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Eaglehawk Primary School

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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.

24th April, 2026



2026 Calendar	
Term 2	
Monday 27th April	Pupil Free day – Real Schools Professional Learning
Monday 4 th May	2pm School Council meeting 3 Prep/1 incursion – Teddy Bear Hospital – Monash medical students
Friday 8 th May	Mother's Day Stall and special lady's afternoon activities
Thursday 14 th May	Whole School Photo Day
Whole school Jets Gym program- 5 weeks	Friday 15th May: 11:30am - 2:30pm Friday 22nd May: 11:30am - 2:30pm Friday 29th May: 11:30am - 2:30pm Friday 5th June: 11:30am - 2:30pm Friday 12th June: 11:30am - 2:30pm
Friday 22 nd May	District Cross Country
Monday 1 st June	Smile Squad check ups at school
Monday 8 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 15 th June	2pm School Council meeting 4
Monday 22 nd June	District Athletics
Friday 26 th June	2.30pm finish- last day of term 2

Welcome to term 2

Welcome back to term 2. Day one of each term is always so special as the students enter the school with excited smiles, chatting to their friends and happily greeting staff. Its another fun filled term with school photo day, 5 sessions of Jets Gym, incursions and district athletics and cross country.

"Together we grow and learn"

ANZAC Day – 25th April

Anzac Day is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. On this day, we acknowledge and remember all those who are currently serving or have served in the Armed Forces in Australia and New Zealand.

School ANZAC service

Today we held our school ANZAC day service in Catford Park.

At this service we also announced our William John Symons medal recipient for 2026.

Our green house is named after William John **Symonds**.

William John Symons grew up in Eaglehawk, attending Eaglehawk Primary. He went to war, receiving the highest honorary award the Victoria Cross. When the war ended, he went to live in England where his family still live. The family still have a strong connection to the school with William's granddaughter organising the medals and sending a gift each year to the recipient. Last year she visited Australia and visited the school (pictured right).

Each year the school selects a student who displays qualities similar to those of William John Symons. These include:

- Always trying your best
- Looking after your friends
- Showing leadership qualities and skills such as leading by example
- Having a positive outlook on life
- Being enthusiastic and motivated to achieve
- Overcoming adversity.

Congratulations Aulia Paw!



Eaglehawk Community ANZAC day service – Saturday 25th April 8.30am

The Eaglehawk Community ANZAC Day service will be held on Saturday 25th April at 8:30am in Brassey Square, on the corner of Peg Leg Road and Sailors Gully Rd., Eaglehawk. Our school captains Aulia Paw, Jack, Enrique and Lily will lay a wreath on behalf of the school with Megan. If you are free, please go along and support our captains.

Mother's Day and Special Ladies Stall and Activities

Our Mother's and Special Ladies stall will be on Friday 8th of May. Each gift will be \$5. All students will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for the special women (mum, grandma, aunt, sister or carer) in their life.

Notes went home today for students to return with payment so we know how many gifts we will need.

We are seeking donations (chocolates, candles, cups, soaps, socks, recipe books, key tags, hand crème etc) for our stall. These can be given to the office, classroom teacher or at the back gate at drop off and pick up time. Please contact your students classroom teacher if you have any questions.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mothers Day Stall will be held on **Friday 8th of May**
All gifts will be \$5 to purchase. Please return the slip with payment to the office by **Friday 1st of May**.

** Please note we are seeking donations for our stall. Donations can be brought to the office

Childs Name	Class	Amount of Gifts	Total \$

Attitudes To School Survey

The annual Attitudes to School Survey for Grade 4 to Year 12 students will run from Monday 11 May 2026 to Friday 12 June 2026.

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**.

Teddy Bear Hospital

On Monday the prep/one students will participate in the Teddy Bear Hospital incursion with Monash Medical students. They need to bring along a small teddy that will be their patient for the session.

AEU Industrial Action Half day stop work information

As part of the ongoing AEU industrial action the next planned stop work is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 13th May from start of day until 12.23pm. Further information will be provided on Monday 11th May.

Head Lice

We have already had multiple sightings of head lice in students. Please check your child's hair over the weekend and treat to minimise the infection to other students.

Below is a simple treatment. The school is happy to support families by applying Moov lotion just before the end of the day for families to wash and comb out at home. Please see the office.



