



Eagle Point Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 03rd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2026 School Year! That sounds a little strange, I only just got used to 2025.... The students have returned to school and seem very well rested and ready to learn. It is lovely to walk through the school and hear laughing and cheerful voices. Over the next couple of weeks, there will be a number of relationship building activities and students will be contributing and sharing their ideas about what their classroom environments will look like and sound like. These expectations are then collated and displayed in classrooms so please feel free to call in and have a read. It is a very important time of the year to set up routines and ensure students are confident with how the classrooms will run.

There has been some fantastic news for bus travelers this year. As of 1st January 2026, all public transport is free of charge to children under the age of 18. The initiative is called Travel Free and more information can be found on the website [Youth - Transport Victoria](#). For students using our bus service, the travel will be free of charge regardless of whether students travel to Newlands Arm or into Bairnsdale. It is strongly encouraged that students register for a Youth Myki card, these are available from either the website or from the train station in Bairnsdale at a cost of \$5 each. Although these are not compulsory for bus travel to and from school, it is recommended that students obtain one for free travel on all other services.

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is available for families who hold a Health Care Card. Application forms are available from the office or call and we can send one home with your child. This year, eligible families will receive \$400 per child that can be used to pay for camps and excursions including sporting events. If you have a current Health Care Card, please complete this application as soon as possible so we can forward them to make the funds available.

On Friday 13th February the Bairnsdale District Interschool Gymkhana will be held at the Bairnsdale Pony Club grounds. Eagle Point PS would love to enter a team so if we have any budding equestrians, please see me for an entry form. Children enrolled in Kindergarten through to Year 12 will be able to compete on the day. Teams are made up of 3 or 4 riders and 6 events are completed over the course of the day. Riders can be independent or on lead. An adult must be in attendance at all times. Students will need to provide their own ponies.

Please mark Friday 27th February in your calendar as this will be our first student free day for the year. On this day staff will be engaged in professional learning focusing on reading comprehension strategies and gathering staff insights into the school's improvement over the past four years. This information will be written into the documentation for the school's Strategic Review which will be held in Term 2.

Each year the school calls for parent nominations to join the School Council. The School Council meets twice per term and represents the community to consult with the school about improvement, finances and governance. All parents are eligible to join the school council and this year we have 3 positions available. The positions are held for 2 years. Parents can either self-nominate or be nominated (if they agree) by completing a nomination form which are available from the office. In 2026, all school councilor's must hold a current volunteer Working With Children Card. These are available free from the Services Victoria website. Nomination forms are available now and must be returned to school by 4pm Tuesday 24th February 2026. I would like to thank our current school council members for their time and encourage them to consider re-nominating. If you have any questions, please contact me to discuss.

Have a wonderful week.

Anna Duncan

STUDENT FREE DATES FOR TERM 1:

Friday 27th February

ASSEMBLY

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THIS FRIDAY

2.35PM



Please take a moment to read the information below regarding the collection and storing of student information.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#)

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy is available on the school's website and describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#).

This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 1

FEBRUARY 2026



Wednesday 4th February	No Preps in Attendance
Wednesday 4th February	Lawn Bowls Training 2-3pm
Wednesday 4th February	Icy Poles are back every Wednesday, \$1.00
Friday 6th February	School Assembly—2.35pm
Monday 9th February	Mobile Library—9.30-11.00am
Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th February—TBC	Hockey Clinic G1-4
Wednesday 11th February	No Preps in Attendance
Wednesday 11th February	Lawn Bowls Training 2-3pm
Friday 13th February	School Assembly—2.35pm
Friday 13th February	Interschool Gymkhana @Bairnsdale Pony Club
Tuesday 17th February	Pancake Day @8am
Wednesday 18th February	No Preps in Attendance
Wednesday 18th February	Lawn Bowls Training 2-3pm
Thursday 19th February	Division Swimming @Sale Aqua Energy Pool
Friday 20th February	School Assembly—2.35pm
Wednesday 25th February	No Preps in Attendance
Wednesday 25th February	Lawn Bowls Training 2-3pm

WANTED



SCIENCE ROOM

GLASS OR PLASTIC JARS

If anyone has any clean clear glass or plastic jars, Mr. Johnson would like them for Science please.

Jars can be dropped into the office.

