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WELCOME!

Welcome to this fornights edition of the EPS Newsletter. We are already at the end of Week 8 - the term sure is flying past!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NAPLAN**: 11th - 23rd March
- **Grade 3-6 Athletics Day**: 25th March
- **GRIP Student Leadership Conference**: 26th March
- **Amazon Girls Tech day Yr 6 Girls**: 27th March
- **Last day of Term 1**: 2nd April - 2:30pm Finish

DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!

Due to the hot weather and our Sun Safety Policy, we would like to remind students and families that for Term 1 and Term 4, wearing a bucket hat outside is mandatory for all students. Caps are not permitted.

If students do not wear a hat, they will be asked to stay in the shade to play whilst outside.

Teacher's will be calling families whose students do not have a hat at school.

If you require support for uniform, please don't hesitate to contact our wellbeing team via the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts when it comes to attending school! Even missing 10mins of school 5 days a week, adds up to 1.5 weeks of school a year!

The school gates open at 8:30am, music starts at 8:40am and learning starts at 8:45am.

Set your child up for success by encouraging and supporting them to be here for the start of the school day.

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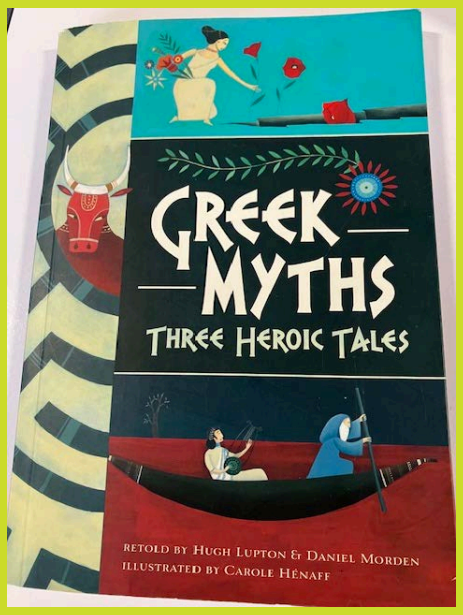
TOUCHING BASE THE GRADE 4'S!

Term one has been an interesting time for our Grade Four students as we have explored Ancient Greeks and Greek Myths. We have loved reading the stories of Theseus and the Minotaur and Demeter and Persephone with their twists of fate. We have considered themes within the text, actions and consequences, and the interconnectedness of characters. In the last weeks of term we have added to our knowledge reading the information text, Ancient Greeks, this entertaining and highly visual text has engaged our students. We have overheard comments such as, “I love this book!” and ‘This book is actually really exciting!”



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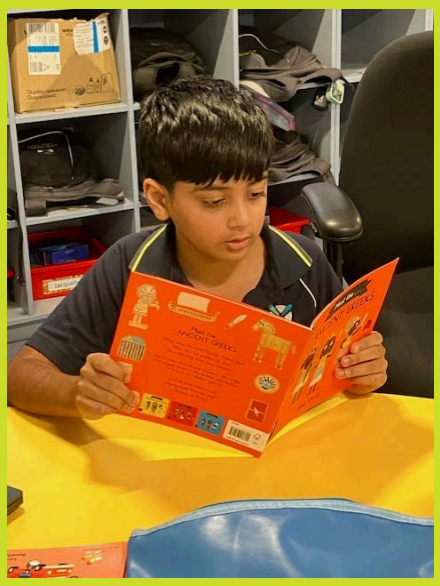
In writing we have explored the genres of Information Texts and Narratives. We have been applying our knowledge from writing skills lessons when composing our own texts. Students expanded their vocabulary and strengthened their sentences by using antonyms and synonyms. After learning about different sentence types; simple, compound and complex. We have been working on varying our sentences when writing our own texts.



Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division have been our focus for the term in Mathematics. We have worked on different strategies to solve number and worded problems, including number lines, bar models, the CUBES strategy, algorithms and arrays. Students have been improving their mathematical fluency and recall with daily practice. In our Space unit the students enjoyed following and creating directions. We related our topic to Eynesbury, the school and local area.

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SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

On Friday March 6th, a group of our Grade 5/6 students proudly represented Eynesbury Primary School at the MPSSA Summer Lightning Premiership. Students competed across three sports - tennis, cricket and volleyball - in what was a fantastic day of competition and teamwork.

