Eagle Point Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 15th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet?

Because they spend so many years at C!

Yes, this Saturday 19th September is International Talk Like Pirate Day! To celebrate this and have a bit of fun on the last day of term, Friday 18th September, students, parents and staff are invited to come to school dressed like a pirate! We haven't celebrated this date for a number of years so it should be a lot of fun.

This Friday is the last day of term 3 and school will be dismissed at 2:30pm. We will be holding assembly a little earlier this week, starting at 2:00pm. Therefore, lunch will be earlier with eating time at 1:00pm and outside play from 1:10pm. I hope each and every family has a wonderful break and finds time to relax and recharge. Monday 5th October is the first day of term 4 and I am looking forward to seeing everyone again on this day.

A huge thank you to every person involved in the wonderful Junior School Athletics and Healthy Lunch day last Friday. Unfortunately, I was called away and missed the lunch, but I hear it was an amazing success. So many of the staff have commented to me about students and parents that helped out in some way. It is days like this, when the whole community comes together to help each other that I find so rewarding. Once again, thank you.

Early next term, both our Middle School and Senior School classes will be heading off on camps. Grades 3 and 4 will be at Camp Coolamatong from Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th October. The Grade 5 and 6 students leave for Melbourne early on Monday 12th October returning on Wednesday 14th October. Grades Prep, 1 and 2 students will have a day program at Camp Coolamatong on Tuesday 13th October. It will be a busy first few weeks! The information for these activities has been sent home as a paper copy. It is also available on uEducateUs. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

I would also like to take the opportunity to recognise and thank Amy Barson for her time on School Council. Unfortunately, Amy has made the decision not to continue with this role and therefore the position has become available. If you are interested in joining School Council, we have 1 place available starting next term. There is a commitment of 2 meetings per term, and you do not need any prior skills other than a willingness to listen to all ideas and opinions and represent the school community in this role. Nominations for this position will be open until Wednesday 21st October. You can either self-nominate or nominate another person (with their permission). Expressions of interest can be emailed to the school eagle.point.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Have a wonderful break,

Anna Duncan
Principal

REMINDER:

2.30PM DISMISSAL THIS FRIDAY

NO BUSES IN THE AFTERNOON

ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY'S

2.35PM

SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 3/4

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2026

TERM 3

Friday 18th September	Talk Like a Pirate Day – Gold Coin Donation
Friday 18th September	Last day of Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal—no buses in the afternoon Assembly @2pm

TERM 4

Monday 5th October	First day of Term 4
Monday 5th October	Mobile Library – 9.30-11.00am
Wednesday 7th October – Friday 9th October	Grade 3 / 4 Camp @Coolamatong
Thursday 8th October	District Summer Sports @Bairnsdale
Friday 9th October	School Assembly – 2.35pm
Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th October	Grade 5 / 6 Camp @Melbourne
Tuesday 13th October	Junior School Excursion @Camp Coolamatong
Wednesday 14th October	Regional Athletics @Newborough
Friday 16th October	School Assembly – 2.35pm
Monday 19th October	Mobile Library – 9.30-11.00am

A HUGE THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of the local businesses/organisations below for supporting us with our Healthy Lunch fundraiser for our new playground.

Also, a huge thank you to our parents, carers, community members, staff and middle and senior students for volunteering their time on the day.
We couldn't have done it without your support.

We feel very lucky to have such a great school community.

We would also like to thank Bunnings, Nielsens Nursery (thanks Fish) and the Paynesville Op Shop for donating towards our gardening and wellbeing programs.

BUNNINGS warehouse
Bairnsdale

Woolworths
Bairnsdale

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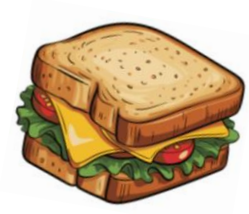
NURSERY & CO

coles
Bairnsdale

FOOD BANK

Paynesville Opp Shop Inc.

HEALTHY LUNCH DAY



Junior ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

artnews

Your Child's Artwork
a Keepsake Forever

Printed on a beautiful cotton tea towel
to treasure for years to come.

Order forms & copy of artwork going home with all students this week.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

WEAR YOUR BEST PIRATE GEAR

GOLD COIN DONATION

PROCEEDS TO THE NEW PLAYGROUND FUND

LAST DAY OF TERM – 18TH SEPTEMBER

School Council President's Report

At our recent School Council meeting, we were pleased to hear about a couple of exciting developments around the school.

The rebound wall will soon receive a fresh new look, with Riana Williams undertaking the repainting. We're looking forward to seeing the finished result and the colour and character it will bring to the school grounds.

The School Council is also beginning to explore ideas for future improvements to our school grounds and outdoor spaces. As part of this, we'd like to hear from our school community about your "hopes and dreams" for the school yard, what you value, what could be improved, and what you would love to see developed over time.

There will be opportunities for students, families and the broader school community to share their ideas as this work progresses. It's a great opportunity for us to think together about how we can continue making our school an engaging, welcoming and enjoyable place for everyone.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026.**

All families are invited to participate in the survey. Please complete the survey once only.
The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

https://research.orima.com/parent
School PIN: **423179**

RELATIONSHIPS & SEXUALITY EDUCATION (R.S.E.)

Room 1: Foundation

Students will explore how to seek, give or deny permission respectfully when sharing possessions, personal space or body autonomy.

Rooms 3 & 4: Grades 1 & 2

We are learning to protect personal information and images online and use help-seeking strategies.

