



TUESDAY 19th MARCH, 2024

EPS NEWS - ISSUE 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL AARON TAYLOR

Hi families,

A special thank you to all those individuals and families that volunteered at the recent BnS ball on behalf of the school. Also, to Monique, Rosemary and Nathan who attended yesterday's working bee after school.

START OF DAY ROUTINES

Students should begin arriving at school at 8:45am. The first bell for our school day rings at 8:55am. This is the cue for students to make their way into classrooms and ready themselves for learning. Our teacher's instruction time and first lesson begin at 9am each morning. Students arriving after 9am can disrupt the flow of instruction. I ask that students and parents assist with ensuring these routines are followed.

NIGHTLY READING

At EPS we highly value students participating in a daily 'at home' reading routine. For our younger students this involves active involvement and participation with parents. Just 10 minutes a day means your child can accrue over 60 hours of additional reading practice each year!

Our school target is for each child to achieve '50 nights of reading per term'!

EASTER RAFFLE

We hope you have had continued success in selling our easter raffle tickets. We welcome any 'Easter Eggs

or Easter themed donations at the office.

Tickets and money are due back to school by Tuesday 26th March. The draw will take place on the final day of term, Thursday 28th March.

BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACING

Works on our school basketball court commenced yesterday. When finished, this will have a synthetic covering which will extend into the undercover area near the decking. We expect this to be completed just prior to the end of term.

In the meantime, bikie storage will be alongside the BBQ/flagpole area.

ONGOING REPORTING

Teacher comments on your child's progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics will be (or already have been) released via uEducateUs. These reflect your child's progress towards their learning goals and focus for term 1.

Learning Catch Up Conversations

Opportunities to chat with your child's classroom teacher regarding these comments and your child's Term 2 learning focus' will be held on Wednesday 17th April (Term 2, Week 1) between 3:30pm and 6pm. These should now be booked through uEducateUs. If you require assistance, please contact the office. It is hoped that all families will book a time.

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.



PARENT FEEDBACK REQUEST

During Term 2 of this year Elmore Primary School will be setting a new strategic direction for the next four years. This is a process that all government schools in Victoria go through. A [google form](#) has been emailed to all families requesting a response to the following 3 questions,

1. *What things are currently working well at Elmore Primary School? What should we keep doing?*
2. *What areas would you like to see Elmore Primary School doing well in four years' time?*
3. *Are there any current areas you believe do not require our continued focus. What should we stop doing?*

Hard Copies are available from the office

PARENT FORUM—Friday 19th April

A further opportunity to provide input on our schools progress and future direction is being offered on Friday 19th April (Term 2). After school drop off at 9am, parents are invited to stay on for a cup of tea and to share your thoughts and ideas. Here, we'll also discuss our upcoming fundraisers and school improvement projects. We would love to have as many school councillors and parents attend as possible.

During our school review, a final opportunity to speak directly with the panel will occur on Wednesday 1st May.

SMILE SQUAD

Smile Squad will be visiting our school in the first 2 weeks of Term 2. Parent consent is needed to access this free dental service. Sign up to Smile Squad at:

<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>. Hard copies of this forms can be collected from the office.

UNIFORM AND CLOTHES FOR FAMILIES

Following our school assembly on Monday 25th March, we

will have an assortment of new and used uniforms available for parents to peruse and choose from. Many have been donated or returned to the school and some have the older style school logo. There will also be a collection of children's wear that is not uniform, which has also been donated to the school.

Please feel free to come and take what you need. There will be selection of colder weather items jumpers, pants etc.

All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity.

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST PACKS

Families will also be able to collect a breakfast box on this day as well as a few pantry fillers.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast is offered at school each Tuesday and Thursday. This is run from 8:20am—8:45am. Students attending school before 8:45am, must attend the breakfast program in the ART room.

MOWING ROSTER

Thanks to Mal down who did a magnificent job on our lawns last Friday. We are still looking for families to volunteer for a month at a time to look after the lawns. We have vacancies from June onwards! Please see Aaron or write your name on the list on the noticeboard.

PE RETURNS TO MONDAYS IN TERM 2

In term 2, PE with Mrs Hayes will be held on a Monday. On Thursdays, student will now have a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEAM) session with Mr Taylor.

Finally, I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Easter. We will see you all back at EPS on Monday 15th April.

Cheers Aaron

Week 6 & 7 Award Winners



Reading Nights: Lachlan, Ruby, Gen, Luke, Thomas



Principal Award:

Sam R

Classroom Awards:

Charlie and Thomas

100% Attendance

Charlie and Gen

Grades 3/6



It has been a terrific two weeks of learning in the Rocking Roo's classroom.

We had a few students head off to Moama to represent our school in the Campaspe Regional Lawn Bowls Competition. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, coming away with a couple of wins and all loving the opportunity to participate. Our students look forward to our specialist subjects over the course of the fortnight Music, PE, MARC & MACC visits. These subjects allow students to identify passions, build on their existing skills, spark creativity and enjoy engagement of a different learning area.

