishing her all the best over the coming months. Whilst we look forward to her return, I hope she makes the most of enjoying some extended family time in her new home.

The details of Sam's replacement in the Year 3-5s classroom are still being finalised. These will be communicated to parents and the entire school community as soon as these are confirmed.

Learning Catch Up Conversations

In term 3, normal classes for our students will resume on Tuesday **12th July**. Monday 11th will be used to conduct Learning Catch up Conversations. Students are expected to attend these interviews in school uniform, alongside their parent/ carer.

Families can book a time through uEducateUs. Those parents that are unavailable are encouraged to contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange an alternative time. If you would like to complete your conference via WebEx or phone, please email your classroom teacher once you have made your booking in uEducateUs.

We look forward to discussing with you, your child's achievement and future learning goals.

Reports

Reports will be released to parents on Friday 24th June. A hardcopy will also be sent home for your records. This report will contain grading against the A-E (progression points) and a general comment reflecting each student's personal and social learning capabilities. Reading, Writing and Mathematics comments have previously been released to parents via uEducateUs. These comments will be included in the report, although will only be a repeat of the previous communication. This will consolidate the Semester's learning in the one document for parents. There will also be a comment on the content taught in each of our specialist areas.

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.



Help Required

I'm seeking parent help to prepare for the upcoming capital building works project. If anyone is available to assist with the relocating of school resources on the afternoons of Monday 21st or Tuesday 22nd, any time after 2pm it would be greatly appreciated. The bulk of the work will involve relocating stored items from one cupboard to another.

Final Day of Term

On the final day of term students and teachers are coordinating a fun afternoon, where families are encouraged to attend from 12:30pm. Students have been preparing for an 'Day of the Notables'. From 12:30pm students will present information on a notable person of interest. Following this the Junior School Council are coordinating a 'Fun Food' lunch, where students (and parents) can pre-order a lunch item to share in at school. Our play time will then be followed by a brief assembly where we will officially farewell Miss Stanford.

Something tells me you'll enjoy your new boss while you're on maternity leave!



Students will be dismissed at 2:20pm.

Holiday Chickens

If anyone is available to assist with keeping an eye on our school chooks over the holidays, it would be greatly appreciated.



Feed will be stored in the greenhouse. You are free to collect any eggs!

Paws in Schools

Are an organisation that work within school settings assisting student to develop and implement positive mental health and wellbeing strategies. PAWS in schools will be visiting EPS twice per term for the remainder of 2022 and working within in our classrooms. Our first visit will now be on Monday 20th June. Further information can be found at

<https://therapyanimals.com.au/paws-in-schools/>



Wood Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home for our Term 2 wood raffle. These need to be returned to school on or before Friday 17th June. The winner will be drawn on Tuesday 21st June.

If you able to assist with splitting and loading the trailer this Friday afternoon after school, please speak to Aaron. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Enrolments

If there are any existing or new families wishing to enrol their child at EPS in 2023, please collect an enrolment pack from the office. These can also be downloaded from our website. This will help us as we plan for the following school year.

Holiday Breakfast Packs

For those families that would like a holiday breakfast/snack pack to top up your pantry.



These can be collected at the end of each day up until the end of Term. Supplies are limited

Hot Food Friday Canceled Term 3

Due to the anticipated commencement of our Capital Building works project in Term 3, we will not be able to offer Hot Food Fridays. Our little kitchenette and oven area will be reconfigured in stage 1 of construction. We will look to reinstate this down the track, once our build is complete.

RATS

The school continues to be supplied with a fortnightly allocation of RATS for each student. These have been distributed to each student as they have arrived at school. We appreciate that some families may have accumulated an excess supply. The school does not have the capacity to store these arrivals and we will continue to distribute these for family use.



Finally, I'd like to wish you all a safe and restful holiday. Stay warm and dry and we'll look forward to welcoming all children back on Tuesday 12th July.

Cheers,
Aaron



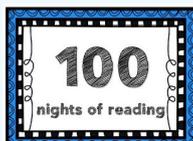
Speedy Emus

Lucky Emu

Our last Lucky Emu for the term is Chloe and we hope she enjoyed the book we made about her and that she enjoys the fun of being the Lucky Emu.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chloe, Charlie and Yasin who already have reached 100 nights reading at home. A FABULOUS effort and to acknowledge this, they were able to choose a book of their choice to keep. Well done!



