



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week's excursion to **Black Rock** was a very big, very exciting day! Although it was an early start and a long drive down, there has certainly been a great deal of positive feedback from students about the time they spent at the beach. We saw jellyfish, anemones, a star fish and lots of different seaweeds. The weather was fabulous and fish and chips for lunch was delicious too. Full points to our bus driver, Steve, who was very adept at negotiating the city traffic. As always, our students were enthusiastic and fully engaged in our activities. Their behaviour is always so positive, making them a delight to take on any excursion.

Discovery Centre celebration tonight! More information further on in today's Newsletter.

This is our last Newsletter for term 3. It has been a particularly challenging term with many students and staff unwell. Also, at the beginning of term, we thought we still had a Review to prepare for in Term 4, which is a very big work load, and began preparation. Both of these issues saw me out of the classroom far more than previous terms. It has been very frustrating for us all, having such an unusually high number of CRT days, and that is definitely not something any of us want to see continue into Term 4. I will be away for the first two weeks of Term 4 on Long Service Leave but do not predict any interruptions other than this. Whilst we can't control or predict illnesses, I want to reassure families that I have welcomed constructive feedback about staffing and am responding to it.

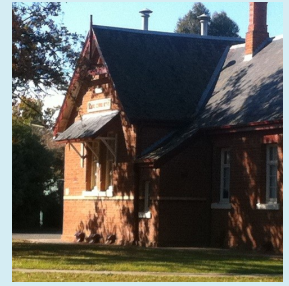
Financial limitations impact staffing decisions and my teaching role this year has been in direct response to that, as you would be aware from previous newsletters, however, I have been able to increase Daisy Acocks' hours in the Grade 4/5/6 classroom to two days per week for the rest of the year, giving me an additional office day and ensuring teaching and learning programs continue without disruption into Term 4. Our students are always at the heart of every decision I make and I am doing my best to make sure that we stretch our funds as far as we can to deliver a wide and interesting variety of programs. We are fortunate to have such a broad range of specialist programs at EPS to cater to student interest.

Planning for staffing in 2020 is well underway and I will be able to provide families with information about that as soon as it is finalised. Although I will almost always have some teaching role simply due to budgetary restrictions, I am anticipating that it will be significantly reduced. This is completely dependent on enrolments received, as this determines our funding. We are still waiting on a number of these at this time which impacts what I am able to share with you. I anticipate that I will be able to inform families of our staffing situation early in Term 4, but I encourage all pre-prep families to please forward their enrolments to school as soon as possible.

I am always interested in speaking with families about feedback and encourage you to make a time to meet with me if you have any questions.

Enjoy your holidays—fingers crossed for great weather!

Michelle Griffiths
Principal.



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Calendar and Dates

TERM 3

- 18/9 **Planning Day**
Showcase evening at Discovery Centre 6pm
- 20/9 **Footy Day**
LAST DAY TERM 3
2.30pm Finish
- 23/9 **Work begins on decking in undercover area—please stay clear of this space during the holidays**
- 1/10 **EFDCC child care**
- 7/10 **Term 4 begins. MARC van**
- 9/10 **guitar/drums**

Please note:
beginning next term, our newsletter will change to fortnightly instead of weekly, in response to parent feedback. ☺

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.



The jumping kangaroos.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to Grace who is our Star of the Week this week and we hope you have a great week Grace.

Vegetable garden on the holidays

If any families are able to water the vegetable garden and the tomatoes in the hot house for us on the holidays, that would be appreciated. Help yourself while you are there.

Hats Term 4

An early reminder that Term 4 is hats at school as part of our Sunsmart policy. Children are most welcome to bring them this week and wear them.

Fun with Ms Gentry in library

Ms Gentry was at school last week in her Library Van. Everyone was enjoying the activities with her around one of the Book-week shortlisted books, The Dress Up Box.

Early Learners

We made a Ninja Warrior course with the Early learners last week and has lots of fun completing it without touching the ground.

Ricketts Point at Black Rock

What a great day we had exploring the rock pools. Weather was perfect and lunch was delicious. Thanks to Ms Griffiths for organizing such a great day!

Footy Day

Don't forget to wear your football colors.

Don't forget!

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge ... keep on reading!

Have a great week everyone
Helen Tuohey



The Wonderful Wombats

This week, we have been exploring multiplication strategies. Students have explored using strategies including showing the equation as equal groups, repeated addition, showing as an array, skip counting and inverting to division equation.

