

# ESC Newsletter

**TO DEVELOP ASPIRANT, RESILIENT LEARNERS WHO ARE EMPOWERED GLOBAL CITIZENS**

## ATTENDANCE - EVERYDAY COUNTS

Regular school attendance is vital to maintain a high level of student achievement and engagement, support the development of positive relationships and develop independence and responsibility. All absences must be reported to the office via the Compass App or by phoning the Attendance Line on (03) 4433 8282.

An important part of your day will be your Teacher Advisory Time which starts at the beginning of the school day. Here, the roll will be marked and then time will be allocated to discussing issues with your Teacher Advisor and undertaking circle time to develop skills that will assist you at school and at home.

Our attendance officer will be calling all families with students that have unexplained absences. Please record your students absence on Compass or by calling the Absence Line on (03) 4433 8282.



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...			
If your child misses...	=	Which is...	Which over 13 years of schooling is
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

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# Principal's Report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**RICHELLE HOLLIS**

## **Term 1 Wrap**

As always, Term 1 has been a very busy term. We've had many highs and celebrated our school and local community in a number of ways, all which are mentioned below. As we draw to a close for this term, I would like to thank all staff who have involved themselves in many of our events. These events include organisation of and supervision at the Year 7 Social; Cooking NAPLAN breakfasts for our Year 7 and 9 students before NAPLAN each morning; Leading and participating in the Harmony Day event; and the planning and running of BURRA Day.

## **Swimming Carnival**

Our annual Swimming Carnival at the Faith Leech Aquatic Centre was a fantastic day enjoyed by students and staff alike. It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved in the events and supporting their peers throughout the day. There was a strong sense of community spirit, with students proudly representing their community colours and cheering each other on. Congratulations to the Walker community for taking out the overall win – a great achievement!

## **BURRA Day**

Earlier this term we once again celebrated BURRA Day. This day continues to be a highlight of the school calendar and is always a massive success. It provides a great opportunity for students to come together, participate in a range of activities and celebrate our school community. It was an excellent day for our students and we are already looking forward to making BURRA Day even bigger and better next year.

## **NAPLAN**

This term our Year 7 and Year 9 students also took part in NAPLAN. To help students start the day positively, the school provided a fresh bacon and egg or pancake breakfast each morning, along with some delicious fruit. It was a great way to fuel our students before testing. A big thank you to the staff members who generously gave their time to help cook and prepare breakfast for our students.

## **Parent / Teacher Interviews**

A reminder to families that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next Wednesday and Thursday. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teachers and discuss their progress. You can book via Compass or calling 03 5446 8099. Please also note that Friday 3rd of April will be a student free day.

As we approach the end of term, we wish all of our students and families a safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for another great term on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

## **College Values**

Eaglehawk Secondary College's values of Community, Opportunity, Relationships and Expectations & Achievement are at the CORE of the work we do. Each term we will be focusing on one of our values, and this term we have focused heavily on the CORE value of Community. Each student belongs to a Learning Community and each week, Learning Communities hold Community Assemblies with the students bringing them together to celebrate student achievement and to share common information. Twice a term, students come together in an assembly as a year level community, where celebration of student learning and achievements and information relevant to a particular year level are shared. This year we started the year with a whole school assembly, with the intention of bringing the entire school together as a whole community. We will be finishing the term with a whole school assembly, once again to celebrate the community events and achievements of students. Special days such as Swimming Carnival, Athletics Day and Burra Day also contribute to students feeling connected as part of the Eaglehawk Secondary College Community. The work that has begun in the area of community, will continue to be prominent throughout the year, however Term 2 will see us focus on our second CORE value of Opportunity.

## **Student accident insurance and ambulance cover**

Please note that insurance against injuries or loss of any kind by students is not part of the responsibility of the school or Department of Education. It is possible to purchase this from a variety of commercial providers. Similarly, ambulance cover is not automatic. Families with a Health Care Card will be covered but others will need to be ambulance members to cover the costs of an ambulance call if necessary. Staff will make every effort to contact parents in the event of a serious illness or injury but an ambulance will be called if a student is in a dangerous situation. We hope that this will not be necessary but need to ensure that our duty of care is carried out. To assist with this, please ensure that all medical and personal details are up to date.