A FABULOUS EFFORT.

Writing

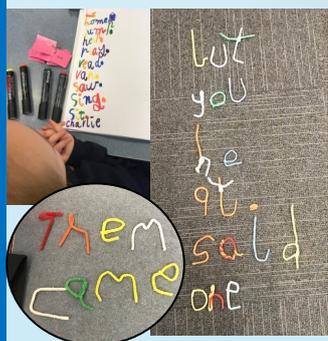
We have begun a new writing focus. 'How to' writing looks as recording and understanding writing based on how to make, how to do, how to play, how to cook

It is being enjoyed by all.



Working on words

This week students worked on recognising and making their words in their reader bag. Making their words from pipe cleaners and writing them in texta were popular activities.



It is almost the end of term so hopefully the holidays will be a great chance for families to rest and recharge ready for Term 3.

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

Cheers
Helen and Daisy



Dazzling Dingos

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone in the school community. While I am soon to go on maternity leave, eventually I will be back. I wanted to express my gratitude, as I love my job, the students, parents and working alongside my colleagues here at EPS. Every day is exciting, unique, challenging, rewarding, interesting and fun. It really is special being apart of a small school environment. As a graduate teacher I have gained so much and thoroughly enjoy creating engaging and meaningful learning experiences or the students. I'm sure that I'm going to miss it! Thank you all so much for your support.

The countdown is on, here's to guessing what the surprise will be, boy or girl?



So what's been happening in the Dazzling Dingoes classroom?

Reading

We have been analysing and summarising non fiction text. The students have been learning to put the important details from the text into their own words and analyse the different text features of various non fiction texts.



Writing

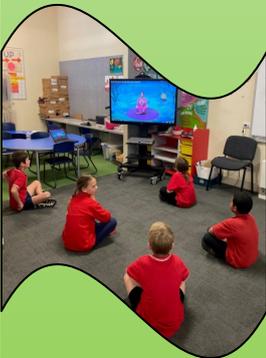
The students have been researching and drafting biographies about a person of interest. We will be holding an "**Day of Notables**" on the last day of term 2. Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome to join us from 12:30pm. The students will be showcasing their person of interest by dressing up or using props, along with their information all about their person. We would love for you to joins us!

Mathematics

We have been investigating subtraction strategies to help us problem solve and solve various equations. The students have also been estimating and measuring the perimeter and lengths of certain areas and objects.

Inquiry

We have been exploring the various distinctive features on all different types of mini beasts and their uniqueness.



Everyday the students participate in a mindfulness or brain break activity. This includes yoga, mediation, breathing activities, dance, mini games and colouring. It is something they all enjoy and look forward too!



The Junior School Council are hosting a "**Fun Food Day**" for the last day with hot dogs, sushi and cold drinks. The order forms are being sent home today. If you could return these back to school promptly that would be wonderful. Parents, grandparents, special person and friends are welcome to join us for lunch and also place orders on the child's order form.

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

Stay safe, happy and healthy
Cheers Sam

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DATES TO REMEMBER—2022

TERM 2

Every Monday	3.05pm	School Assembly
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TERM 2—JUNE

Tuesday 14	6.30pm	School Council
Monday 6	10.00—11:30am	Paws in Schools
Friday 24		MACC Van—Art Fun Food Day Ms Stanford’s farewell END OF TERM—2:20pm

TERM 3—JULY

Monday 11		START OF TERM Learning Catch Up Conversations
Tuesday 12		Normal Classes Resume
Friday 15		MARC Van
Thursday 28		100 Days of Prep
Friday 29	ALL Day	STUDENT FREE DAY—Curriculum Day

TERM 3—AUGUST

Monday 1		National Schools Tree Day
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NAB AFL AUSKICK BURST HAS ARRIVED!

Sign up at play.afl/auskick



2022 COMMUNITY AUSKICK PACK

Default Inclusion
Foosy, Pump, Foosy Cards



Cape flag
— customised by
nominated AFL club



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Choose from the below options!

Option 1



Backpack

OR

Option 2



Socks
Boot bag

The Auskick Burst campaign starts on Monday June 13th, with a discounted rate of \$50 for the remainder of the Auskick season (plus any centre fee)!

Registration also includes the Auskick Pack!

Cluster Winter Sport

08/06/2022 @ Colbinabbin

