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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.

14th August, 2026

2026 Calendar

Term 3

Monday 17th August— Friday 21st August	Bullying No Way Week
Wednesday 19th August	Special Lunch Day—Pizza (Orders Due by Tuesday 18th August 9am). **Please note Lunch orders are Wednesday instead of Thursday for this week only.
Friday 21st August	'The Blurbs' Whole School Performance
Friday 28th August	Book Week Book Parade
Monday 31st August	2pm School Council meeting 6
Thursday 3rd Sept	Book Club Issue 6 Orders Close
Friday September 4th	Fathers Day Stall
Friday 18th September	Last day of term

Welcome to Week 5!

Who can believe we are already just over halfway through Term 3! It has been a busy and exciting term so far, and I would like to thank everyone for the lovely principal's day cards, gifts and kind words. They were incredibly thoughtful and very much appreciated. I feel very lucky to be the assistant principal of Eaglehawk Primary School, and I know Fiona feels the same. We are incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a wonderful staff, students and community.

Bullying No Way Week - Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August

Students will participate in a range of classroom activities throughout the week as part of Bullying No Way Week. These activities will focus on promoting respectful relationships, inclusion, and strategies for preventing bullying.

Potential Industrial Action – Wednesday 19th August

You may have seen media reports regarding potential industrial action on Wednesday 19th August. We are awaiting further information from the Australian Education Union (AEU) and the Department of Education regarding the current offer.

Should further strike action occur, families will be notified as soon as possible, most likely on Monday evening or Tuesday.
Thanks for your understanding and support.

"Together we grow and learn"



Special Lunch this week

Our next special lunch order is for party pies and will be held on Wednesday the 19th of August. Order forms went home this week so please ensure they are returned by Tuesday 9am if you would like a special lunch.

SUN SMART

We are encouraging all families to start the search to find school hats as the weather (every-now and then) starts to warm up. It is important to have hats available at school from late-August.

2027 Planning

If you know someone considering enrolment at Eaglehawk Primary School for 2027, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible. We are beginning planning for 2027 so it is important to know student numbers.

BOOK WEEK AND PARADE (FRIDAY AUGUST 28th)

The theme for the 2026 Children's Book Week, which runs from August 22nd to 28th, is 'Symphony of Stories', encouraging young readers to explore new worlds through books. We will celebrate across the week, with the all-important Book Parade will be taking place on Friday 28th of August

ILLNESS

Unfortunately, we are seeing high levels of illness with many students, staff and families reporting a range of illnesses. These continue to impact the health of our school community. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and notify the school of their absence. Illnesses such as the common cold, influenza and COVID-19 spread easily, and we need healthy students and staff at school. Keeping everyone healthy remains a priority.

Fathers Day Stall

We are still seeking donations for our Fathers and special persons day stall, some great ideas are board games, chocolate, mugs, socks etc.

We have lots of gift order forms being brought back to the office. If you have not already done so and would like to please return your order form with payment to the office by Friday the 28th of August. There are spare forms available.

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.

Father's Day STALL



OUR FATHER'S DAY/ SPECIAL PERSONS STALL WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER.
ALL GIFTS WILL BE \$5.00.
PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP WITH PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE BY
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST.
PLEASE NOTE, WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS, THEY CAN BE LEFT
AT THE OFFICE UP UNTIL 24TH AUGUST.

Child's name	Class	Number of gifts	Total \$



**WHOLE SCHOOL
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

1. Receive gotcha
2. Fill gotcha tens frame
3. Each tens frame filled:
Get a sticker to take home
4. When 100 gotcha certificate is filled:
Present at assembly
Put in the newsletter

SWPBS MATRIX			
	Always	Inside	Outside
Be Respectful	We follow instructions We use kind words and actions We take care of school property We ask to use others' property We wear school uniform We are inclusive We share	We use an appropriate voice	We share spaces and equipment
Be Responsible	We place rubbish in the bins We look after our belongings We use equipment for its intended purpose	We enter and exit quietly	We line up on time We determine and play by the rules in games We return our sports equipment
Be Safe	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves	We walk We follow classroom expectations	We find a yard duty teacher if we need help We stay in bounds

EAGLEHAWK ATTENDANCE



Weekly Class Attendance %

Prep	Prep/ 1	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 3/4	Gr 4/5	Gr 5/6
80%	84%	88%	86%	87%	84%	77%	88%

HERE-EVERYDAY-READY-ON TIME

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN to the Grade 5/6 Jake and to Grde 1 Emily!