## **Personal Property**

Eaglehawk Secondary College understands that staff and/or students may sometimes like to bring items of personal property to school. The Department of Education does not have insurance for personal property of staff, students and visitors. Eaglehawk Secondary College does not take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property. Eaglehawk Secondary College encourages staff and students not to bring items of value to school, or to obtain appropriate insurance for such items.

If students bring items of value to school, they will be confiscated and stored securely at the General Office until the end of the day, when the items may be collected by the student and/or parent.

## **Mental Health Practitioner**

Our school is excited to be part of the Mental Health Practitioners (MHP) initiative. Our school MHP will support the mental health and wellbeing needs of our students. They will also help our teachers to identify and respond to student's mental health and wellbeing concerns. Our MHP is ADAM JOHNSON, they will be working in our school for 5 days a week. Adam is a Occupational Therapist with 14 years of experience working in Occupational Therapy and 12 years in mental health specific roles. Adam takes a holistic approach and utilises principles of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

Students and their parents/carers who would like to discuss their suitability to engage with the MHP service can contact Caroline Roy (Wellbeing & Disability Inclusion Leader). Please note, referral and informed consent documentation is required before MHP service commencement For more information on the Mental Health Practitioners initiative see the department's [website](#).

## **Doctors In Secondary Schools**

A reminder to families that we have a doctor on site once a week for students to make appointments. Dr Jo Dennis is our school doctor and practices each Wednesday here at the college. Students and parents can book an appointment with Dr Jo on 5446 8099 or see the General Office. Please note there are limited number of appointments available each week, so if you are not able to attend due to not being at school on that particular day, please contact the school, so that a student on the wait list can take the appointment instead. Appointments can only be made for students and they are all bulk billed. For further information, please refer to: [Microsoft Word - Consent and confidentiality - School information sheet \(Revised - May 2017\) \(education.vic.gov.au\)](#)

## **Important school dates**

There are a number of important events that happen throughout the term and affect the entire school or just some year levels. It is important that families are aware of these so that planning can be done to ensure that students attend 100% of the required school days and have the opportunity to maximise the benefits available from their education. Please check the IMPORTANT DATES further in this newsletter.

## **STUDENT ABSENCE LINE: 4433 4455**

Please phone through your student absences to this 24 hour phone line.

## **Child safety and wellbeing at Eaglehawk Secondary College: Information for families and the school community**

Eaglehawk Secondary College is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: <https://www.eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au/page/9/Public-Documents-&-Policies>

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the Caroline Roy on 5446 8099 or at [eaglehawk.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:eaglehawk.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

# CONTACTING EAGLEHAWK SECONDARY COLLEGE

Principal:	Richelle Hollis
Assistant Principal:	Melinda Ellis (Absent Term 1)
Assistant Principal:	Tom Hart
Acting Assistant Principal:	Jacob Smythe
Wellbeing & Disability Inclusion Leader:	Caroline Roy
Walker Community Leader:	Darcy Richards
Lester Community Leader:	Louise Phillips
Dowding Community Leader:	Damien Tricarico
Grieve Community Leader:	Demy Pye
Social Worker:	Sophie Thomson
Youth Workers:	Daniel Smith & Hayley Conway
Mental Health Practitioner:	Adam Johnson
School Nurse:	Aaron Wales
Business Manager:	Phoebe Gerring
Finance Officer:	Brianna Aldridge
Reception:	Jodie Hitchens
HR Manager:	Bryony Pretty
Communications:	Paige Currie
ICT Technicians:	Maia Misson & Matt Atkins
School Council President:	Rebekah Perryman

## School Council meetings Term 2:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Week 1

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Week 4

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Week 8

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1**

April 1<sup>st</sup> - Term 1 Concludes (Students Finish at 3:10pm)

