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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.

19th June, 2026



2026 Calendar	
Term 2	
Monday 22nd June	3 way interviews. Students only attend for their interview time District Athletics (selected Students Only)
Friday 26th June	2.30pm finish - last day of term 2
Holidays	
Sunday 5th - Sunday 12th July	NAIDOC Week
Term 3	
Monday 13th July	First day of term 3
Tuesday 27th July – Friday 7th August	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 3rd August	2pm School Council meeting 5
Monday 31st August	2pm School Council meeting 6

Monday/Tuesday interviews and reports

Just a reminder that on Monday students only attend for their interview time as all staff will be meeting with every student throughout the day. Reports will be shared during the interview time.

Holidays and Term 3

There is only one more week of term 2. Next week is early finish at 2.30pm. We wish all families and staff a relaxing, safe holiday and welcome everyone back on Monday 13th July.

Next term, we have several staff taking long service leave throughout the term.

I will be on leave for the first 6 weeks of term. We are extremely grateful to have Principal of the year Di Craig stepping in as acting principal for the first 2 weeks, supported by Megan and Nick. Dean will be taking Megan and Nick's class during this time. Rhys Barri will be acting principal for the next 4 weeks. I know both Di and Rhys will do an amazing job!

"Together we grow and learn"

Little Angler Kits

The Victorian Government is committed to increasing the number of people fishing and enjoying Victoria's local seafood, growing healthy and sustainable fisheries. The Victorian Government distributed 95,000 Little Angler kits to primary aged students in 2023/24, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority.

The aim was to grow fishing participation in Victoria, by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn more about the art of fishing, marine life and the natural environment. Encouraging children to be outside and active aligns with whole of Victorian Government initiatives to optimise health, wellbeing, connectedness and inclusiveness in Victoria.

Following the successful implementation, the Victorian Government will run the program again in 2026, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, offering 82,500 Little Angler kits to primary school children in 2026.

The FREE kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit.

The program is entirely voluntary. Schools were provided with the option to opt out of the program. Our school has opted to stay in the program so that parents can decide whether they want their child(ren) to receive a fishing kit.

Opt out

Parents of Grade 5 students can advise the school if they do not wish their child(ren) to participate for any reason whatsoever. We support parents in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs.

Receiving kits

The roll out of kits will occur in August 2026 so that all participating children will have a kit in time for the September school holidays.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle (including fishing hooks and lead-free sinkers) and information on how to use them to catch a fish. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer. The kits will also have a safety label attached to the outside of the kit bag, recommending that students wait to open the kits until they are under the care and supervision of an adult.

Kits will be handed out to students to take home with them as soon as the school receives them. Teachers will tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer, however parents can contact the school and request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer.

More information

For instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish, visit the [Little Angler hub](#).

EAGLE PRIZE TERM 2

SWPBS REWARD

Together we can achieve...

Winter movies

Winter PJs

Mini Pancakes

The votes are in! Eaglehawk Primary School Students will be earning their gotchas and counting them up, in the hope to earn the END OF TERM PRIZE!!

Friday 26th June

Watch the foyer for progress on Eagle sections.

NAIDOC Week: 50 Years of Deadly Honouring the past by continuing the work into the future

This year's theme celebrates 5 decades of NAIDOC Week – of celebrating the voices and cultures of First Nations communities. This theme is about reflecting on past achievements, while celebrating the momentum that continues to drive sustainable change – grounded in culture and identity.

This momentum includes the historic commencement of Victoria's first Statewide Treaty last year. Treaty acknowledges the past and supports change to achieve better outcomes for First Nations people in Victoria.



Sickness – vomiting, colds and flu

It is that time of year when colds, flu and Covid tend to be more common.

Good health hygiene practices can greatly reduce the chance you will become unwell or pass it on to others.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in a plastic-lined rubbish bin after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as germs can be spread that way. Please discuss the above points with your children and **we ask that children remain at home if unwell.**

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.**

Changes to Bendigo school bus services

Please see attached letter. We have also posted this on COMPASS.



12/06/2026

Eaglehawk Primary School, Eaglehawk

SCHOOL BUS CHANGES FOR EAGLEHAWK PRIMARY SCHOOL

From Term 3, starting Monday 13 July 2026, we're making changes to school buses across Bendigo to better connect students in growing communities to their local schools.

As part of these changes, the morning service (STS 5) to Eaglehawk Primary School will be removed, however students can still get to school using a number of public bus routes. More details are provided below.

This change allows us to improve other school bus service routes where demand is higher and help get more students across Bendigo to school.

We're asking schools to share the following information with students, parents and carers through their usual communication channels.

Which school special bus service serving your school is changing?