- I can identify information that should stay private online.
- I can ask permission before taking or sharing a photo.
- I can close or leave, not reply, and tell a trusted adult.
- I can apply consent, warning-sign and help-seeking strategies to a scenario.

Rooms 2, 5 & 8: Grades 3 & 4

Protective Behaviours and Consent, *students will***:**

- Develop and understanding of body autonomy
- Identify early warning signs and body signals
- Learn about secrets and how some secrets should never be kept - nothing is ever so bad that you can't tell someone
- Learn about private body parts and personal safety networks and how to identify the people you can trust to help you if you feel unsafe
- Develop the skills to manage online content, socialising and respectful relationships and cyber bullying

Rooms 6 & 7: Grades 5 & 6

Consent and Body Autonomy

- Body ownership - the right to say no and the rights of others to say no
- Exploring the impact of power in relationships
- The way that we touch people or are touched by people will depend on the relationship that we have with them.
- Your body tells you when something is not right – trust your body's signals
- Some secrets should never be kept - nothing is ever so bad that you can't tell someone
- How to identify the people you can trust to help you if you feel unsafe

Eagle Point Swimming Lessons Information

Rooms 1, 3 & 4

DATES: **November:** Tues 17th, Thurs 19th, Tues 24th, Thurs 26th
December: Tues 1st, Thurs 3rd, Tues 8th & Thurs 10th

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Our school swimming program will commence on Tuesday 17th November and continue each Tuesday and Thursday until Thursday 10th December 2026.
Water familiarisation, stroke technique, swimming stamina and water safety are all important components of our school curriculum. Swimming lessons provide students with the opportunity to develop confidence, independence and essential water safety skills. It is therefore expected that all students participate in all lessons wherever possible.

COST: $120.00 per child, to be paid at the school office.

Swimming Times

Group 3 – Room 2 & 4
Leave EPPS @ 11.15
Lesson Time @ 12.00-12.45
Leave BARC @ 1.00

Group 4 – Room 1 & 3
Leave EPPS @ 12.10
Lesson Time @ 12.45 – 1.30
Leave BARC @ 1.45

Parents and carers are very welcome to come along and watch their child's swimming lesson at the allocated time.

Important Swimming Information

- **One-piece bathers or swimming shorts** are to be worn by all students while swimming. Please check that your child's bathers still fit comfortably and are suitable for swimming, particularly if they are being reused from previous years.
- Please ensure **all clothing, towels, goggles and bathers are clearly named**.
- **Goggles are optional** and must be supplied by families.
- Students with **long hair** are asked to have it tied back or wear a swimming cap.
- Parents and carers are welcome to watch lessons; however, **photography is not permitted**.
- A **plastic/waterproof bag for wet clothing** is recommended, together with a separate cloth or reusable shopping bag to make changing and organising belongings easier for students.
- **SURVIVAL LESSON:** Students will require **long-sleeved pyjamas** for survival activities.

PRACTISING INDEPENDENCE
In the lead-up to swimming, we encourage families to practise independent changing with their child at home. With a large number of students needing to change before and after lessons, it is important that children are able to manage as much as possible by themselves.
Practising simple things such as getting dressed and undressed, turning clothes the right way out, putting socks and shoes back on, drying themselves and packing wet items into their bag will make a big difference.
We appreciate your support in helping students become confident and independent with their swimming routine.

PERMISSION FORMS WILL BE ONLINE NEXT TERM
Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a fantastic swimming program!

Emily Ford
PE Teacher & Swimming Co-ordinator

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Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8

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December: Wed 2nd, Mon 7th & Wed 9th

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Please note: There will be no swimming lesson on Monday 23rd November due to the Student Free Day.
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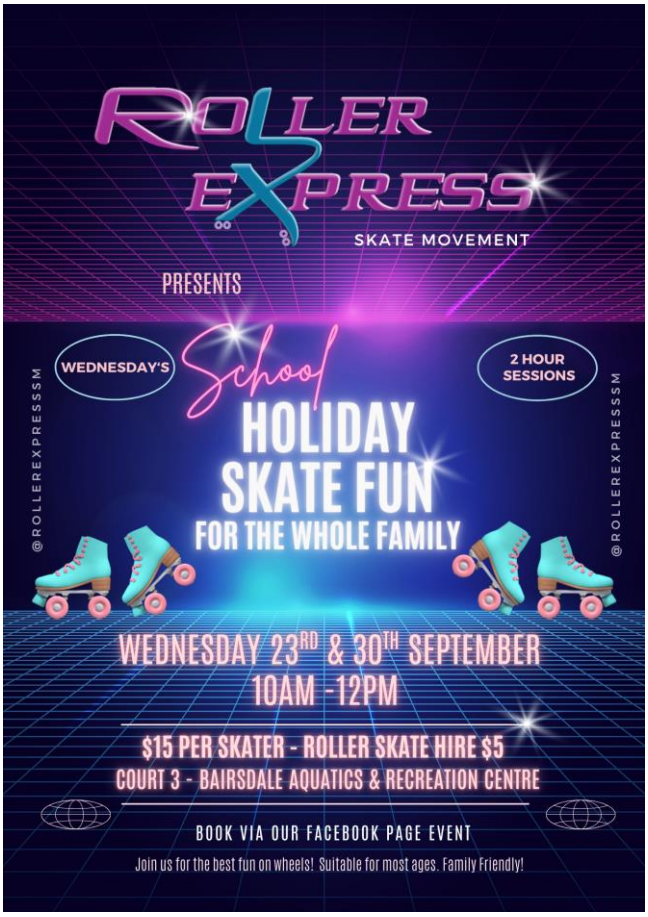
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