

EAGLE EXPRESS



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Dear GDPS Community,

This term is flying by! We have officially reached the halfway mark. Last Thursday, I met with many other principals from the Latrobe Valley network. The significant message from this day is that wellbeing matters as much as academic excellence. Positive academic outcomes are a by-product of our students and staff feeling safe, supported, understood, connected and valued. Our



state's education model is underpinned by a framework known as FISO (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes). This model places learning and wellbeing at the centre. This model supports and emphasises the wellbeing practices we are developing at our school.

National Simultaneous Story Time

NSS is an event that takes place annually. Every year, a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is selected to be read simultaneously across the country. On Wednesday this week, students met in the library to enjoy their recess whilst I read the story to students.



Education Week – Information Sessions

On Tuesday, we had some of our 2023 prep families join us for an information session and a look around our school. We also held two information sessions on Thursday afternoon where we invited current families to attend. During this session, I shared the new goals set in our Strategic Plan which will guide our school over the next four years. If you were unable to attend the event and wish to learn more about the current direction of the school, please let us know and we are happy to make a time to meet with you.

Term 2	COMING UP	Term 2	COMING UP
30th May	No Marc Van Today	13th June	Queens Birthday Holiday
3rd June	Assembly 2.45pm	14th June	Curriculum Day—Student Free Day
8th June	Special Lunch Order—Form to Come	16th June	Curriculum Day—Student Free Day

Upcoming Pupil Free Days

In week 8, on Tuesday the 14th and Thursday the 16th, staff are completing further Berry Street Education Model training.

Students will not attend school on these days. Our GDPS staff will spend the day further developing their skills, knowledge and expertise to implement the BSEM practices across the school. This is a priority for our Annual Implementation Plan this year, as it supports the social and emotional wellbeing of our students.



Division Cross Country

A big congratulations to Flossy, Zavier and Natalie who qualified for Division Cross Country. These students competed in Traralgon on Wednesday, against other students from schools across Latrobe Valley. Zavier finished in the top 10 and has qualified for the Gippsland Regional Cross Country Finals, which are being held next week. We wish Zavier the best of luck!



Attitudes to school survey

The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. The survey assists schools in gaining and understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to improve your child's schooling experience.

The Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school next week. Students from grades 4, 5 and 6 at our school will participate in the survey. The survey is completed through a secure online portal and will take 20-30 minutes. The survey results are expected to be reported back to the school in Term 3.

Smile Squad

The Victorian government's Smile Squad free school dental program is rolling out across Victoria. Smile Squad provides **completely free** dental check-ups for all students in government schools. **There is no cost to you.** To make it easy for you, check-ups are at your child's school during school time. If your child needs more treatment, like a filling, Smile Squad staff will call you. Those extra treatments are also **completely free.** Once we have all permission forms returned, Smile Squad will let us know what dates they will be at our school.



Rapid Antigen Tests

This week, I shared updated information on uEducateus regarding RAT testing for the remainder of term 2. RATs will continue to be distributed to you as they have been throughout this school year. However, students will no longer be recommended to undertake twice weekly testing. RATS will continue to be required by students displaying symptoms, or those who are household contacts attending school (5 negative tests over a 7 day period).

Have a great weekend, Charleigh Williams, Acting Principal

Thank you Thank you Thank you

- **Steve and Yugi for setting up our worm farm with worms**
- **Tristian for painting a wall in the OSHC space for us**
- **To those families who attended our Prep information or information evening for Education Week**

FROM THE CLASSROOMS



PREP ONE

The Prep students are enjoying practising their number formation of number 4 down across and down some more, that's the way we make a 4 and 5 short neck, fat belly, Mr five wears a hat. Prep's and Grade 1s have also been learning about measurement they have been using informal units to measure things in the classroom.



We also completed our history lesson with our grade 5/6 buddies we learnt about 'Sorry Day' and the stolen generation. We all made a Hibiscus flower to show our respect for the stolen generation.



TWO THREE FOUR

The last two weeks have been full of fun science activities. Last week we learnt about earthquakes by designing an earthquake proof house and testing it on our jelly to see if it stood up to the wobble.

This week we used Mars bars to simulate tectonic plates swishing together to make mountains. This week we have also been busy learning about area in maths.



FROM THE CLASSROOMS



FIVE SIX

In our classroom we have been learning about the history of Australia. The students have been very creative working in pairs to make a timeline of the establishment of the Australian colonies.

We have been learning about the place value of decimal numbers. The students played a game in pairs to practise adding decimal numbers together.



SWPB—National Sorry Day

We all recognised
National Sorry Day by
making Hibiscus
Flowers



Breakfast Club

Each morning from 8.40am at the 5/6 line up area:

GREAT SELECTION INCLUDING: ,

- BAKED BEANS,
- SPAGETTI,
- CEREALS
- FRUIT CUPS
- APPLES
- WHEN AVAILABLE MINI MILKS

Bree & Ebony



Friday Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

**Eagle Award: Anastasia,
Jakson & Flossy**

Principal's Award: Owen



HOT CHOCOLATES ARE BACK!

Hot chocolates are back!!!
Every Friday see Jack or Lachlan in the library to order at
8-45am
Costs \$1.00
Marshmallows are free!

It only on Fridays so, get one when you can!

By Jack & Lachlan Fundraising Leaders





'Where every child is an active participant in their individual learning'



'After school care (OSHC) is a place of play and leisure for today's neighbourhood children. Where children can learn skills and attitudes for citizenship.'

How do you make a booking?

To make a booking for BSC and ASC you can do this by emailing or calling the office.

Email: gumnutselc@netspace.net.au

Phone: 5144 6952

If you have any queries or require assistance, regarding any of this information please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you and we hope to see you at our OSHC service in 2022.

Gumnuts is committed to child safety



Gumnuts acknowledges the Gunaikurnai people as the traditional custodians of the land of where Gumnuts now is. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.

What is Gumnuts OSHC?

Gumnuts Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is a service that provides professional, fun and safe care learning and supervision for your child outside normal school hours.

Services Provided by Gumnuts OSHC....

The services that we provide are **Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.**

Before School Care (BSC)

Our Before School Care Program's Opening hours are 7am-9am

Cost - \$ 22.00 per child, per session BEFORE the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

When your child arrives, they will be greeted by our experienced educators who have activities set up in the morning to begin their day. Children are then taken to school by 9am.



After School Care (ASC)

Our After School Care Program's Opening hours are 3pm-6pm

Cost - \$ 27.00 per child, per session BEFORE CCS.

Our ASC service begins with your child being collected from school by an educator The children are then offered afternoon tea before engaging in a variety of activities and play opportunities set for the afternoon. These activities are driven by and resourced for children through their ideas and interests. You are encouraged to pack extra food for hungry after school tummies.



Vacation Care

Our Vacation Care program (To be offered depending on demand)

Opening hours are 8am-6pm

Cost - \$85.00 per child, per session BEFORE CCS.

During the holidays children are offered a variety of activities including local excursions.

Please provide your child with the following items:

- Ample amounts of food for duration of day
- CLOSED TOE shoes must be worn, spare set of weather appropriate clothing/shoes
- Drink bottle (filled with water only)
- Hat and own sunscreen and mosquito repellent if required