April 1<sup>st</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 - 7:00

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00 - 12:00

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Student Free Day

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Public Holiday (Good Friday)

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2**

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Term 2 Commences

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Project Rocket (Years 7 & 8)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Project Rocket (Years 9 & 10)

April 24<sup>th</sup> - ANZAC Service: School

April 24<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country at Lake Tom Thumb (For students who sign up)

May 1<sup>st</sup> - Sandhurst Cross Country

May 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Information Night

May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup> - Work Experience

May 5<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup> - Year 10 Adelaide Camp

May 18<sup>th</sup> - Athletics Carnival (For students who sign up)

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Tomorrow Bound (Year 10)

June 8<sup>th</sup> - Kings Birthday - Public Holiday

June 9<sup>th</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 9 & 10 Exams

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Day - Student Free Day

June 15<sup>th</sup> - Semester Two Commences

June 26<sup>th</sup> - Term 2 Concludes

**Eaglehawk** တီထီခီလှ်အမူးတၢ်ရဲၣ်လီၤတဖၣ်

တၢ်မၤလိကတီၢ် ၁

လၢယၤန့ၣ်အါရဲၣ် ၂၈သီတုၤလၢအံၤဖြၣ် ၂ သီ ၂၀၂၆

လၢအံၤဖြၣ် ၁ သီ

တၢ်လိၣ်ကူကၢၤကီၢ်တၢ်ကူတၢ်ကၢၤအမုၢ်န့ၣ် - နမ့ၢ်သးအိၣ်တၢ်မၤဘျၣ် ၁ ဒီလၣ် (လဲၤဆူတၢ်ဟ့ၣ်သးကညီၤတၢ်ကရၢ)

မိၢ်ပၢ်သရၣ်သမၢ်တၢ်ထံၣ်လိာ်သံကွၢ်သံဒီးတၢ် ဟါ ၄ န့ၣ်ရဲၣ်တုၤဟါ ၇ န့ၣ်ရဲၣ် (ကိၣ်အကတၢ်တနံၤ)

လၢအံၤဖြၣ် ၂ သီ

မိၢ်ပၢ်သရၣ်သမၢ်တၢ်ထံၣ်လိာ်သံကွၢ်သံဒီးတၢ် ဂီၤ ၈:၃၀ န့ၣ်ရဲၣ်တုၤမုၢ်ထူၣ် ၁၂ န့ၣ်ရဲၣ် (ကိၣ်တအိၣ်ဘၣ်)

**Good Friday** လၢအံၤဖြၣ် ၃ သီ နံၤသဘျၢ

တၢ်မၤလိကတီၢ် ၂

လၢအံၤဖြၣ် ၂၀ သီ တုၤလၢယူၤ ၂၆ သီ ၂၀၂၆

မုၢ်ဆၣ်လၢအံၤဖြၣ် ၂၀ သီ

ကိၣ်ထီၣ်ကဒါက့ၤ

လၢအံၤဖြၣ် ၂၄ သီ

**ANZAC** တၢ်ဖဲးတၢ်မၤ

လၢအံၤဖြၣ် ၂၄ သီ

**(Cross Country)** တၢ်လဲၤဟးလၢခိၣ်တၢ်လီၢ် (ထဲဒၣ်ကိၣ်ဖိတဖၣ်လၢဆဲးလီၤမံၤ)

လၢမ့ၤ ၁၈ သီ

တၢ်လိာ်ကွဲးတၢ်ဃုာ်တၢ်စံၣ်ဘျၣ်သးဖုံ

လၢယူၤ ၁၂ သီ

တၢ်သမံသမိးတၢ်အမုၢ်န့ၣ် (ကိၣ်ဖိနံၤသဘျၢ)

