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www.eaglehawkps.vic.edu.au

We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land.
We pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Kulin Nation
and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people.



NEWSLETTER

Eaglehawk Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

24th July, 2026

2026 Calendar

Term 3

Thursday 30th of July	Special Lunch Day—Beef Stir Fry (Orders Due by Wednesday 29th July).
Tuesday 27th July – Friday 7th August	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 31st July	Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 Orders due
Monday 3rd August	2pm School Council meeting 5
Monday 31st August	2pm School Council meeting 6
Friday September 4th	Fathers Day Stall
Friday 17th September	Last day of term

A big welcome to Mr Barri who returns to school this week as my 2 weeks at Eaglehawk PS comes to an end. It has been an enjoyable and positive time working with the staff, students and school community and the time has flown by so quickly. It has been wonderful to experience the school's strong and thriving community enhanced by the excellent students, staff and programs and the many volunteers who visit on a regular basis to operate the Breakfast program, the Mentors program, to prepare lunches and for daily reading. The time dedicated to the students in the school is impactful and greatly appreciated. The pathway for a bright future for every child is a positive education experience..

Attached to the Newsletter is a message from the Victorian Education Department informing families of the recent report on historical Child Sexual Abuse in schools which occurred **before the year 2000**. This includes the Parliamentary Apology to all those victims. The report may be accessed in full on the school's Facebook by clicking on the links.

Best wishes for the best future for every child.

"Together we grow and learn"



FATHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS



IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO DONATE

- CHOCOLATE
- BOARD GAMES
- CARD GAMES
- TOILETRIES
- SOCKS



PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 24TH AUGUST.

Uniform

As the weather turns cooler, please **make sure students are wearing school logo or plain navy jumpers and pants**, and they are clearly labelled. A reminder that **black** and **hooded windcheaters are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn.**

2027 Prep Enrolments

If you know of families who have child in kindergarten and looking to enrol for school in 2027, please ask them to contact the school next term and follow our Facebook page.

Enrolments for 2027 Prep students will open from Monday 20 April 2026. Families considering Eaglehawk Primary School are encouraged to book a tour by contacting the school phone 5446 3722 or email eaglehawk.ps@education.vic.gov.au .

The Department of Education has released the statewide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline for Victorian government schools. Key dates for 2027 Prep enrolments are outlined below:

- Schools can receive enrolment applications from the start of **Term 2, 2026**, following the release of 2027 school zones and Foundation enrolment information packs.

- Enrolment applications close Friday 31 July 2026

- Schools will notify families of enrolment outcomes between **Monday 3 August and Friday 14 August 2026**

- Written appeals must be lodged with the school by **Friday 28 August 2026**

- Schools will notify families of appeal outcomes by **Friday 11 September 2026.**

Message from the Department of Education - Reports on historical child abuse in schools and Parliamentary Apology

Content warning: This communication contains information of a highly sensitive nature that may be distressing for some people.

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you from the Department of Education about a matter that has caused great harm to individuals and families, that of child sexual abuse.

The Department of Education recently completed a review of legal claims relating to historical sexual abuse in government schools across Victoria that occurred before the year 2000.

This was so the department could understand and share information with the community about historic cases of sexual abuse.

The intended outcomes of this work was to be more open about this issue with school communities and to better understand what happened in the past so we can ensure we are doing all we can to ensure all students now enrolled in Victorian government schools are safe.

The report that was written is now available on online here ([Systemic Review into Historical Child Sexual Abuse in Victorian Government Schools](#)).

The reason I have asked your school to pass on this information is that your school (or a school that merged or was renamed to later become your school) is one of the 201 schools mentioned in the report as schools one or more former students reported that they were abused by a former staff member when they were a student in the past.

I want to emphasise this report is about abuse that happened before the year 2000; it is not about any current child safety concerns at your school and it does not relate to any current teachers in Victorian government schools.

The Victorian government has also released a related report from a forum that was set up to enable victim-survivors of sexual abuse in Victorian government schools to tell their story. The forum created a public record of those experiences that is available online (see: [Forum for Truth and Recognition](#)), together with the Victorian government's response to both the forum and the review I referred to earlier, which is available online here: ([response](#)).

Schools are, and always should have been, a place where children deserve to be safe. It is wrong that this has not always been the case.

The Premier of Victoria will formally apologise to victims and survivors who experienced child sexual abuse in government schools. The Apology will take place in Parliament on Thursday 30 July 2026. For more information on the Apology and livestream events, visit: [Parliamentary Apology to victim-survivors](#).