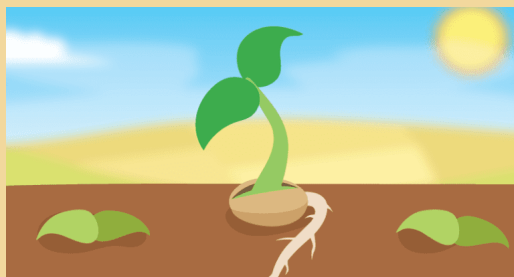


SCHOOL GARDEN

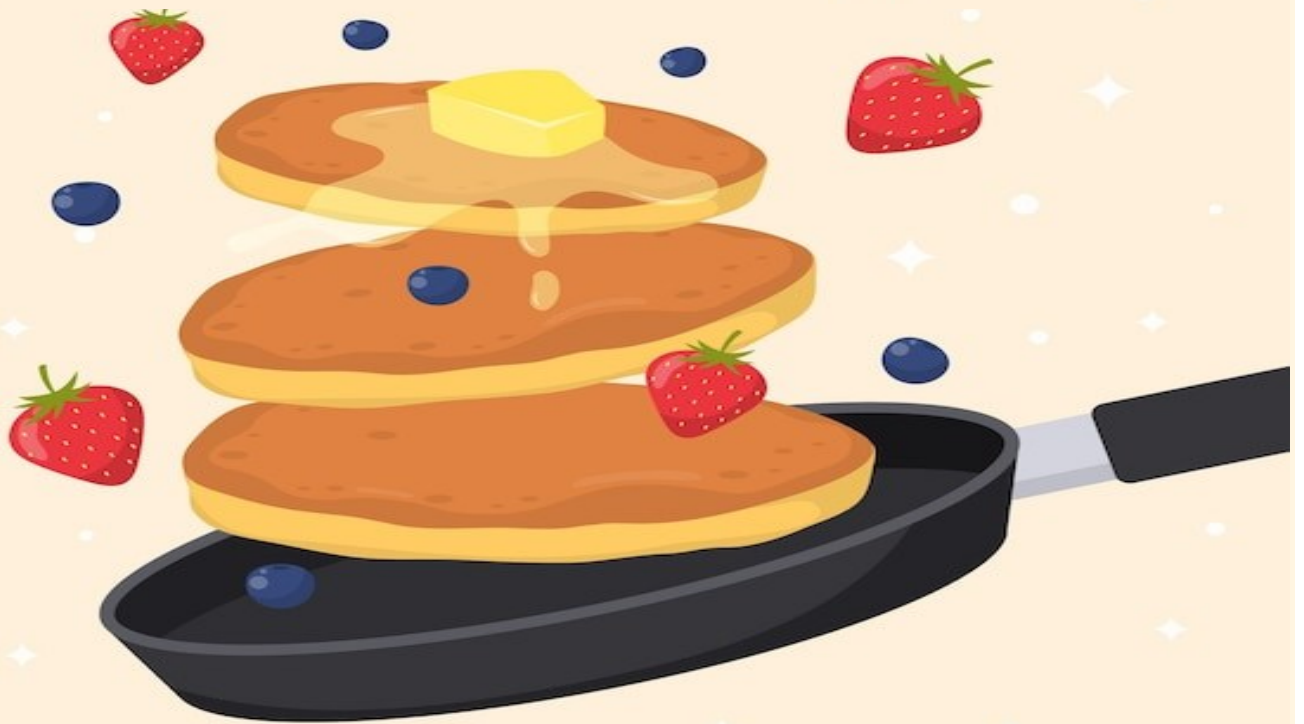
SEEDS OR CUTTINGS

If anyone has any seeds or cuttings they would like to donate to our School Garden it would be very much appreciated.

Seeds or cuttings can be dropped into the office.



• HAPPY •
Pancake Day



*****Tuesday 17th February*****

8.00am start

\$3.00 per person—Pay on day

Up to 2 pancakes with an assortment of toppings and cordial and water.

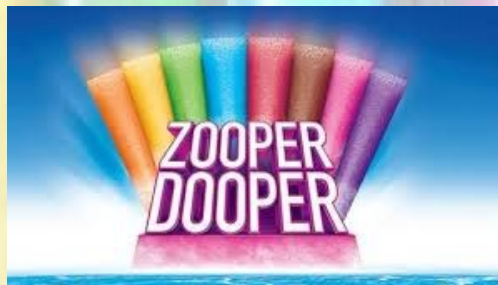
Family members are welcome to attend.