AUSLAN the students have been learning the signs for farming animals and describing words. Each week the students learn the signs and engage in an activity to practice them. They are provided with a sheet to continue practicing these signs at school or home. We encourage you to have a discussion with your children about what it is they are learning in AUSLAN, we are sure they would love to share!

NAPLAN is here and we wish all our grade 3 -5 students who are participating the best of luck with these tests! Maths is our final test and this will take place on Wednesday morning.

OUR LEARNING FOCUS:

Literacy: In Reading, we have been identifying the features of various fiction and nonfiction texts, then building our comprehension of these text across different genres. The students have been summarising the text after reading or interviewing their peers about the type of text they have read by using a comprehension checklist. In Writing, we have been establishing our sentence fluency with using compound and complex sentences. The students have been exploring the use of conjunctions, adverbs and adjectives to bump up their writing and being more descriptive. They have written some fabulous narratives that really display 'authors voice' helping the reader visualise their story taking place.

Numeracy: We have been building on the student's automatic recall of number facts with our EPS times table challenges. They have been exploring different strategies to solve problems using addition and multiplication. They participated in multiple statistic and probability games where they had to record and graph their data using bar graphs, line graphs or dot plot graphs.

Inquiry: The students have been identifying their individual strengths and what makes them unique. They have participated in some STEM challenges motivating the students to work together establishing teamwork, developing their strengths, communication and problem-solving skills.

Respectful Relationships: The students have been exploring coping and calming strategies by identifying what triggers negative emotions and how to deal with our reactions. We have also been talking about Cyber Safety and ways we can be safe online or using social networking.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Nick & Sam



Junior School Council Report

By our School Captains Luke and Lachlan

Harmony Day

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 21st of March. Students are welcome to wear a splash of orange. Harmony Day is all about inclusion!

Activities planned are:

- Making beaded bracelets
- Clay making
- Orange cordial cups
- Parachute games
- Sharing a story



Lunchtime Games

As School Captains, we are trialling a whole-school lunchtime games program. It will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone can join!

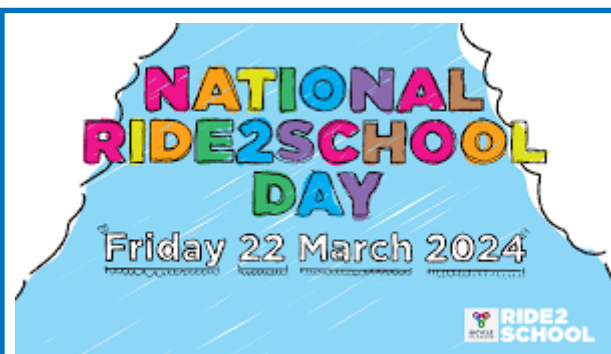
Here are some games we'll play: Dodgeball, Capture the Flag, Rollerball, Octopus Tiggy, Hide and Seek Tiggy, Camouflage, Football, Cricket, Soccer

EASTER EVETNS—Final Day of Term

On the last day of term, it is tradition to do an Easter Egg Hunt. Conducted by the school captains, we will set up clues so that everyone can get to their basket. We will also have an Easter Hat Parade where students make their hats at home and bring them in to showcase here at school in the morning. Stay tuned!

ANY IDEAS??

We are starting a school suggestion box to initiate some ideas that we could introduce around the school and playground. So, have a chat with your students and get some suggestions in! We can't wait to hear your ideas. The box will be situated in our library space.



THIS FRIDAY...

We will be meeting at the end of Childers St @ 8:25am for an 8:30am departure. Students and families are invited to join us and to walk, ride or scoot to school! Prep and Year 1 students must be accompanied by an adult.

We will make our way along the Campaspe River track and then turn right onto Margret st (Midland Hwy) and along the pathway to EPS!

Prep -2- WILD CROCODILES

Lucky wild crocodile

Hadleigh and Cody have been our latest 'lucky wild crocodiles.' They have had the fun of being first in line, doing some small jobs and having a special book made about them. We hope they enjoyed their week.

Wild crocodiles

We created crocodile habitat trioramas and they are on display in the library area. Feel welcome to come in and read lots of interesting crocodile facts.

Writing

We have continued writing about our weekend and other 'small moments' that have been important to us. Events like birthdays, parties, outings and holidays are all 'small moments' that have been written about. Information written includes- what, where, who, when, how, why and what was it like.

Easter bunnies

We have created some Easter bunny artwork that is now lurking in the library. Come in for a peek!

Bendigo Goldfields library

We have been walking to the Athenaeum hall every 2 weeks, Mondays, to borrow books and join in a Storytime session run by Ange from the library. These books will stay at school to be read and shared. Our last visit was yesterday.