Our tennis team had an outstanding day, playing six competitive matches before advancing to the finals and finishing in an impressive 4th place. In cricket, our boys team achieved a fantastic 3rd place overall, while the girls team also performed strongly, finishing 4th overall. Our volleyball teams played five games across the day, demonstrating great effort and teamwork; however, final placings were not available at the time of writing.

Throughout the day, students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, supporting one another and showing respect to players from other schools. Despite the warm weather, all students showed great enthusiasm, resilience and a positive attitude, making the most of the opportunity to represent our school.

A big thank you to the staff and volunteers who supported our teams on the day: Miss Nguyen, Rachel and Mark Baratta (Volleyball), Mr Pinneri, Briony Shearson and Rebecca Taylor (Cricket), and Nab Khoda for assisting with Tennis. Your support made this event possible.

Well done to all students involved - we are very proud of the way you represented our school!

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TEACHERS STOP WORK INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the Australian Education Union has scheduled industrial action for Tuesday, 24 March 2026. There are negotiations still occurring so this may change last minute. Staff who are members of the AEU are not required to confirm their participation until 5:00pm on Friday. As such, the school will require Monday morning to finalise staffing arrangements and liaise with the Department of Education regarding operational planning.

We acknowledge that this timeframe may present challenges for families and we appreciate your understanding as we work through this process.

Based on current indications, there is likely to be significant disruption to the normal school program on this day, if the action goes ahead. Given the likelihood of disruption to the normal school program, we recommend that families consider making alternative arrangements for their child where possible.

Further communication will be provided on Monday once staff participation has been confirmed. We ask that families monitor Compass for updates.

Regards
Dawn Vassallo
Principal

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EASTER RAFFLE

We would like to thank our wonderful community for their generous donations for our Easter Raffle! The prizes are now wrapped and ready to be won!

Tickets can be purchased at the school office, or via Compass where you can edit how many you would like and purchase easily online!

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1st April, and we will announce the winners via Compass & Facebook.

Good Luck!!

EASTER HAT PARADE

All parents and families are invited to our Annual Prep Easter Hat Parade!

This will take place at 9am in the school gym, on Thursday 2nd April.

Our wonderful preps are so excited to share their easter-riffic creations with you and we hope to see as many families there as possible!

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COOKIE DOUGH

A huge thank you to our families for supporting our Cookie Dough Fundraiser! Together we raised an incredible $1,792 for our school by selling 448 tubs of cookie dough. What a fantastic effort!

Delivery will be on Thursday 26th March, so please mark this date in your calendar. A Compass notification will be sent out on the day with specific collection times and the collection point for families.

RESIMAX SPORTS EQUIPMENT

We would like to give a huge shout out to the incredible generosity of Ebbie and the team at Resimax. Thanks to their support, every classroom will be receiving new sports equipment this week to support our students' outdoor play.

Our Prep-2 classes will each receive a basketball, AFL football, soccer ball and netball, while our Grade 3-6 classrooms will receive all of the above plus skipping ropes. We are very excited to be making skipping cool again and encouraging students to get active, challenge themselves and have fun together during break times.

Opportunities for active play are so important for our students' wellbeing, friendships and overall school experience, and this contribution will be enjoyed by all of our students every day.

A big thank you again to Ebbie and the team at Resimax for always supporting our school community. Your generosity and commitment to our students makes a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful.

✨ Here's Callum and Keni from Grade 2 enjoying their new classroom goodies!

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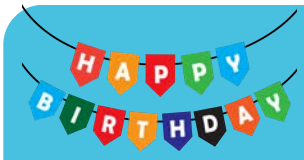
Birthday Shoutout!



Happy Birthday to the following student's who have had their birthday's since the last newsletter!

Marcel 1C
Violet 00A
Jaxon 4C
Zachariah 4A
Bailey 3A
Marcus 3C
Elsie 3C
Mia 00B
Lachlan 4B
Nate 00B
Patrick 1A
Clem 3B
Jayden 00B
Oaklee 00C
Maddison 4A

COMPASS REMINDER

Just a polite reminder that all communication relating to upcoming school events/Incursions/Excursion is currently communicated to families via Compass. It is important to keep an eye on all communication so no important information is missed. Excursions and Incursions are added via Compass, so families can see all relevant information and easily give consent and make payment in the same place.
There is one Compass log in per family.

