

**August 2, 2018** 



## **Care - Respect - Commitment - Responsibility - Inclusiveness**

# **Eagle Point**

Primary School

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### **Dates to Pemember**

August	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	VSSS Rehearsal – Lucknow Primary School
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Sub-committee Meeting 3.45pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Choice Theory Information Evening
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting 7pm
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nexus Arts Performance
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fair Meeting 2pm
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Book Week Dress Up Day
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 2 Sleepover
September	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting 7pm
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Sports
Thu-Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Victorian State schools Spectacular
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs

Dear Parents.

As I am writing this, I am preparing for what is hopefully going to be a lovely sunny day at Howitt Park for the Athletics Carnival. All students will be involved in a variety of events including running, throwing, catching and jumping. Students in grades P, 1 and 2 will be rotating through a series of modified events designed to build on gross motor skills and fundamental motor skills. Students aged 9-12+ will compete in traditional athletics and will have the opportunity to perform in each event. We are very proud of our student's 'have a go' attitude and their efforts will be rewarded with all students participating earning points for their house teams. The total points scored will be counted and the winner of the Aths Carnival will be announced at assembly on Friday. Thank you to Mrs Simpson for your exceptional work in preparing and planning for this event. These events take a lot of time to coordinate and we appreciate what you do. Thank you also to all of our staff and parent helpers who have been able to help out on the day, you have certainly given the children a day to remember.

Regards,

Anna Duncan



#### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club is open to all students on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. This is a highly valued program; we have a large number of students who choose to attend Breakfast Club. During the morning a selection of breakfast foods including cereal, toast with spreads, baked beans, fruit and warm Milo are available to any child who would like a breakfast top up. The main benefits of the program are providing a nutritious breakfast to those who need or want it and providing a safe space where each child is welcome and has the opportunity to connect with peers and an adult.

For this program to run we do rely on the generous time of volunteers. We have community volunteers and parents assist with the program. At the moment we have a vacancy as one of our volunteers is no longer able to assist due to work commitments. The time frame is every second Tuesday from 8:30-9:15am and incudes supervising students making breakfasts (the seniors tend to run the program), chatting with students about their upcoming day and cleaning up afterwards. The only requirement is a current Working With Children Check and a desire to make a difference in someone's world. Please see Anna if you would be able to assist or know someone who may be able to help out.

#### **Attendance**

After semester 1, we have totalled the days that each child has attended school and we will be celebrating those with high attendance at assembly this week. Although we understand that sometimes, students are unwell and are not able to attend school, we aim for each child to attend school for at least 90% of the year. Sometimes I will chat with families who choose to have a family break mid-term or have the odd long weekend and we have calculated some interesting facts.

For students who have attendance of 80%, in semester 1 alone this equates to 20 days away from school. 20 days is 4 full weeks of school, which is nearly a 5 week block or half a term of learning for your child.

By the time, this extends to the full year this becomes 40 days or 8 weeks, which is nearly a whole term, one quarter of your child's learning opportunities for the year. So, although that day at home or a long weekend may seem insignificant, they can quickly add up to a large total very quickly.

#### **Choice Theory Information Evening**

SAVE THE DATE! On Monday 13th August we will be holding 2 information sessions to build understanding about Choice Theory, what it is and isn't. As in previous years staff will benefit from meeting with Jeff to discuss a challenging concept. This discussion will be challenging staff thinking as to 'How do we know we are placing the child at the centre of all decision making?'

There will be 2 information sessions for parents. The first one, beginning at 5:30pm will be aimed at parents who may be new to the concept of Choice Theory or those who would like to go over these ideas. The topics discussed will be Basic Needs, The 3 Step Approach, What is Choice Theory?

The second session, starting at 7pm will be for those parents that have attended a Choice Theory information session before and would like to know more about an idea. Parents are of course invited to attend one or both of the sessions. The evening will conclude at 8pm.

If you have any questions about Choice Theory or would like to know more about any concepts please write them down and place them in the box which will be placed at the office. Any questions asked through this system will be addressed on the night. You do not have to put your name on the question and there is no such thing as a silly question. This is a great chance to clarify your thinking about anything to do with Choice Theory.

Child care will be available on the night in Room 2.

#### **Book Fair**

Book sales for our annual Book Fair have now closed and Belinda and her team have done an amazing job once again. This year the school has received \$895 worth of books to add to our library and novel study resources. Each of the classrooms provided us with a wish list of titles they would like to see and we have been able to purchase every single one of them. Thank you to all of the families who supported the fair by purchasing a book for their children, another added benefit! We have one outstanding order that was paid for online. Can the family who made this order please contact Belinda as we do not have the titles of the books you wanted to order.

Thank you to our whole community for your support.

#### **New Library Books**

We currently have many books entered on the school library system but need help to cover them before they can be made available to students.

Lots of helpers are needed. A book covering session will be held next Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12pm. Please drop in any time between 12 & 3pm. You can also message Rebecca Gardam on 0455 504 133 if you're available another time or can cover books at home.

#### **Book Week Dress Up day**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August Eagle Point Primary School will be celebrating literacy with a Book Week Dress Up parade. Students, staff, parents and families are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and share the story with the school. A parade will be held at 9am on the day.

#### **JSC Raffle**

Please return ticket books sold, partially sold or unsold by August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### **House Colour T-Shirts**

At a recent JSC meeting, it was decided to simplify the days that students wear their colour house tops. Rather than having different house colours on different days we would like to encourage all students to wear their colour tops on Wednesday of each week. JSC thought this would give parents time to wash uniforms midweek as well as brighten up the middle of the week.

## Art news

There will be an Art Show this year! Yeah! The children have been working beautifully, creating many pieces to share at the Art Show and for the Auction. During Semester 1, we concentrated mainly on 2D work, and this semester we will be mainly working with 3D art. One area I am thinking of tackling is sewing. I would love Room 5, 6 and 7 to be able to make a soft toy this year. To do this, I would need some volunteers and sewing machines. Volunteers certainly do not need to be a proficient sewer, just know how to thread a machine...and unpick mistakes. Volunteers would only be required for two hrs on a Wednesday morning or 1 hr in the afternoon for 1- 4 weeks depending on your availability. I am also looking for scrap materials, buttons, ribbons, embellishments, felt, stuffing, thread, cotton, and sewing scissors.









Will be a big ask on the kids...but I think together we can do it!!! Jane Langley

Baby Makes 3 is a FREE program that helps first-time parents transition successfully into parenthood. It provides an opportunity to share experiences and hear from others who are going through the same journey

Facilitated by trained facilitators, the program is a two-hour session, once a week for three weeks. It is delivered in the evening so that both parents and baby can attend.

Dinner provided

Please refer to back for

**Upcoming Program Dates & Locations** 

regularly in Bairnsdale and can register for a future program, be delivered in other locations  $\,\Big|\,$  please  $\,$  contact throughout East Gippsland if 5153 7500 there is sufficient interest gina.c

The Baby Makes 3 Program runs | For further information or to



# **Upcoming Programs**

15th, 22nd & 29th August 6.30-8.30pm Bairnsdale Primary School Multi-Purpose Hall, Bairnsdale

10th, 17th, & 24th October 6.30-8.30pm Bairnsdale Primary School Multi-Purpose Hall, **Bairnsdale** 

The Baby Makes 3 Program can be delivered in other locations throughout East Gippsland if there is interest.

For further information or to register for an upcoming program, please contact 5153 7500



Also can purchase from Bairnsdale Bearings & Elgas Bairnsdale.

Pre purchased tickets will go in a draw to win a load of wood.

We also have a bank account people can donate into or raffle tickets to buy.

All money raised will go towards getting Brayden who is 16 years

All money raised will go towards getting Brayden who is 16 years old to America for surgery so he can eat again, be pain free & get his life back again after 20 month.

Feel free to call any of the above numbers for more information





### Studio open 10am till 4pm

booking for activities 0488 570 665

Chris Guthleben potter

16 Riviera Close Paynesville

Demonstrations and free Activities

Saturday & Sunday 10.30 - 12.00 Hand building with children
Saturday & Sunday 2.00 - 4.00 Adults, come and try

**Displaying** work in progress, finished works &items for sale