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>

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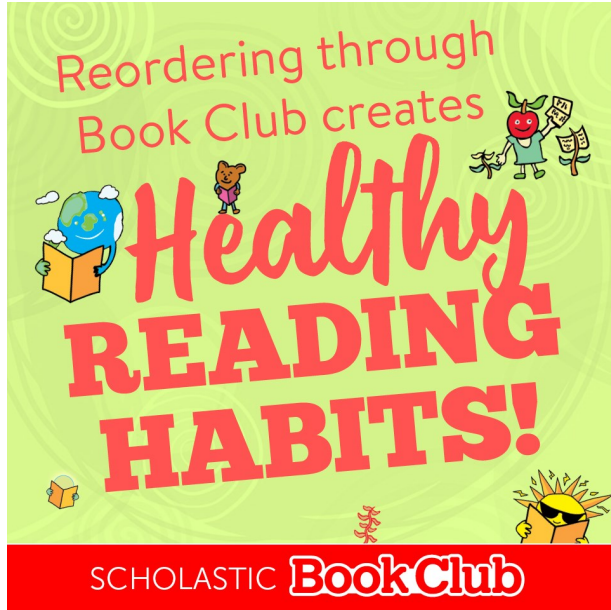
Thanks to the support of Bendigo Community Health Services, Eaglehawk Primary School students receive free fresh fruit each week through the McKern Foundation's Fresh Fruit Friday program!

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Book Club

Issue 3 of Book Club has been sent home with students this week. Thank you to families who have ordered book Club books this year, it is a fantastic way to support the school and engage your child with reading.

All orders for issue 3 are due back by **Friday 8th of May**. Orders can be returned to office with order form and payment or order via the LOOP app and you be can be eligible to receive a bonus \$5 to spend in the next book club issue. Happy Reading!!



Stem Club

It's almost time for STEM Club to return to the Discovery Centre for a new term of fun, physics and flight!

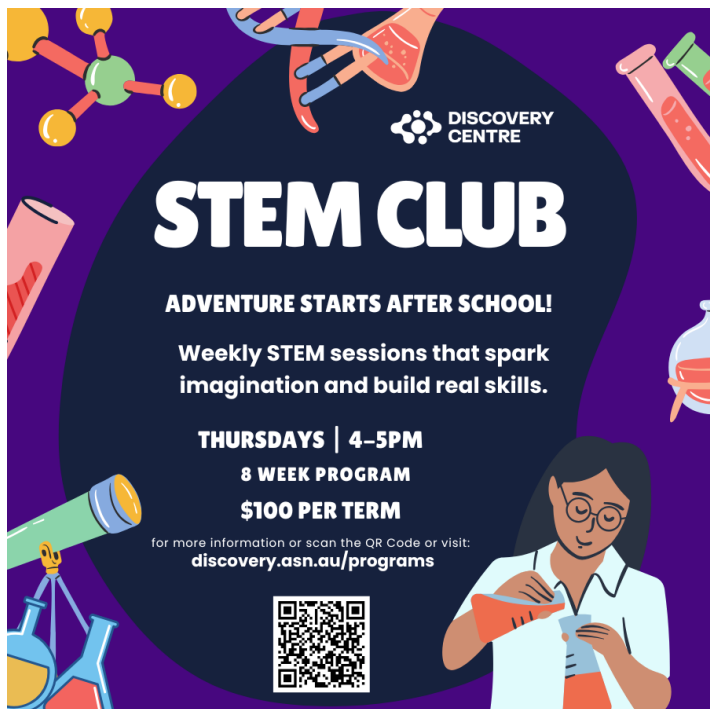
STEM Club is an interactive engaging after-school program for primary school students who love to explore, experiment and create. The program runs weekly for an 8-week block on Thursdays from 4pm.

DATES: Thursdays starting 7th May – 25th June

TIME: 4pm-5pm

LOCATION: Discovery Centre - 7 Railway Place, Bendigo

For more information and to secure your spot head to discovery.asn.au/programs



CYBER SAFETY

A VISIT FROM SUSAN MCLEAN

We were thrilled to welcome Susan, a cyber safety expert and former Victoria Police officer with 28 years of service, to our school recently. Susan delivered an engaging, age-appropriate session designed especially for primary students – packed with vibrant visuals, real-life stories, and plenty of discussion that kept our students genuinely captivated from start to finish.