- STS 5 Kangaroo Flat – Bendigo – Eaglehawk – Bendigo (AM)/Weeroona College – Bendigo Station – Kangaroo Flat

Summary of changes

Route	Changes
STS 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Term 3 2026, we're removing the STS 5 morning service due to low passenger numbers. The removal of the morning service allows us to improve other school bus routes where the demand is higher and help get more students to school across Bendigo. • There will be no changes to the afternoon service. • Students currently using the morning service can use public bus routes or school special services instead, see alternative options below. • STS 5 will be renamed to Weeroona College – Kangaroo Flat via Bendigo Station. • There will be no changes to bus stops. • STS 5 afternoon service will have a timetable change <p>Students previously using the STS 5 morning service to travel to school can still use the following public bus routes from Victoria Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route 51 Eaglehawk – Bendigo Station via Jackass Flat (8:42am/3:43pm) • Route 52 Eaglehawk – Bendigo Station via Arnold Street (8:40am/3:30pm) • Route 52 runs along the same route path as the STS 5 morning service. • Route 53 Eaglehawk – Bendigo Station via Eaglehawk Road (8:36am/3:17pm)



Bendigo bus network



When will the route maps and timetables be available?

The public bus route map is attached to the email. Students, parents and carers should check the Transport Victoria journey planner, timetables and route maps for specific details, to plan the most suitable journey before travelling.

We recommend that students arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled departure time to avoid rushing and potentially missing the bus.

Will all school bus stops have signage?

No. Some school bus stops won't have signs and may be located across the road from public bus stops that do. Students, parents and carers should check route maps and timetables to confirm which side of the road to wait on.

Who will operate the services?

Christian's, on behalf of the Department of Transport and Planning.

Will the school specials be coordinated with all school bell times?

School special routes are designed to generally align with bell times for schools at their start and end points. However, bell times can't always be aligned when a route serves multiple schools.

Are the services ticketed?

From Monday 1 June, students need to travel with a Youth myki card. All passengers under 18 years of age can travel for free on public transport, anytime, anywhere in Victoria with a Youth myki card. For information on how to get a new Youth myki card please visit transport.vic.gov.au.

What types of bus services are available to students in Victoria?

Victoria has two types of school bus services that are targeted to get students to and from school. They are School Special services and School Bus Program (SBP) services. Students can also catch public bus routes.

- School Special services operate across the state and are also known as School Town Special services or STS services in regional Victoria.
- SPB is an education policy initiative to assist families in regional and rural areas only by providing safe, accessible and economical transport to school. SBP is jointly managed between the departments of Education, and Transport and Planning. Students, parents and carers should speak to their school bus coordinator for more information about SBP services.
- The third type of bus service to get students to and from schools are public bus routes, which are available to everyone. Public bus route timetables are not aligned to bell times, but consideration will be given where possible. Also, students may have further to walk to get to and from a public bus stop compared to a tailored school bus service which may pick up or drop off students on or outside school grounds.

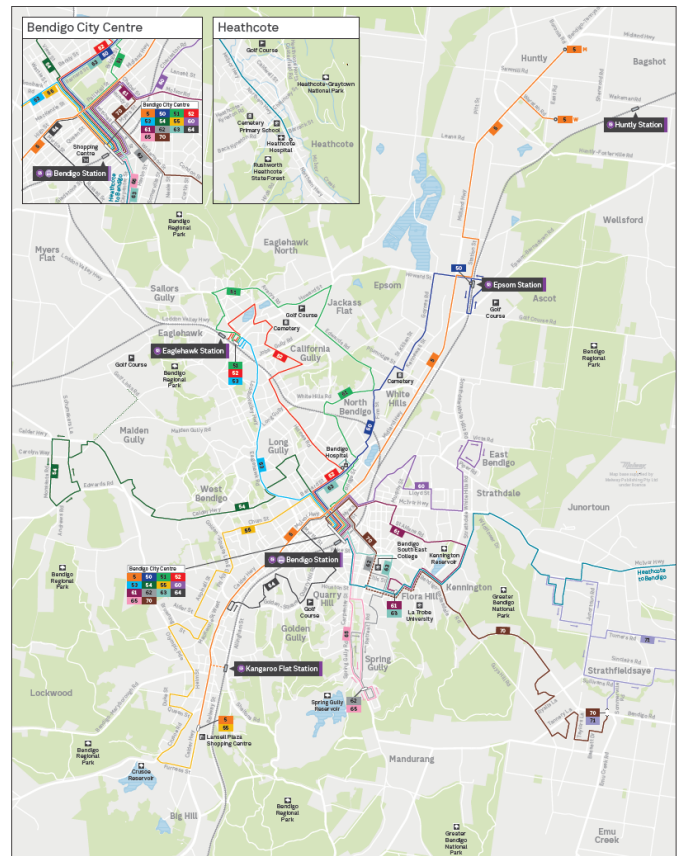
We appreciate your assistance in sharing this information with students and families to help ensure all students can travel safely and comfortably.