If you have not received log-in details for Compass or are struggling to gain access, please contact the school office and we will be more than happy to help you if we can!

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2026 CURRICULUM DAYS

In order for parents to be better informed, we are sharing the dates for our Curriculum Days nice and early.

We hope this will help you prepare ahead (or book a long weekend 😊)

No students will be at school on the following days :

Friday 5th June

Monday 31st August

Monday 2nd November

These are the current approved Curriculum Days for 2026 so far.

YARD SUPERVISION

The school yard is supervised by a teacher on yard duty from 8.30am - 8.45am and 3.15 - 3.30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by 3.15pm each day and to **only enter the school grounds after 8.30am**. Gates will shut by 3:30pm and any students not picked up by 3.30pm will be sent to Kelly Club, with any cost being the responsibility of parent/carers.

Items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school are not the responsibility of Eynesbury Primary School or the Department. Staff and students are reminded not to bring items of value to school.

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EYNESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO REMIND FAMILIES ABOUT THE FOLLOWING UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.

- NAVY BLUE PANTS, SHORTS AND TIGHTS, NOT BLACK
- HAIR TIED UP IF BELOW COLLAR LINE
- ALL SMART WATCHES MUST BE DISABLED FROM MAKING CALLS, MESSAGING OR TAKING PHOTOS
- NO JEWELLERY EXCEPT STUD EARRINGS & MEDICAL JEWELLERY
- ALL JUMPERS AND JACKETS MUST BE SCHOOL UNIFORM NOT BRANDED HOODIES OR GENERAL JUMPERS/WINDCHEATERS

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MEDICATIONS/PLANS

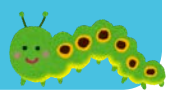
Medication

Dear Families,

If your child requires medication to be kept at school (such as for asthma, allergies, or other medical needs), please ensure you provide new medication along with an up-to-date management plan as soon as possible.
Please note that all medical management plans are required to be reviewed and updated annually to ensure we have the correct and most current information for your child's safety and wellbeing.
If you are unsure whether your child requires new medication or a current plan, feel free to contact the office for clarification. However, if you have not supplied medication or a management plan within the past 12 months, please take this as a prompt to do so now.
Thank you for your cooperation in helping us provide a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Kind regards,

PMI - SPOTS AVAILABLE!



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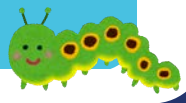
KELLY CLUB

🎉 Welcome to Kelly Club! 🎉
Looking for a safe, fun, and engaging place for your child before and after school? Kelly Club OSHC is here to help!
👫 At Kelly Club, we provide a warm and welcoming environment where kids can:
✅ Make new friends
✅ Enjoy exciting activities every day
✅ Get support with homework
✅ Stay active with sports and games
✅ Unleash creativity through arts, crafts, and STEM projects
✅ Enjoy healthy snacks and meals
Our experienced and caring team is passionate about creating a space where every child feels included, inspired, and supported.
📍 Conveniently located in the Eynesbury Primary School Gym Space
🕒 Open: Before School, After School, Curriculum Day care and Holiday Programs available
💬 Enrol now by scanning the QR code below or visiting the website
Join the Kelly Club family – where kids laugh, learn, and grow every day!



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School Holiday Special Offer

$10 boxing class

Located in Eynesbury
Grades 3 - 6
Boys and girls

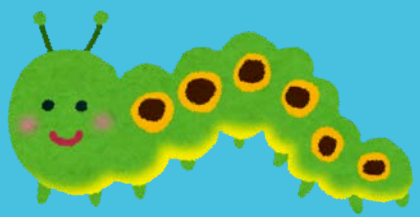
If interested please text Matthew on 0409 799 123

Please provide:

- **Your name**
- **Mobile number**
- **Email address**
- **Child's name and age**

Small groups. No screens. Big energy.

45-minute sessions



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PRIVACY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

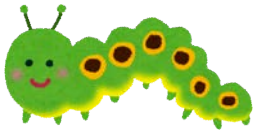
For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is ever referred to a specific health service at school, the required consent will be obtained.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see the school's privacy policy: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.