TOPICS COVERED

- **Rules and laws online**

Where rules come from, why they exist, and the real consequences of breaking them.

- **Cyberbullying**

What it is, how it feels, what to do – and the important reminder that it is a criminal offence.

- **Online strangers**

How strangers find children online, and what to do if asked to share private images or personal information.

- **Apps, sites and age limits**

Popular platforms children use, the age requirements for each, and why those rules matter.

- **Staying safe online**

How to spot a problem and who to tell – practical steps every child can take.

- **Being a good digital citizen**

Treating others with respect online and contributing positively to the digital world.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home – ask your children about their online activity and remind them they can always turn to a trusted adult if something feels wrong.



Child & Family Wellbeing

Looking after yourself & your children

Wellbeing is an important part of our lives and can have a big impact on our overall health.

However, at times, we can feel overwhelmed and it can be hard to know where to start in supporting our children, while also looking after ourselves.

Below are some resources you may find helpful:



**E-Safety Commissioner -
Safety online**

**Raising Children
Network**



**Student Wellbeing -
Parent Resources**

Where can I go locally for support?

- **Bendigo Headspace** - mental health support (for those aged 12 - 25)
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing Local - Mind Australia** (for those aged 26+)
- **BCHS - Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local** (for children up to 11); Supported Playgroups & Stepping Stones Early Childhood Intervention program; Counselling & Mental Health Support
- **The Orange Door Bendigo**
- **Anglicare Victoria**
- **Arc Justice** - legal & tenancy advocacy support
- **Rights Information & Advocacy Centre Bendigo** - Disability Advocacy support services
- **Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative**



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2026 GRADE 6 INFORMATION EVENING MONDAY 4TH MAY

Grade 6 Information Sessions at the following
Bendigo Secondary Colleges



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: College Gymnasium
5447 7722
crusoecollege.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Global Learning Centre
5443 2133
weeroona.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Grieve Building
5446 8099
eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: BSE Gymnasium
5443 4522
bse.vic.edu.au



Department of Education

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

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

Proudly shared by our school community

Emergency? Call 000

SPECIAL LUNCH - THURSDAY 30TH APRIL

****Please detach and hand this slip into the office by Wednesday 29th April 9am.**

Carbonara \$3

Student Name	Class	Carbonara \$3	Zooper Dooper	Total
1.				\$
2.				\$
3.				\$
4.				\$
			Total Enclosed	\$

PREP & PREP/1 UPDATE



24TH APRIL 2026

Literacy/Numeracy

PHONICS

We have revised the letter names and sounds of s,a,t,p,i,n,m,o,d,g,f,c. Students have been playing memory to remind them of our HFW (high frequency words) as well as doing fluency pairs to practice reading familiar words.

WRITING

This week in writing, students have been practicing holding an idea from our mentor text and going back and writing it. Students have been practicing writing sounds in familiar and unfamiliar words.

READING

Students have been using the mentor text "The red rose" to make predictions, order pictures from the text and focus on characters by describing them and what type of character they are. eg. animal.

MATHS

We have been continuing counting forwards and backwards from 0-20 and 20-0 whilst also focusing on our number of the day. As well as number, we have been identifying and exploring different types of 2D shapes in our environment.



Reminders

Remember to bring your reader bags to update your readers on Wednesday morning in your class.

Remember that our library day is Friday, bring any library books you may have at home to return. Students need to return any books before borrowing again from the library.



Upcoming

- No school on Monday the 27th



WEEK 1: 1/2 EMILY AND 2 TRACEY

PHONICS

1/2 Emily have been looking at the long i sound and different ways this can be made - i_e, ie, igh, y

2 Tracey have been working on the long o sounds and the different ways this can be made - o_e, oa, ow

READING

This week, we have started a new unit in reading looking at recount texts. We have focused on analysing the parts of a recount and time connectives that are often used at the beginning of each event - e.g. first, next, finally.

WRITING

In writing, students have focused on planning and writing a recount about something they did over the Easter holidays! They focused on having an orientation that included the when, who, where and why as well as three events in order.

MATHS

In maths we have started working on addition and subtraction - revising numbers that go together to make 10 and 20 and the counting on strategy.