လၢယူၤ ၂၆ သီ

တၢ်မၤလိကတီၢ်အကတၢ်တနံၤ

တၢ်မၤလိကတီၢ် ၃

လၢယူၤလဲၤ ၁၃ သီ တုၤလၢလိာ်စဲးပတုာ်ဘၣ် ၁၈ သီ ၂၀၂၆

မုၢ်ဆၣ် လၢယူၤလဲၤ ၁၃ သီ

ကိၣ်ဖိနံၤသဘျၢ

လၢအံၤကူး ၁၃ သီ

၂၀၂၇ တၢ်မၤလိကတီၢ်တၢ်ဟ့ၣ်ကူၣ်ဟ့ၣ်ဖး ဒီး ၇ တီၤ Careers Cup

လၢစဲးပတုာ်ဘၣ် ၂ သီ

ကိၣ်ဖိနံၤသဘျၢ

လၢစဲးပတုာ်ဘၣ် ၁၇ သီ

မိၢ်ပၢ်သရၣ်သမၢ်တၢ်ထံၣ်လိာ်သံကွၢ်သံဒီးတၢ် ဟါ ၄ န့ၣ်ရဲၣ်တုၤဟါ ၇ န့ၣ်ရဲၣ်

လၢစဲးပတုာ်ဘၣ် ၁၈ သီ

မိၢ်ပၢ်သရၣ်သမၢ်တၢ်ထံၣ်လိာ်သံကွၢ်သံဒီးတၢ် ဂီၤ ၉ န့ၣ်ရဲၣ်တုၤမုၢ်ထူၣ် ၁၂ န့ၣ်ရဲၣ်

တၢ်မၤလိကတီၢ် ၄

လၢအိးကထိဘၣ် ၅ သီ တုၤလၢလိာ်စဲးပတုာ်ဘၣ် ၁၈ သီ ၂၀၂၆

လၢနီၣ်ဝုတၢ်ဘၣ် ၁၃ သီ

အတၢ် ၁၀ တၢ်မၤလၢကပီၤအမုၢ်န့ၣ်

လၢနီၣ်ဝုတၢ်ဘၣ် ၁၆ သီ ဒီး ၁၇ သီ

အတၢ် ၁၀ တၢ်ဒီးစဲးတဖၣ် (အဲကလံး, တၢ်ဂံၢ်တၢ်ဒွဲး, စဲးအ့ၣ်, Humanities)

လၢနီၣ်ဝုတၢ်ဘၣ် ၁၈ သီ

အတၢ် ၁၀ ဖျါကိၣ်အမူး

လၢနီၣ်ဝုတၢ်ဘၣ် ၂၇ သီ

တၢ်သမံသမိးတၢ်အမုၢ်န့ၣ်

လၢနီၣ်ဝုတၢ်ဘၣ် အသီ ၃၀

Step-Up တၢ်ရဲၣ်တၢ်ကျဲးစဲးထီၣ်လၢ ၂ နွံအဂီၢ်

လၢဒိၣ်စဲးဘၣ်အသီ ၁၀

ကီၢ်စဲးဒီးတဘျၣ်တၢ်ဒူးသ့ၣ်ညါဆိတၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တၢ်ကျိၤအမုၢ်န့ၣ်လၢ ၇ တီၤကိၣ်ဖိတဖၣ် ၂၀၂၇ (ကိၣ်ဖိနံၤသဘျၢလၢကိၣ်ဖိအဂၤတဖၣ်အဂီၢ်)

လၢဒိၣ်စဲးဘၣ် ၁၄ သီ

တၢ်ဟ့ၣ်လၢဟ့ၣ်ကပီၤအမူး

လၢဒိၣ်စဲးဘၣ် ၁၈ သီ

ကိၣ်ဖိနံၤသဘျၢ

### ترم 1

ژانویه تا 2 آوریل 2026

#### 1 آوریل

روز بدون یونیفرم مدرسه - در صورت تمایل 1 دلار اهدا کنید (پول جمع شده به یک سازمان خیریه (هدا می شود).