***** ICY POLES ARE BACK FOR TERM 1 *****

EVERY WEDNESDAY

AT AFTERNOON BREAK— \$1.00



CSEF Application Forms

Do you have a Healthcare Card?

If you do You may be eligible to apply for the \$400 CSEF—*Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding*. Please see information in this newsletter. An application form was sent home with students last week who were eligible last year. Please check your child's bag for the form. The form will need to be completed again and returned to the office by Wednesday 25th February.

If you have any questions or any new families require an application form please contact Amanda (Business Manager) or the office.



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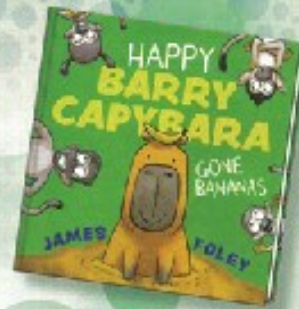
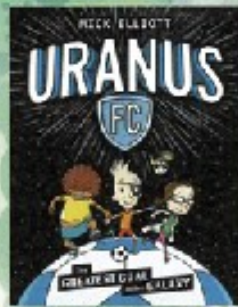
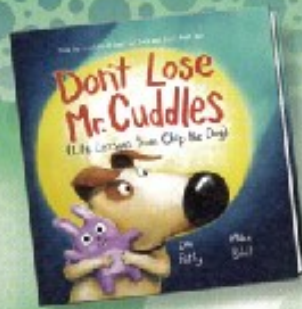
MOBILE LIBRARY

This Monday 9th February @9.30-10.30am

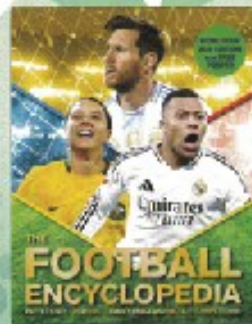
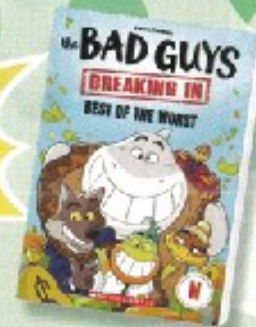
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2026

Book Club

PULL OUT
POSTER
HANG ME
UP IN YOUR
CLASSROOM!



NEW YEAR,
NEW READS
FROM BOOK CLUB!



GET UP TO
3 FREE
BOOKS*

WHEN YOU ORDER FROM ISSUE 1

*SEE THE BACK OF THE BOOK CLUB CATALOGUE FOR MORE DETAILS



INCLUDES AN
ENIGMA POCKET
DRAGON FIGURINE!

SCHOLASTIC

ORDERS DUE: 16th February

HOW TO ORDER

Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the **LOOP** app.
Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order.

You do not need to complete the order form.

Orders close Monday 16th February.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School Ref ID

Applicant details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

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OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)* **OR** Special Consideration**

*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

**Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders. I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the CSEF and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the CSEF can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the CSEF provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the CSEF may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ___/___/202__

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Applications must be submitted to the school as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Where a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application into the CSEF system for validation.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Those who are eligible to apply for the CSEF **must meet both** of the following two criteria or be eligible for special consideration.

Eligible means-tested cards

Only financially means-tested cards are eligible.

Eligibility date

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (refer to the department's policy, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#)), on either the first student day of Term 1 or Term 2.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). Applicant to use the 16 and over application form. For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#)
- a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor. Applicant to use the 16 and over parent consent form.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school. CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special Consideration

A special consideration eligibility category exists to assist families and students in certain circumstances. Applications should be made through this application form. For more information, refer to: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility](#).

Payment amounts

The CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the department's policy for the current rates and more information, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts](#).

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by the applicant.

1. Complete the APPLICANT DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). This personal information is collected to assess your eligibility to receive a CSEF payment. Your data is securely managed and only shared with Centrelink and DFFH when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: [Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au](#)

Travel free



Under 18s **travel free** on all public transport with a Youth myki



Buy a Youth myki