This has been easier with equations such as 4×3 but quickly becomes more challenging when we introduce fractions or decimals. An important part of differentiating learning is to allow for challenges at a range of entry points, and it has been encouraging to see students choosing to challenge themselves by trying harder tasks without being directed to do so. Yesterday, for instance, our group conversation was about how we would show an equation like $\frac{1}{2} \times 8$ as an array ($8 \times \frac{1}{2}$ was much easier to work out!).

We finished book two in the Series of Unfortunate Events series and it was another exciting ending. Students enjoyed making predictions about the text throughout our shared reading and reported back that the genre of mystery novels is a particular favourite.

Have a great break everyone and come back refreshed and healthy!

Michelle Griffiths

Class teacher.

School Council Update—meeting held 12 / 09 / 19

- ◆ We welcomed Mrs Helen Tuohey to school council, filling the vacant DET position.
- ◆ School Council participated in Child Safe training and discussed how our school meets these standards
- ◆ Student Attitude to School data was discussed and celebrated—as seen in last week's Newsletter, students are very happy with what the school is doing.
- ◆ The Ideas from the parent meeting were discussed further with a plan developed to begin to address them—Michelle Simmie and Cameron Renshaw will begin to develop working parties to bring recommendations to school council about various projects.
- ◆ A funding application for the Local Schools Community Fund will be put together and submitted before the closing date of September 30th, these funds to support Buildings and Grounds / maintenance projects.

Discovery Centre Evening

Tonight is our evening at Discovery Centre in Bendigo, where we will be able to celebrate the fun we have had over this term, exploring coding as part of our STEM learning. The pizza is ordered and we are ready to go!

Our plan for the evening is as follows:

- ◆ 6:00—Families arrive. Students show families to the classroom area. Enjoy the pizza or, if not eating, students show families around Discovery Centre during this time.
- ◆ 6:15—All gather in the classroom space. Discovery staff will welcome families and speak with families about what we've been learning
- ◆ Students demonstrate what they have done with the Blue Bots and Spheros to the group. Senior students can show the coding they've created on their laptops with Scratch.

Attendance Rate

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| Last week | - 93% |
| Y.T.D. | - 93% |

Chickens on Holidays! Please help!

Our chickens have been enjoying their holidays at Meg and Brad's place over recent holidays but they will be away this holiday so we are looking for another kind family to come and feed them during the break.

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Elmore Kinder are holding a farewell celebration for Jade Cummins this **Thursday** 19th to be held at the Memorial Hall from **1:00pm**.

We welcome anyone who wishes to come along and help us celebrate Jade and all she has done for the kinder community over the past 6 1/2 years.

Afternoon tea and tea/coffee will be supplied.

**** PLEASE DON'T TELL JADE,
WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP IT A
SURPRISE ****



Keep the dates FREE

Tuesdays: November 26th,
December 3rd and 10th.

KIDS CHRISTMAS CLUB

a **free program** for Primary School children, provided by the Uniting Church ELMORE.

More details to follow in Term 4: EPA News and local Primary School newsletters

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Junior Training Start Dates

Rochy Mini Blasters and Woolworths Master Blasters

9.30am Saturday 12th October @ Windridge Oval

U12's

4.00pm Tuesday 24th September @ Windridge Oval

U14's and U16's

4:30pm Tuesday 10th September @ Windridge Oval

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Junior Programs 2019/20

Rochester Mini Blasters - \$60 includes RCC Playing Shirt and Cap

5-8's - Rochy Mini Blasters (Sat 10-11am)

Contact Dylan Cuttriss Mob. 0409583766

Level 1 Juniors - \$80 includes RCC Playing Shirt and Cap

U10 - Woolworth's Master Blasters (Sun 9.30-11am)

U12's - Cricket Australia Level 2 Format (Wed 5-7pm)

Contact Steve Rasmussen Mob. 0418340688 or Rory Harrington Mob. 0436454449

Level 2 Juniors - \$100 Includes RCC Playing Shirt and RCC Baggy to new players

U14's - includes a combination of T20 and 2-day games. (Thurs 5-7pm)

U16's - Includes a combination of T20 and 2-day games. (Fri 5-7pm)

Contact Ray George Mob. 0419750779 or Stuart Withers Mob. 0411191337

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