مصاحبه های اولیا و مربیان 4 تا 7 بعد از ظهر (آخرین روز ترم)

#### 2 آوریل

مصاحبه های اولیا و مربیان 8.30 صبح تا 12 بعد از ظهر (مدرسه تعطیل است)

3 آوریل - تعطیل Good Friday

### ترم 2

26 ژوئن تا 20 2026

دوشنبه 20 آوریل

بازگشت به مدرسه

#### 24 آوریل

مراسم ANZAC

#### 24 آوریل

(فقط برای دانش آموزانی که ثبت نام می کنند) Cross Country مسابقه دو

#### 18 مه

(Athletics) کارناوال مسابقات دو و میدانی

#### 12 ژوئن

روز آزمون (روز تعطیل برای دانش آموزان)

#### 26 ژوئن

آخرین روز ترم

### ترم 3

ژوئیه تا 18 سپتامبر 2026

دوشنبه 13 ژوئیه

روز تعطیل برای دانش آموزان

#### اوت 13

برای دانش آموزان کلاس 7 Careers Cup مشاوره دوره تحصیلی سال 2027 و

#### سپتامبر 2

روز تعطیل برای دانش آموزان

#### سپتامبر 17

مصاحبه های اولیا و مربیان 4 تا 7 بعد از ظهر

#### سپتامبر 18

مصاحبه های اولیا و مربیان 9 صبح تا 12 ظهر

### ترم 4

اکتبر تا 18 دسامبر 2026

#### نوامبر 13

روز جشن کلاس 10

و 17 نوامبر

امتحانات کلاس 10 (انگلیسی، ریاضی، علوم، علوم انسانی)

#### نوامبر 18

مراسم فارغ التحصیلی کلاس 10

#### نوامبر 27

روز آزمون

#### نوامبر 30

برای 2 هفته آغاز می شود Step-Up برنامه

#### دسامبر 10

برای دانش آموزان کلاس 7 سال 2027 در سراسر ایالت (دانش آموزان سطوح دیگر تعطیل هستند) (Orientation Day) روز آشنایی

#### دسامبر 14

مراسم اهدای جوایز

#### دسامبر 18

روز تعطیل برای دانش آموزان

## Các sự kiện của trường Trung học Eaglehawk

### Học kỳ 1

Từ ngày 28 tháng 1 đến ngày 2 tháng 4 năm 2026

Ngày 1 tháng 4

Ngày không phải mặc đồng phục - quyên góp 1 đô-la nếu có nhã ý (số tiền này sẽ tặng cho hội từ thiện)

Buổi họp Phụ huynh - Giáo viên từ 4 giờ chiều đến 7 giờ tối (ngày đi học cuối cùng)

Ngày 2 tháng 4

Buổi họp Phụ huynh - Giáo viên từ 8:30 sáng đến 12:00 trưa (học sinh nghỉ học).

Thứ Sáu Tuần Thánh, ngày 3 tháng 4 – ngày lễ

### Học kỳ 2

Từ ngày 20 tháng 4 đến ngày 26 tháng 6 năm 2026

Thứ Hai, ngày 20 tháng 4

Học sinh đi học trở lại

Ngày 24 tháng 4

Dịch vụ Ngày lễ ANZAC

Ngày 24 tháng 4

Chạy việt dã (chỉ dành cho học sinh đã đăng ký)

Ngày 18 tháng 5

Lễ hội thể thao

Ngày 12 tháng 6

Ngày kiểm tra (Ngày học sinh nghỉ học)

Ngày 26 tháng 6

Ngày cuối cùng học kỳ

### Học kỳ 3

Từ ngày 13 tháng 7 đến ngày 18 tháng 9 năm 2026

Thứ Hai, ngày 13 tháng 7

Ngày học sinh nghỉ học

Ngày 13 tháng 8

Tư vấn Hướng nghiệp năm 2027 & Cúp Hướng nghiệp Học sinh Lớp 7

Ngày 2 tháng 9

Ngày học sinh nghỉ học

Ngày 17 tháng 9

Buổi họp Phụ huynh - Giáo viên từ 4 giờ chiều đến 7 giờ tối.

Ngày 18 tháng 9

Buổi họp Phụ huynh - Giáo viên từ 9 giờ sáng đến 12 giờ trưa.