If you have any questions about public transport or the school bus services, please [visit the Transport Victoria website](http://transport.vic.gov.au) or phone 1800 800 007.

Yours sincerely,

School Bus team

Department of Transport and Planning





Welcome DASH Students and Carers!

Blue Light Victoria will be delivering our DASH program at your school soon!

DASH is all about making sure young people in our communities feel heard, connected, and safe to make change.

Dynamic	Dynamic, experiential and inquiry-based learning; building social connections and core competencies.
Active	Providing a platform for active citizenship. Empowering young people to become local changemakers and have a voice in their community.
Safe	Fostering safe and protective community connections for the exploration of local issues.
Healthy	Encouraging healthy attitudes and engagement amongst peers and community towards a common goal.

Over the course of 8 weeks, fun and interactive learning guided by our Blue Light Facilitator will lead to the development of a project idea regarding something that you wish to change in your community. All project ideas will be presented at the DASH Showcase where community partners, teachers, and parents will select one lucky group to implement their project in the community! This group will be awarded up to \$1000 to bring their idea to life!

DASH provides a unique opportunity to meet police members, emergency services, and other important community members such as local council, environmental services, or wildlife protection. Each program invites Community Partners to join in the students learning, sharing their expertise, and helping students understand more about important community roles.

Throughout the program, students uncover what matters to them. We want to know what's important to you, what you think the problems are in your local community and give you the opportunity to do something about them.

Each week will build on your skills and teach you some new ones, and both the facilitator and community partners will support you to arrive at a creative action. You will all be given your own DASH Workbook to write down your thoughts, ideas and opinions as each week will build on the previous week.

We are excited to have the DASH Program part of your curriculum and can't wait to see what amazing ideas you all come up with!



NETSTARS

NETBALL CLINIC

TRAIN. PLAY. IMPROVE. HAVE FUN!

DATE:
THURSDAY 9th JULY 2026

TIME:
9AM - 3PM

AGES:
7 - 14 YEARS OLD

VENUE:
BENDIGO SOUTH EAST COLLEGE
56 ELLIS STREET, FLORA HILL

COST: \$90 PER PARTICIPANT

EVERY PARTICIPATE RECEIVES A NETSTARS T-SHIRT!

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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>

DISCOVERY CENTRE

STEM CLUB

ADVENTURE STARTS AFTER SCHOOL!

Weekly STEM sessions that spark imagination and build real skills.

THURSDAYS | 4-5PM
8 WEEK PROGRAM
\$100 PER TERM

for more information or scan the QR Code or visit:
discovery.asn.au/programs

For Our School Community

Do you need some support?

Parenting is wonderful — and sometimes really hard. Free help is available right in your community.

HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR

Food & Meals	Housing Help	Money & Bills
Mental Health	Family Safety	Everyday Needs
Health & Wellbeing	Legal Advice	Work & Learning

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Proudly shared by our school community

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EAGLEHAWK ATTENDANCE



Weekly Class Attendance %

Prep	Prep/ 1	Gr 1/2	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 3/4	Gr 4/5	Gr 5/6
83%	77%	95%	87%	91%	94%	91%	92%

HERE-EVERYDAY-READY-ON TIME

CONGRATULATIONS to the grade ½ Emily! It was a tight one this week!

HERO stands for **Here, Every day, Ready, On time.**

Each week, the class with the best attendance for that week wins the HERO Award. The winning class gets to keep the trophy in their room for the week, will be announced at Friday assembly, and will be featured here in the newsletter.

It sounds simple because it is. Every student that comes through the gate helps their class. One student can make the difference.

Week 9

EPS TOTAL

90%

Prep & Prep/1

19th of June 2026

Phonics

This week in Phonics, Prep/1 students revised the letters Ll, Hh, and Bb and the sounds they make. Students practised recognising these letters and identifying their sounds in words.

Reading and Writing

This week, Prep/1 students used *Go to Bed, Oscar!* to practise prediction, character feelings, setting, sequencing and decoding. In Writing, students created simple sentences by saying the sounds they could hear in words and recording them to share their ideas.

Maths

This week in Maths, Prep/1 students developed their addition skills through a range of hands-on activities. Students used roll and count on games, number lines, part-part-whole mats, and simple story problems to practise solving addition tasks. These activities helped students build confidence using counting on and part-part-whole strategies to find and explain their answers.

Reminders

Next week is the last week of Term 2!

WEEK 9: 1/2 EMILY AND 2 TRACEY

PHONICS

1/2 Emily have continued to work on the 'or' sound like in fork and the 'ar' sound like in car.

2 Tracey have continued to look look at the 'ou' sound (like in found) and the ow sound (like in down)

READING

This week, we have read information texts on our focus Australian animals - learning new and interesting facts about them to add to our own information reports in writing.