We also learnt about informal units of measurement and did some exploration measuring using counters, paper cli[s, unifix and dominioes.



DESCRIBING ANIMALS



AUSLAN

This week in AUSLAN we have been working on signs that describe an animal - we learnt the signs for furry, smooth, rough, slow, fast and jumpy

3/4 UPDATE - WEEK 1

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Reading

Our reading lessons this week have been based around getting back into a positive reading routine with our independent and collaborative reading. Expectations around reading conferences and what our resources look like have been re-visited to ensure everyone has the best chance at a positive reading environment!

Maths

Students in $\frac{3}{4}$ have been busy starting the new topic of subtraction this week in Maths. We have been investigating different strategies such as the jump strategy and partitioning to solve subtraction problems. Watching both classes grow in this space has been very rewarding for Stef, Melinda and Caleb!

Writing

This week in writing the students have been looking at recounts, particularly around their amazing holidays! Both classes have been investigating the structure and layout of a recount, along with how to add high modality vocabulary to their pieces to make them extra exciting!

SWPBS

Both classes used Week 1 to remind and continue to practice the use of our school values and how that looks like in the classroom and in the yard.

Auslan

This week in Auslan we have been learning about deaf culture and also numbers!

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR STUDENTS WHO EARN 100 GOTCHAS!

UPCOMING

MONDAY 27TH APRIL

Pupil Free Day - Staff PD

OTHER NEWS

This week students participated in a footy clinic run by AFL Victoria during their Thursday PE lesson. Students learnt basic fundamentals in a fun and inclusive environment run by a representative from AFL Victoria!

4/5/6 Classroom Newsletter

T2 W1

Literacy

In both reading and writing this term, we're working with information reports, and we're starting with animals as our topic. This week the focus is on the research side of things: how to come up with good search terms, take useful notes using dot points, and work out the meaning of technical words when you come across them. These are skills students will keep using right through the term as the texts get more complex. We're also starting a class read aloud *Once* by Morris Gleitzman for 5/6 and *Then* for 4/5. It's a great book and we'll be using it to look at character closely as we go.

One easy thing to try at home: if your child is reading anything this week, ask them to point out a word they didn't know and explain what they think it means. That habit of pausing on unfamiliar vocabulary is exactly what we're building in class.

Numeracy

In maths we're opening Term 2 with multiplication and division. The focus this week is on understanding these two operations as inverses, if you know one fact, you can work out three others (e.g. if $6 \times 7 = 42$, then $7 \times 6 = 42$, $42 \div 7 = 6$, and $42 \div 6 = 7$). We're also building efficient mental strategies rather than relying on written methods for everything.

In applied maths, we're starting a unit on length, choosing the right unit of measurement, converting between units, and working with perimeter and area.

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



Term 2 - Week 1

Class	Student of the Week	Attendance
Prep Mon/Nina	Respectful Award Jazmyn- for showing five star listening when the teacher or peers are talking. Well done Jazmyn!	Shaquille
Prep/1 Jameela	Jandamarra - Responsible: for always giving 100% in his learning and trying his best in all subject areas. Well done Jandamarra!	Jazzy
1/2 Emily	Responsible: Nova for putting in great effort to try her best. Nova has-n't given up on finding the best strategies to help her. Great work, Nova, we are super proud!	Taalie
2 Tracey	Responsible: Maple for putting in a big effort in maths, working hard on implementing new strategies and looking at different ways a problem can be solved. Great job Maple!	Ryder
3 Caleb	Charmaine- Charmaine has come back to school displaying all values including extremely respectful to all students and staff. Well done Charmaine, very proud!	Bentley
3/4 Stef	Respect: Kim B, for for consistently making positive contributions to class discussions. Keep it up Kim!	Tyler A.G
4/5 Nick/Megan	T1 W10 -- Responsible: Hudson- For continuing to dedicated himself to his learning and looking at where and how he can improve in all subjects. T2 W1 -- Eli T- Responsible: for giving 100% in Division during Maths this week.	Emily M
5/6 Jake	Noah T -- Responsible: for consistently working hard across all areas of learning and showing determination in striving to achieve his goals.	Kayden K

Term 2 - Week 1

Class	Student	Total Nights Read
Prep Mon/Nina	Lana	50
Prep Mon/Nina	Oskar	50
Prep Mon/Nina	Jazmyn	50