### Học kỳ 4

Từ ngày 5 tháng 10 đến ngày 18 tháng 12 năm 2026

Ngày 13 tháng 11

Ngày hội kỷ niệm Lớp 10

Ngày 16 & 17 tháng 11

Các kỳ thi Lớp 10 (Tiếng Anh, Toán, Khoa học, Nhân văn)

Ngày 18 tháng 11

Lễ tốt nghiệp Lớp 10

Ngày 27 tháng 11

Ngày đánh giá

Ngày 30 tháng 11

Chương trình Step-Up kéo dài 2 tuần

Ngày 10 tháng 12

Ngày giới thiệu Cơ sở Toàn Tiểu bang dành cho học sinh Lớp 7 năm 2027. (Ngày nghỉ học đối với các học sinh khác)

Ngày 14 tháng 12

Lễ trao giải

Ngày 18 tháng 12

Ngày học sinh nghỉ học

# Privacy Reminder

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photography, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use learning programs safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using their computers for school related work, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy\\_policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

# Bushfire Preparation

## School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



## **Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.**

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in the Northern Countryfire district.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass and Text Message.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and prioritised maintenance works to assist in preparing for the threat of fire.

## **What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?**

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website and social media or talking to your child's teacher.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

# Parking & Safety Around School

Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school to request that we share the following important information with our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles near our school poses a significant safety risk to children, pedestrians, and other road users. Parents are reminded to follow all parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children to help ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Motorists must:

- Not stop in "No Stopping" areas, even briefly, regardless of whether the engine is running.
- Not park next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, over driveways, too close to school crossings, or double park.
- Observe time-restricted parking zones, such as 2-minute pick-up/drop-off areas, which are in place to maintain traffic flow and safety near schools.
- Not perform U-turns over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

Regarding children's crossings, the law requires drivers to approach at a speed that allows them to stop safely if needed. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure compliance with Road Safety Road Rules.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

# International Women's Day

## International Women's Day

On 8 March, ESC came together to celebrate International Women's Day with a delicious BBQ lunch for students and staff. The event was proudly put on by our Wellbeing and Diversity Student Leaders, alongside the Wellbeing Team, who did a fantastic job bringing the school community together.

International Women's Day is an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements, strength and contributions of women in our community and around the world.

It was wonderful to see students connecting, sharing lunch and acknowledging the significance of the day.

A big thank you to our student leaders and staff who helped organise and run the lunch.



# NAPLAN Breakfast

## NAPLAN Breakfast

This term our Year 7 and 9 students completed NAPLAN, and to help them start the day off right we hosted a special breakfast before the testing sessions. Students were welcomed with a delicious bacon and egg breakfast, along with fresh fruit and yoghurt on the side.

It was fantastic to see students arrive early, enjoy some breakfast with their peers and settle in before beginning their test.

A huge thank you to the staff who helped prepare and serve the breakfast. Your support helped create a positive and calm start to the morning for our students.



# Year 7 Camp

## Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7 students had an incredible time at Lady Northcote Discovery Camp, with the few days filled with adventure, teamwork, and memorable experiences.

The camp began with an exciting journey, as students travelled by train and bus to reach their destination. There was a real sense of anticipation as they set off, ready to take on new challenges and make the most of the opportunity ahead. Upon arrival, students quickly got into the spirit of camp, diving into activities such as archery and canoeing, showing great enthusiasm and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

Day 2 started bright and early with a delicious pancake breakfast, setting the tone for another busy day. We also celebrated two special birthdays – happy birthday to Ember and Mitchell! Students then continued the adventure with activities including raft building, bike riding, and the giant flying fox, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and encouragement of one another throughout.

Across the camp, students also enjoyed the high ropes course, refuelled with tasty meals, including salad wraps for lunch. Each activity provided opportunities to build confidence, strengthen friendships, and create lasting memories outside the classroom.

Overall, it was a fantastic camp experience, filled with fun, challenge, and connection. We are incredibly proud of the way our Year 7 students represented the school and embraced every moment of the experience.