Ms Cowan- MAAC van teacher

Ms Cowan visited us last week for one of her usual fabulous art sessions. Paper Magiclay was used to mould, colour and make a 'pencil topper' and a triorama to match the pencil topper creature they created. Ms Cowan visits every second Friday.

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

Cheers Helen & Daisy



NATIONAL RIDE2 SCHOOL DAY



Friday
22 March
2024



Northern MAD Camp-Make-A-Difference in the heart of the Goldfields!



8th-10th April 2024
Grade 4-Year 8
Koolamurt Scout Camp, 44 Mandurang Road, Spring Gully
\$180 includes adventure activities, Central Deborah Mine Tour, Fun, Friends and...GOLD!
Contact northernmadcamp@suevents.org.au
Ph Narelle 0409 879 510 or Di 0419 530 455.
For registration: <https://su.org.au/events/>

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME





DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS TO Elmore Primary School

EVERY CONTAINER YOU RECYCLE CAN EARN 10c FOR OUR CAUSE

Do something good today by recycling your drink containers in the dedicated bins

Start collecting eligible cans and bottles now!


Check for the 10c mark


come find your awesome

ELMORE AUSKICK CENTRE

Elmore Rec Reserve
Thursdays 4:30pm starting 2nd May



play.afl/auskick



The link to register to the Auskick Centre is <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9ab7a2>.

MINIS NETBALL

**GIRLS & BOYS
AGED 5-11YEARS
PLEASE COMPLETE
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FORM ONLINE**

MORE INFORMATION

Eliza McNamara, Netball Operations
0439 070 147



Minis information

- girls & boys aged 5-11yrs old
- \$30 minis membership fee with an additional \$40 for top hire that will be refunded at the end of the season when the top is returned
- Training is 4pm Thursdays beginning March 28th
- Games will be Saturdays with times to be determined each week with opposition
- Option to train only if unable to commit to playing on Saturdays
- Expression of interest link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqXzoghxJfsoK0kjjY5-oM3SgL6s1RpEnSFcXoINuVVvXKHZA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- Link to pay membership: <https://elmorefootballnetballclub.bigcartel.com/product/minis-netball-2024>

ECHUCA
FOOTBALL
NETBALL
CLUB

HOLIDAY FOOTY FRENZY

BOYS + GIRLS
5-14 YEARS OLD



PROUDLY PRESENTED BY



Fitzpatrick Cup + Medal
Draft Day
Trades
Tribunals

Successful state wide program



2 FULL DAYS

April 2nd + 3rd (Easter School Holidays)
8:30am - 5:00pm
\$80 for 1 day - \$150 for both days
Victoria Park, Echuca

BOOK NOW



ELMORE MEMORIAL HALL



EST: 1924

CELEBRATING 100YRS

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY OF OUR MAGNIFICENT

MEMORIAL HALL, SUNDAY 26TH MAY, 2024

AFTERNOON TEA FROM 2-4PM

Many of you in the community have celebrated events in the hall, weddings, balls, plays, or you may have a family name on the honour roll boards, for whom our hall was built after the great war. Come in for a wander around, and enjoy the memories.

Come along and see this community owned building

More details to follow



Do you have a market stall, small business or even some garage sale stuff and would like to have a stall at the Elmore Easter market? We are asking people to apply for a spot in our market at easter.

Sites will be on the sidewalk along the main road and we are offering 2

sizes.

3m \$40

6m \$60

If interested please complete the form on the back of this flyer and return it to elmore.pa.events@gmail.com (or drop it into the Elmore Hub letterbox) before March 15th.



Easter in Elmore Street Market

APPLICATION FORM/ EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Name.....

Address.....

Email address.....

Website.....

Business Name.....

Phone Mobile.....

Stall size Required please circle 3m (single) or 6m (double)

Do you wish to have your stall advertised as part of this market?

YES..... NO.....

Products sold.....

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You will be notified if your application is successful and where your stall will be positioned

Once approved we will need you to pay a holding deposit of \$20 via bank deposit

Set up will be from 7 am with stalls needing to be ready to sell by no later than 8.30 am

EASTER

Colouring competition

Entries submitted to Rochester Bendigo Bank by COB Tuesday 26th March.
Winners announced at the Easter market.

Thursday 28th March
Great prizes to be won

ROCHESTER

Easter Twilight Market

Rochester Racecourse Recreation Reserve (4R's)

Thursday 28th March
5pm-8pm

EASTER EGG HUNT

THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH, 5-8PM

GOLD COIN DONATION, PROCEEDS GOING TO GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
4R'S, CRN DINGEE AND ECHUCA RD



ROCHESTER

Easter Twilight Market

Colouring Competition

Eggcellent
Prizes to be
won over 3
age group
categories



Name: _____ Age: _____
Contact Number: _____

Please submit entries to Rochester Bendigo Bank by COB Tuesday 26th March. Winners will be announced at Rochester Easter Twilight Market Thursday 28th March 5pm-8pm at 4R's. If not in attendance winners will be notified by phone.