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.

Term 3 Week 5

EPS TOTAL

85%



PREP AND PREP/1

100 Days Smarter

What an incredible milestone! Our students have officially celebrated 100 days of school! It has been wonderful to reflect on how much they have grown, learned and achieved since their very first day. From learning letters and sounds to counting, making friends and becoming more independent learners, they have come such a long way. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and enthusiasm. Congratulations, on reaching 100 days of learning! We can't wait to see what the next 100 days bring! **100** 🎈



Reminders

- **Wednesdays-** Home reader diary check and book change
- **Fridays-** Library



GRADE 1 EMILY & GRADE 2 TRACEY

TERM 3 WEEK 5



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING IN LITERACY

Reading

Throughout weeks 5 and 6 we are reading *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Rumpelstiltskin*. Students have been able to make thoughtful predictions, succinct summaries, personal connections and unpack the vocabulary authors use within their stories. We are building our understanding of making thoughtful inferences - considering how the clues from the book and our own experiences can help us to think about the reasons for character feelings and actions.

Phonics

Grade 1 Emily are learning different ways we can spell the sound /or/. Students have learned that 'ore', 'aw' and 'au' are 3 new ways we can spell the /or/ sound! We have learned how to spell words such as *more*, *claw*, and *autumn*.

Grade 2 Tracey are working through the different spellings of /er/. Students have learned that 'er', 'ir' and 'ur' can be used to spell this sound! We have learned that 'er' can be found in words like *fern*, *perch*, and *dessert*. We also know that 'ir' is in the words *shirt*, *bird*, and *birthday*, while 'ur' is in words like *turn*, *church* and *burst*.

Writing

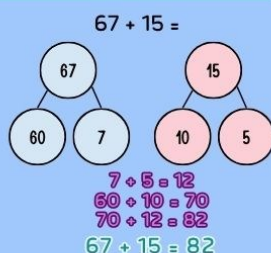
Students in Tracey and Emily's classes have been producing some wonderful Fairy Tales this term! Throughout Week 4 and 5, students have been adding more descriptive words to their stories. Words such as *splendid* or *shimmering* have helped students to show their reader just how magical their stories are!

Next week, we are looking forward to experimenting with new writing skills to improve even further by including things like talking marks to show when a character is speaking, or even adding joining words to combine our sentences!

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING IN MATHS

Grade 1 - Additive Thinking

We have been hard at work in maths this term! Halfway through, and Grade 1 Emily have made great connections between Place Value and Addition & Subtraction. As mathematicians, we have been learning how to use what we know about Part-Part-Whole to add 2-digit numbers.



Grade 2 - Additive Thinking

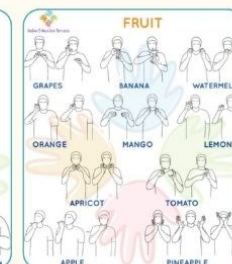
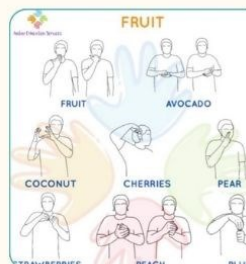
Throughout the term, Grade 2 Tracey have been using so many different skills to show their understanding of addition and subtraction. Students are able to use the split and jump strategies when solving problems, as well as rounding to up and down when solving problems!



AUSLAN



It has been so much fun to learn Auslan signs this year! The Grade 1s and 2s have done a fantastic job learning all about the signs for Fruit and Zoo Animals! We have been revising all the signs we have learned so far and we are even beginning to sign simple sentences and questions.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

week 6

Fri Aug 14

Wed Aug 19th

Fri Aug 21

Grade 1 Emily Library Borrowing: please remember your library books!