# Harmony Day

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day was a fantastic success across the school on Friday, with students and staff coming together to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and community.

A huge thank you to our Wellbeing Team, Bec C, and everyone who contributed to preparing, making, and serving food, running activities, and creating such an engaging atmosphere. From games to nail painting, it was wonderful to see students enjoying the wide range of options available. Early feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many students appreciating the variety of activities on offer.

A special thank you to Dan for leading the day. We sincerely appreciate the time, effort, and energy that went into making the event such a success.

Events like Harmony Day are a great reminder of the strength of our school community, bringing everyone together to connect, celebrate, and have fun. Thank you to all who were involved.



# Year 9/10 Volleyball

## INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

The Year 9/10 volleyball teams had a strong and competitive day on the court.

The girls team performed exceptionally well, finishing on top of their pool to secure a place in the semi-final. In a closely contested match, they were narrowly defeated by CMC by just one point. The boys team also had a solid performance, finishing second in their pool. They faced Weeroona in the semi-final and, despite their efforts, went down in two sets.

Both teams demonstrated outstanding effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship, representing the school with pride.

A big thank you to Wah Soe, Keke, and the student helpers for their support and assistance throughout the day.



# Youth Soccer Opportunity

FC Eaglehawk is currently looking for additional players (ages 15–18) to complete their youth squad. This is a great chance for students to get involved in a local team, build skills, and enjoy the game in a supportive environment.

## Key Details:

- Training: Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 5:45pm
- Location: Truscott Reserve
- Games: Weekends (Saturday or Sunday)
- Season Start: Mid-April
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There are registration fees involved; however, the club offers flexibility to ensure that financial circumstances don't prevent students from participating.

Students who are interested are encouraged to come along to a training session or get in touch for more information.

## Contact:

Cam McGibbon  
0438 742 447

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# Second Hand Uniform Request



Please drop any second hand uniform into the General Office

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**CELEBRATE WITH US!**

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EASTER EGG  
DONATIONS FOR OUR  
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EGG RAFFLE.**

**DONATIONS ARE GREATLY  
APPRECIATED AND CAN BE  
DROPPED OFF AT THE GENERAL  
OFFICE.**



For more information, call the General  
Office on 03 5446 8099

## Tips From The School Nurse



### **HOW MUCH SLEEP DO TEENS NEED?**

The Australian Department of Health recommends that teenagers aged 14–17 years should get 8–10 hours of uninterrupted sleep; and those aged 12–13 years need between 9–11 hours

**SEE THE LINKS BELOW FOR TIPS ON BETTER SLEEP**

[Smiling Mind](#) is a great free app that has heaps of useful tips and activities for mental health including white noise and other interactive sleep activities

[Better Health Channel](#) is a good source for health info...

[Better Sleep — Smiling Mind](#)



[Teenagers and sleep | Better Health Channel](#)



# Simple Habits for Better Sleep



Simple changes in daily routines can make a real difference.

Try these tips to support better sleep so you can feel more energised, focused, and ready to take on the day.



## Stick to a Sleep Schedule

Try going to bed and waking up at the same time each day — even on weekends. A regular routine will help your body find its natural rhythm, making it easier to fall asleep (and wake up!) feeling refreshed.



## Manage Stress

Little moments of calm throughout the day can make a big difference at night. Strategies like deep breaths, stretching, or doing something you enjoy — can help your body relax and prepare for more restful sleep.



## Get Some Morning Sunlight

Natural light in the morning helps your brain know it's time to be awake, which makes it easier to wind down later. A 20–30 minute walk in the morning is a great way to reset your body clock.



## Create a Calm Bedtime Routine

Set the scene for good sleep. Dim the lights, keep your space cool and quiet, and limit screens in the hour before bed. A regular calming routine lets your body know it's time to rest.



## Move Your Body Daily

Aim for 30 mins of movement during the day (walks, dancing, anything!). Try to wrap up any intense exercise at least 1–2 hours before bed so your body has time to wind down.