As the Department of Education, we are committed to doing all we can to ensure our schools are places of safety, security and belonging for all our students. One way in which we can do that is by creating a culture where children and parents and carers feel safe to speak up about any concerns.

You can read your school's child safety policies on your school's website. You can contact your principal with any feedback on the policies or ideas you have about child safety.

There are also some great resources for parents and carers on how to discuss these issues with children on the National Office for Child Safety's website:

[One Talk at a Time | National Office for Child Safety](#)

[Having conversations | National Office for Child Safety](#)

Anyone who has experienced any form of abuse as a student at a Victorian government school can report it to the department and Victoria Police. This helps hold perpetrators to account and ensures that victim-survivors can access the support they need and deserve. For further information about reporting, visit: [Report child sexual abuse in Victorian government schools | vic.gov.au](#).

The department also has a webpage for former students who experienced child sexual abuse by an adult in a government school: [Victim-survivor support for former students | vic.gov.au](#).

Thank you for reading this message. I understand that this topic can be very distressing and can trigger a range of emotions that will impact people in different ways. There is a list of community resources at the end of this message.

If you have any questions about the reports or the apology, you can contact the department's Restorative Engagement and Support team:

email: rest@education.vic.gov.au

phone: (03) 9057 4500.

Yours sincerely

Dr David Howes

Deputy Secretary, Schools and Regional Services

Department of Education

3/4 UPDATE - WEEK 2

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Reading

We started a new text type this week – fables. Students have analysed the moral behind each fable. They have looked into the beginnings, and how authors set the characters and setting up.



Writing

Following on from our learning in reading, students have decided on their own life lessons which they have started to write up into their own fables.



Numeracy

We have continued on with our work with multiplication and division. We are aiming to be more fluent with our facts up to 10 times a number. We have continued to work on formally measuring mass and capacity.



Auslan

This week we learnt how to sign Zoo Animals. It was a great refresher for students as they also had to practice describing the number, colour and characteristics of each animal!

100 NIGHTS READING

Eli C
CONGRATULATIONS!



SWPBS

This week we have focussed on transitions. This includes between classes, between activities in the room, leaving at the end of the day, etc.



fresh
fruit
friday



Eaglehawk
Primary School

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Bendigo
Community
Health
Services



Thanks to the support of Bendigo Community Health Services, Eaglehawk Primary School students receive free fresh fruit each week through the McKern Foundation's Fresh Fruit Friday program!

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB & BOOK FAIR

Book Club Issue 5 is out now and there are some fantastic titles and deals available. All orders are due back by Friday 31st July 9am.

More exciting book news is that our Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving soon!

The Fair will be here from the 28th of July until the 7th of August opening times will be advised soon.

THE HOME OF
BOOK WEEK

SPOTLIGHT
CLASSROOM
Book Club

ORDER FROM BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5 AND GET A

\$10 BONUS
INSTANT SAVING
COUPON

WHEN YOU SPEND \$30 OR MORE
ON CRAFT, PARTY, OR SEW IN ONE TRANSACTION

ORDER FROM BOOK CLUB TODAY >

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Get a \$10
Spotlight Voucher*

Issue 5
Open Now!

Book Club

ALL AGES
AGES 3+
AGES 6+
AGES 9+
AGES 12+
AGES 15+

MY BODY MY RULES
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW
THE BUDGIE SMUGGLERS
THE LITTLE AXOLOTL
FUSSY DUCK
NOWHERE HOUSE
RENEGADES
THE BUDGIE SMUGGLERS

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC **Book Fair**
THE #1 BOOK FAIR

AUGIE
The CORGI and
JANE
the GREAT DANE
Josh Fyke
Tommy Doyle

THE LITTLE AXOLOTL
Breaking Out!
By New York Times bestselling author and illustrator
Jonny Spitta

FUSSY DUCK
LUKE NEWELL

THE BUDGIE SMUGGLERS
Ty Mantley + Mark Graves

RENEGADES
THE WARRIORS
ERIN HUNTER

NOWHERE HOUSE
ADRIAN BECK

Date 28th July Time TBA
Place Eaglehawk Primary School

Find these books and much more at the Fair!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

Term - Week 2

Class	Student of the Week	Attendance
Prep Mon/Nina	Responsible- Oskar for working really hard on his reading goal. He says the sounds in an unknown word and blends them together to read the word. Well done Oskar!	Lana
Prep/1 Jameela	Jandamarra: Responsible: For always gives tasks a go and showing a positive attitude towards learning. Great effort!	Ryan
1 Emily	Responsible - Eliza for working hard on her growth mindset and giving everything a go, even when it is tricky!	Zane
2 Tracey	N/A—Tracey absent	Kaiden
3 Caleb	Safe: Isla Dolan, for always safely transitioning from play to class up and down the stairs and being a great role model!	Amber
3/4 Stef	Responsible: Andrew B, for showing critical thinking in mathematics and creating his own efficient strategies to solve 8x multiplication facts fluently. Well done, Andrew!	Immy C.S
4/5 Dean/Nick/Megan	Respectful: Eli T, for being a kind and considerate classmate, sharing his resources so others didn't go without. Thank you, Eli!	Phoebe M
5/6 Jake	Respectful: Zali R - for working well in small groups and listening to those around her.	Lockie T

Term - Week

Class	Student	Total Nights Read
Prep Mon/Nina	Lana J	150
Prep/1 Jameela	Eli C	100

SPECIAL LUNCH - THURSDAY 30TH JULY

****Please detach and hand this slip into the office by Wednesday 29th July 9am.
Beef Stir Fry \$3**

Student Name	Class	Beef Stir Fry \$3	Zooper Dooper \$1.00	Total
1.				\$
2.				\$
3.				\$
4.				\$
			Total Enclosed	\$



4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

BENDIGO ALL GIRLS AUSKICK AND SUPERKICK CENTRE

WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO

STARTING AUGUST 25TH

TUESDAYS 4:15PM - 5:15PM

Register to go in the draw to win a Richmond AFLW Guernsey!

AUSKICK



SUPERKICK



Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Road, Bendigo

Incorporated in Victoria Reg No A11381
ABN 27 992 062 054

Executive Officer: Mr. Ian Furze
P.O. Box 109, Bendigo. 3552
Phone: (03) 5444 4646

E-mail: eo@bendigoshowgrounds.com.au
Web: www.bendigoshow.com.au



Re: Show Day Holiday

Dear School staff, Parents, and Carers,

The Bendigo Agricultural Show Society is encouraging families to participate in the City of Greater Bendigo's local public holiday survey and support the return of a Show Day public holiday in lieu of the Bendigo Cup public holiday.

A Show Day public holiday would provide families the opportunity to enjoy a Friday public holiday and long weekend, while making it easier for students, families, and the wider community to experience all that the Bendigo Agricultural Show has to offer.

The Bendigo Agricultural Show is much more than a day of entertainment. It provides children with valuable hands-on learning experiences, allowing them to connect with agriculture, meet farm animals, discover where food and fibre come from, and gain insight into rural life. Alongside educational exhibits, families can enjoy competitions, arts and crafts, rides, live entertainment, and local produce, making it a memorable day out for all ages.

The survey asks the community to choose between:

- Bendigo Agricultural Show Day
- Bendigo Cup Day
- Melbourne Cup Day

We encourage you to share this information with your school community and invite families to have their say.

Scan to have your say.



The survey closes on **Sunday 9th August 2026.**

Thank you for taking the time to participate and have your say.

Sincerely,

Ian Furze
Executive Officer
Bendigo Agricultural Show Society Inc.

Looking towards 2027 Term 1

PROPS THEATRE

@propstheatre

Stage One for 5 - 8 years
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

LOCATION

82A Mitchell Street Studio
www.propstheatre.com.au
Enrolments OPEN

SCAN ME



Young Carer Art Competition

Are you a young carer aged 25 or under? Share your artwork and go in the draw to win!

Theme:

Your art, your voice

Painting, drawing, photography - you choose! Open to anyone under 25 registered with Carer Gateway in Victoria.
Submit your entry by 31 July 2026

Eligible age groups:

- 12 and under
- 13-18
- 19-25

Prizes per age group:

- 1st: \$500 gift card
- 2nd: \$250 gift card
- 3rd: \$100 gift card

How to enter

- Register for free with Carer Gateway by calling 1800 422 737
- Email your artwork to CGcarerengagement@holstephealth.org.au



Wellbeing Noticeboard



Things to see:

- Parenting information resources
- Opportunities for food relief
- Useful websites

Location: In the hallway near the office

- Come check it out
- Let us know what you'd like to see here

email: eaglehawk.ps@education.vic.gov.au



FREE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH

2PM
@ EAGLEHAWK PRIMARY SCHOOL KITCHEN

ANXIETY and KIDS

Anxiety is very common in children. Understanding what anxiety is and what happens in the body when your child is anxious will help you to support your child to soothe and calm when they are anxious. This session covers this and strategies to help yourself and your child with anxiety.

Come along to explore this topic and ask questions to help you support your child.

Brought to you by the
Loddon Child Health and Wellbeing Local Parent Program Coordinator
Annette Clemments

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Little Steps

THERAPY CENTRE

Play Therapy Offer

Term three:

This term we are offering any families who start sessions at
Little Steps Therapy Centre

10% OFF

four Play Therapy appointments.



For more information call **0418272106**



Email: madison@littlestepstherapycentre.com.au



Address:
64a Breen Street, Quarry Hill



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY & SPEECH THERAPY FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Local support. Real impact.

Proudly supporting families in Bendigo and surrounding communities for over 10 years.

We are a registered NDIS provider.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CAN HELP WITH:

- ✓ Emotional regulation
- ✓ Fine and gross motor skills
- ✓ Coordination and balance
- ✓ Sensory processing
- ✓ Handwriting and school skills
- ✓ Social skills and interactions
- ✓ Toileting and self-care
- ✓ Daily living skills and independence
- ✓ Parent support and strategies

SPEECH THERAPY CAN HELP WITH:

- ✓ Communication and language
- ✓ Speech clarity
- ✓ Social communication
- ✓ Understanding and expressing ideas
- ✓ Mealtime and feeding development

We also work together with schools to help your child build brave and feel ready for learning



WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

Early support can make a big difference. We're here to help your child thrive at home, at school and in the community.

GET IN TOUCH



T: 03 4432 7150



E: reception@goldilots.com.au



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135 Mitchell Street Bendigo VIC 3551



445-447 High Street, Echuca VIC

www.goldilots.com.au



FREE WORKSHOP FOR SPORTS COACHES & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS IN GREATER BENDIGO SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

Are you involved in supporting junior sport in
Greater Bendigo?

Have you ever wished you had a few more strategies up your
sleeve to help you connect with and support every child?

This workshop will help you understand autism, ADHD and
other neurodivergent experiences, and give you practical strategies
to create a more inclusive, welcoming environment for
all children in your club.

2-4.30PM ON SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON OPTIONS

Scan the QR code to register for the workshop or
visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DKRWY>

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information
on 5442 3101 or joc@sportsfocus.com.au



FOOD RELIEF

We know that many families in our school community face challenges when it comes to
putting food on the table, and we want you to know that support is available.
Needing help with food is nothing to be ashamed of—it's a normal part of life that many
people experience at different times.

If your family is finding it difficult to afford groceries right now, there are several local food
relief services that can help:

BENDIGO FAMILY AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Free financial counselling | Utility Relief Grants support for bills | No Interest Loans
 - Location: 37-39 Rowan Street, Bendigo
 - Days/times: Mondays - Fridays - 9 AM to 3 PM
 - Contact: 5441 5277

THE SALVATION ARMY

- Groceries | Free lunch | No Interest Loans
 - Location: 65-71 Mundy Street, Bendigo
 - Days/times: Mondays - Fridays - 9 AM to 3 PM
 - Contact: 5440 8410

COMMUNITY HOUSE - EAGLEHAWK

- Groceries | Lunch | Meals

VINNIES - EAGLEHAWK

- Food vouchers | Bill assistance

MORE INFORMATION AND SERVICES AT

<https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-09/Food-Relief-Info-flyer-September-2025.pdf>



COME AND TRY

JUNIOR BADMINTON

WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK

AGES: 7-18

FIRST 3 NIGHTS ARE FREE

SESSION TIMES

WEDNESDAYS

7-10 YEARS OLD :

6:05PM TO 7:00PM

11-14 YEARS OLD :

7:05PM TO 8:00PM

15-18 YEARS OLD :

8:05PM TO 9:00PM

FRIDAYS

JUNIOR COMPETITION

6:45-8:30PM

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

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Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia proudly presents

2026 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

Circus Quirkus is a one-hour, animal-free, contemporary take on your favourite,
traditional circuses of ages past, with an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus
acts from all over the world.

Enjoy a relaxed theatre experience with a casual attitude toward audience noise and
movement in an accessible, inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and
free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

One hour show. Suitable for all ages and accessible for people...

- with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible)

- who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment

when attending the theatre (sensory and neurodiverse friendly).

- who are facing hardship.

- who are without access or opportunity to attend live theatre.

*Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes
dramatic music.

ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY, including parent, sibling
and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

*Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.



Scan the QR Code to visit
the shows website and
watch highlights from
previous shows...



BENDIGO STADIUM (RED ENERGY ARENA)

91 Inglis Street, West Bendigo, VIC

SHOW DATE	SHOWTIME
SATURDAY, 8 TH AUGUST 2026	11.00 AM to 12.00 PM

To book your complimentary tickets, please email your
name and the number of tickets required to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call / text 0404-367-782



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