Special Lunches on WEDNESDAY this week

'The Blurbs' whole school performance.

Assembly

Open Pantry

3/4 UPDATE - WEEK 5

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Reading

This week the students have started a unit on legends. We have focussed on Indigenous legends, particularly stories about how animals gained features, or how the natural world came to be.

Writing

Following on from their learning in reading, students have been working hard to create their own 'How the 'animal' got their' stories. Their creativity has been amazing!!!!

Numeracy (3)

Grade 3 Caleb have been using the skill of estimating to help them solve a range of problems. They have also started a unit on shapes, sorting 2D shapes, and finding and describing 3D shapes in the real world.

Numeracy (4)

Grade 3/4 Stef have been learning about decimal numbers. They have also started a new unit on shapes, starting off learning how to name 3D shapes.

BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Eaglehawk Primary School
Book Week Parade

Students: dress up as their favourite book character! Please come & celebrate with us. (Prizes for best dressed!)



Friday 28th August
Basketball Court - 9am



SWPBS

This week we have focussed on placing rubbish in the correct bins, always!

AUSLAN

Following on from last weeks learning, the students learnt about all the important things they must do to make sure they are communicating clearly in Auslan. They learnt that even minor changes to these, can completely change the meaning of what they are trying to say!



HOLM + NMF

The five language features of Auslan.

If you change one, you change the meaning of the sign.

H	Handshape The handshape(s) used for a sign.
O	Orientation Which direction the palms and fingers are facing.
L	Location The position near the face or body.
M	Movement The movement that the hand/sign makes.
+	

NMF Non -Manual (not hands)
Features e.g. Face and body



HOLM + NMF

Make notes with your group to present to the class. Each student takes a section.

The sign for:

H	What Handshape(s) are used?
O	What is the Orientation of the fingers/palm? (direction)
L	Where is the Location of the sign?
M	What Movement does the sign make?
NMF	Is facial expression/body language important for this sign? (Non-Manual Features)

UPCOMING

AUGUST 21

The Blurbs performance

AUGUST 28TH

Book Week Parade.
Basketball Court 9am.
Dress up, all welcome!

SEPTEMBER 4TH

Father's Day Stall

4/5/6 Classroom Newsletter

T3 W5

Literacy

This week our focus was figurative language — telling the difference between similes and metaphors and how authors use them to create a picture for the reader. We worked through some powerful texts about the Stolen Generations, including 'Took the Children Away' and 'Idjhil', unpacking lines like "they fenced us like sheep" to work out what was being compared and why. Students also used a 'Stop and Jot' strategy to gather accurate dates and key facts from a factual account, then added their own similes and metaphors to the historical narratives they've been writing about the arrival of the First Fleet. They handled the subject matter with real maturity.

Numeracy

In maths we moved into decimals, using MAB blocks to build and compare numbers and reasoning through the common trap that more digits after the point doesn't mean a bigger number. Students worked with the tenths and hundredths places, counted forwards and backwards on a number line, and found decimals sitting between two given numbers. We also started a new unit on mass and capacity, practising how to choose the right units — grams and kilograms, millilitres and litres — and read scales like kitchen scales accurately.

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



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SCHOLASTIC Book Club
ISSUE 6 2026
ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

ALL AGES PAGES 2-7 NEW! Bestsellers

AGES 3+ PAGES 8-13

001 Keith and the Kitten Keith's world is turned upside down when a kitten moves in! 24 pp. AGES 3+ \$14.99

002 HALLO, WIENERS! From the creator of Dog Man! 32 pp. AGES 3+ \$14.99

003 ROVERHOOD RAVES A powerful owl is on the prowl... Will the howlerbirds be brave? 32 pp. AGES 3+ \$14.99

EVERY CHILD OBSERVES A BOOK **\$3 SAVE 82%**

AGES 6+ PAGES 14-20

004 Charlie the Last Puppy Charlie is scared of fireworks and runs away. 172 pp. AGES 6+ \$20.98

005 WEIRD! ANIMADO Weirdest Ever! Her 3 pets are joining him for a school sleep trip! 160 pp. AGES 6+ \$15.99

006 Goths Machine Satisfactory Lockbox Includes notepad, ruler, eraser, sharpener, stickers, lock and 2 keys. 172 pp. AGES 6+ \$19.99