## Give Yourself Enough Sleep Time

Most adults need 7–9 hours of sleep each night, but everyone's different. Pay attention to what helps you feel rested and try to give yourself the time you need to fully recharge.

Find more tools to build healthy sleep habits at [www.smilingmind.com.au/better-sleep](http://www.smilingmind.com.au/better-sleep) — or download the free Smiling Mind App on the App Store or Google Play.

# MENU

**Fruit and**

**Fruit Cups**

**Cheese**

**Toasties**

**Cereal**

- Rice Bubbles
- Cornflakes
- Cherios

**Milk**



*Monday - Thursday - In the staff room*

*Friday - In Red Foods with MORE options !*



KYABRAM FAUNA PARK  
IS CELEBRATING

# 50 WILD YEARS

**Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 March**

Join us for a birthday celebration packed with:

**KIDS' ACTIVITIES**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**FREE KEEPER TALKS**

Plus, cool off in the **NEW SPLASH PARK** and take a look back at the park's wild history.

Celebrations run 10am to 3pm each day, park closes at 5pm.

Kids visit free on weekends, public holidays and Victorian school holidays.\*



**KYABRAM  
FAUNA PARK**

# COME & TRY BASEBALL



**AGES 5 - 15  
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED  
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

**FALCONS BASEBALL CLUB**

**ALBERT ROY RESERVE**

**146 VICTORIA ST. EAGLEHAWK, 3556**

**CONTACT: SEB SMITH - 0468 968 490**

**19 FEB - 25 MAR 2026**

**THURSDAYS - 5:30 PM - 7 PM**



**PLAY**

# COME & TRY

## NORTH BENDIGO JFC ARE LOOKING FOR UNDER 15 GIRLS

Gather some friends and join in some activities at  
Atkins Street Oval on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm  
Girls Born in 2011, 2012 or 2013  
Icy poles to be handed out at the end!

**In partnership with North Bendigo Junior Football Club**

Whether you're a seasoned player or trying AFL for the first time,  
2026 is the perfect time to get involved!



**DiSS**  
**Doctors in Secondary Schools**  
**Eaglehawk Secondary College**

Dr Johanna Dennis & Registered Nurse, Michelle Pascoe  
**Physical Health | Mental Health | Sexual Health**

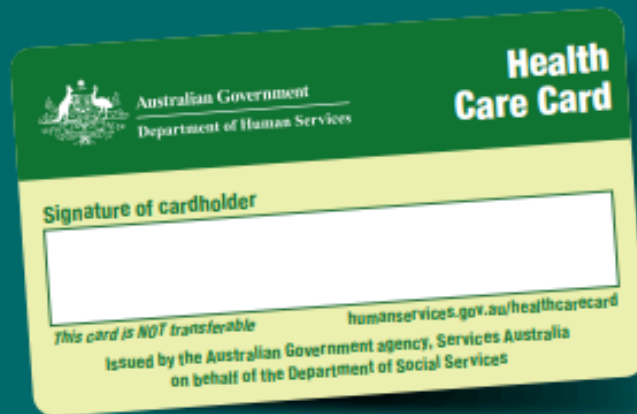
**Wednesday**

**9:00am - 1:00pm**

- **Confidential and Supportive Service**
- **Wellbeing Support**
- **Bulk Billing (Free)**

**To make an appointment, please see  
the General Office**





# Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:


- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

  
**saverplus**

1300 610 355    [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)



BSL/BTS 25






# fresh fruit friday



Running for over a decade, the program now delivers 1,300kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week.

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Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:



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



MEMBERSHIPS

**KIDS GO FREE**

ALL KIDS AGED 14 & UNDER #SPIRITTAKESFLIGHT

Calling All Young Adult  
Book Lovers!

# BOOK CLUB

**FREE  
ENTRY**

*Read a chosen  
book, your own  
choice, or come  
and chill out!*

**WEDNESDAYS**

**3:30PM - 5:00PM**

*All Ages are  
Welcome and  
Teen/Young Adult  
books will be read*

**BYO Snacks and  
Drinks**

**9 Mitchell Street,  
Bendigo**



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