WRITING

In writing, students have continued to work on their Australian animal information report, selecting from dingo, koala, kangaroo, wombat or echidna. The focus has been completing the draft version of the report in writing books, editing and beginning to publish a good copy.

AUSLAN

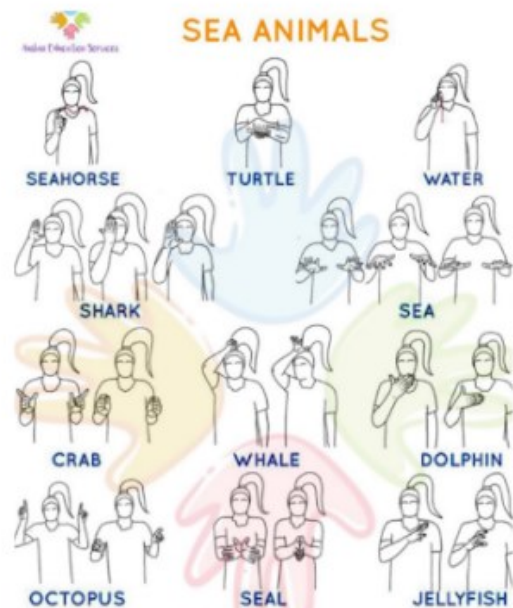
This week in AUSLAN we learnt about signs for sea animals, including seahorse, turtle, whale, shark and jellyfish.

MATHS

In maths we have continued to work on learning addition and subtraction strategies - in particular fact families and working out missing numbers in equations.

WELLBEING

This week in Smiling Minds, we revised self compassion. We discussed ways that we can be kind to ourselves and how we can use kind words to ourselves to overcome challenges.



3/4 UPDATE - WEEK 9

3/4 BALLARAT EXCURSION

A special edition of our newsletter this week with the Grade 3/4's heading to the Ballarat Wildlife Park on Wednesday! We thought it would be nice to show some snaps we caught of our students out and about seeing and learning about different animals, as well as getting the chance to get up close and personal with some scaley friends!

A big thankyou to all staff, ES and parent helpers and most importantly our wonderful students for a great day!



UPCOMING

MONDAY 22/6

- THREE-WAY INTERVIEWS

FRIDAY 26/6

- SWPBS WHOLE SCHOOL REWARDS DAY!



4/5/6 Classroom Newsletter

T2 W9

Literacy

This week in literacy, students have been working on their assignment, choosing and finishing off their own text types, and beginning to pull together the skills they've built across the term. To submit, students need to produce all their started and unfinished pieces from: narrative writing, information report, or biography. We've spent time revisiting each of those text types, looking back at what makes each one tick, structure, language choices, and purpose. It's been a good opportunity to see how far they've come since Week 1, and to consolidate that learning into something they've chosen for themselves.

Numeracy

In maths this week, we've moved into addition and subtraction of fractions with related denominators. Students have been working out the lowest common denominator and using jumps on a number line to make sense of what's happening with the fractions before moving into more abstract calculation. We've been connecting this to their earlier work on equivalence and ordering fractions, which gave them a solid base to work from.

Thank you
for your
continued
support!
Nick, Jake
and Megan



Term 2 - Week 9		
Class	Student of the Week	Attendance
Prep Mon/Nina	Responsible -Zaiden for being brave and stepping out of his comfort zone to participate in the Jets gym program. Well Done Zaiden!	Alexanna
Prep/1 Jameela	Responsible - Jazzy - For your outstanding effort in writing and for using your letter sounds to write words and sentences with growing confidence.	Ella
1/2 Emily	Respect: Ryder for showing great improvement in using his manners, waiting his turn and joining in during whole-class learning. We are very proud of your efforts, Ryder!	Eliza
2 Tracey	Responsible: Skott for putting in his best effort while writing his information report, including using interesting word choices to entertain the reader.	Maple
3 Caleb	Responsible: Ally for being extremely reliable and responsible on the Grade 3/4 excursion to the wildlife park. Well done Ally!	Chevy T
3/4 Stef	Safe: Immy, for making strong choices and engaging positively with all activities at the Ballarat Wildlife Park! Well done, Immy!	Jasper
4/5 Nick/Megan		
5/6 Jake	Responsible: Enrique - For seeking feedback and asking for help when unsure of a fractions task, showing a positive attitude towards learning and improving his understanding.	Aulia Paw H

Term 2 - Week 9		
Class	Student	Total Nights Read
Prep/1	Chester	75

SPECIAL LUNCH - THURSDAY 28TH MAY

****Please detach and hand this slip into the office by Wednesday 27th May 9am.**

Pizza Pinwheels \$3

Student Name	Class	Pizza Pinwheels \$3	Zooper Dooper \$1.00	Total
1.				\$
2.				\$
3.				\$
4.				\$
			Total Enclosed	\$