AGES 8+ PAGES 21-25

007 HIGHLAND COM CUTIES Includes a watermelon BFF necklace! 96 pp. AGES 8+ \$10.99

008 K-POP POWER New! Highland Cow Cakes! Colorful Book 96 pp. AGES 8+ \$10.99

009 OFFSIDE Nicky fought to allow girls onto the soccer team, but not all of the boys are happy. 112 pp. AGES 8+ \$10.99

AGES 10+ PAGES 26-30

010 THE ODD YOUT! Oat! Art and Comics! A never-before-seen collection plus the origin story of everyone's favourite bubble boy! 176 pp. AGES 10+ \$19.99

011 SPARKY STORIES New from the author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid! 224 pp. AGES 10+ \$16.99

012 Family Reformation Gritty! Romy's Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2! Dive into Romy's twisted, unexpectedly hilarious world. 224 pp. AGES 10+ \$16.99

\$5 DISCOUNT CODE Every Book Club LOOP order earns a \$5 discount code. In reward on our next issue!

Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our Scholastic Book Fair! Your support is greatly appreciated and helps our school build our library and purchase even more wonderful books for our students.

Book Club Issue 6

We'd also like to let you know that **Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 is now out!** Orders are due back by **Thursday 3 September**.

Happy reading!

SCHOLASTIC Book Club
ISSUE 6 2026
ORDERS DUE BACK BY:
3rd Sept

Every Book Club LOOP order earns a



to spend on our next Issue.

Conditions apply. LOOP orders only. Redeemable once per Issue when you spend \$19.50.
1% surcharge applies to credit card payments.

Term - Week 5		
Class	Student of the Week	Attendance
Prep Mon/Nina	Responsible- Jazmyn for working hard to say words slowly and listen carefully for the sounds, then represent these sounds with letters. Keep up the fantastic work!	Cailean
Prep/1 Jameela	Responsible - Sadie for always trying her best, listening carefully on the mat and contributing to class discussions. Keep up the wonderful work!	Skylah
1 Emily	Safe - Ryder E. for helping to keep himself and others safe by remembering to use his walking feet while on the concrete! Thanks, Ryder, you're a superstar!	Lucas
3 Caleb	Responsible: Adam for always taking the initiative to pick rubbish up throughout his breaks and making sure our school-yard is clean. Well Done Adam!	Octavia
3/4 Stef	Responsible: Alfie M, for contributing positively to classroom discussions across all learning areas. Keep it up, Alfie!	Sage B.
4/5 Nick/Megan	Responsible: Phoenix M, for making independent choices to sit on the floor away from your peers to improve your focus in class	Hudson R.
5/6 Jake	Respect: Annabelle M - for consistently showing respect and responsibility by taking pride in our classroom and caring for our shared learning environment. Your willingness to help without being asked sets a wonderful example for others and makes our classroom a better place for	

Term - Week		
Class	Student	Total Nights Read
Prep/1	Rohan	125

SPECIAL LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST

****Please detach and hand this slip into the office by Tuesday 18th August 9am.**

Party Pies \$3.00 (3 per serve) Zooper Dooper \$1.00

Student Name	Class	Party Pies \$3.00	Zooper Dooper \$1.00	Total
1.				\$
2.				\$
3.				\$
4.				\$
5.				
			Total Enclosed	\$



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!



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



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**

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>

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



You don't need to have all the answers.

Ask Izzy helps you find local support services quickly — free & confidential.

Find help near you today

Search over 450,000 services across Australia. Just enter your suburb or postcode.

askizzy.org.au

Free - No login needed



Running for over a decade, the program now delivers 1,500kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week.

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Want to support the program? Contact us to sponsor and provide more fruit to your school.

fresh fruit friday

Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:

