



TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 2024

EPS NEWS - ISSUE 14

FROM THE PRINCIPAL AARON TAYLOR

Our term is finishing off with a flurry of events. With a busy week ahead, please ensure students are well rested and ready to go each day at 9am.

Attendance

After experiencing a sharp rise in student absence in 2023 (52% of students with 20+ days absent), pleasingly we have seen a decline in the absence rate (students with 15+ days absent currently at 28.5%) in our data from this year. There is still plenty of room for improvement! We need our students at school to help them with their growth and learning and with families support, we aim to further reduce this absence rate in the coming term and school year.

Respectful Relationships Topic 6: Help -Seeking

Our current learning activities in this topic area are designed to help students discuss the importance of seeking help when dealing with problems that are too big to solve alone. With the various forms of online communication occurring through social media and gaming platforms, often with little direct supervision, problems can and do arise. We need to support our students to navigate their way through this. I'd encourage you to talk with your child/ren about this and identify a plan should they need that extra adult support. Can your child identify a trusted source of help in the home or at school?

Cluster Science Day

Cluster Science Day is happening this Wednesday. Children need to bring their normal lunch, drink bottle and hat. We will be heading off to Raywood PS at 9am and returning by 3:15pm.

School Athletics

This Thursday afternoon we will be holding our annual school athletics carnival. Events will kick off at 12:30pm, we will break for Lunch at 1:30pm(ish), recommence around 2:20pm and finish things off by around 3pm. Families are more than welcome to bring a picnic and join us for some or all of the day.

Footy Colour Day

Just a reminder that this Friday the 20th is Footy Colours/ Sports Colours Day. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite team's colours and bring a gold coin donation, with all funds raised going to support the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Footy Colours Day is a national fundraising event in September, where thousands of Aussies come together, don their team's colours, and raise money so kids don't have to face cancer alone.

Our JSC will be hosting games and activities on the day. As part of the Hot Food Friday program, hot dogs will be provided for the student's lunch. If you do not normally participate in the lunch program, please send in an additional \$2 if you'd like your child to join in on the hotdogs!

EPS VALUES

RESPECT

We are thoughtful and socially responsible. We are considerate of others, our environment and ourselves

RESILIENCE

We understand the importance of having high expectations and striving to achieve our personal best.

CITIZENSHIP

We strive to build meaningful connections and contribute to the collective success of our school and the wider community.

INTEGRITY

We are honest with ourselves and with others.

We acknowledge the traditional land owners of Australia and we welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our service.



Learning Catch Up Conversations

These will be held in the first week of Term 4, on Wednesday between 3:30pm – 5:30pm. I’d urge all of you to book a 10 -minute time slot to speak with your child’s classroom teachers to celebrate the learning that has occurred for your child and discuss their learning goals for Term 4. Bookings can be made directly on uEducateUs or by contacting the office.

Hot Food Friday

As previously announced, Hot Food Friday will not be continuing in Term 4. I’d just like to once again thank Casey and Alison for all the work they have done in preparing and serving healthy lunches to our students this term.

Field Days

Thank you to all those who will be volunteering at the field days on either the catering or waste management. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We can still take extra volunteers for waste management. Please check uEducateUs for further details.

Principal Acocks

Daisy Acocks will be the Acting Principal at EPS for the first 6 days of Term 4. I will be taking Long Service Leave to further explore the Australian coastline, returning to school on Tuesday 15th

October. From the beginning of Term, Daisy will be contactable on the school mobile 0428 091 896 or through our normal channels.

Working Bee thanks

It was great to have such a good turnout at Sunday’s working bee. The front gardens are looking spectacular as is the freshly oiled back deck and sparkingly clean outdoor furniture! Thanks you to everyone that came along to help!

Thank you continued...

A belated thanks to the extra helpers at our father’s day stall a few weeks ago. Michelle, Paige and Rosemary were again on hand to help with the successful event. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Reminders

All year 3/4 and 5/6 camp medical forms need to be returned prior to the end of this week. Check with the office or your class teacher if you’re unsure if you’ve already returned it.

Don’t forget, school will finish at 2:20pm on Friday. Our first day back for term 4 is Monday 7th October.

Have a great break!

Aaron

Week 8 Award Winners



Charlie D, Gen, Daniel, Jack C, Jack S & Ruby

Week 9 Award Winners

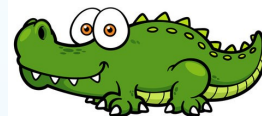


Thomas, Charlie D, Harlow & Wayne

DATES TO REMEMBER—2024

SEPTEMBER 2024		
Wednesday 18th	9am-3pm	Cluster Science Day
Thursday 19th	12.30pm-3.20pm	School Athletics Carnival
Friday 20th		Footy Colours & Hot Dog Lunch Day
		Last Day Term 3– 2.20pm finish
OCTOBER 2024		
Tuesday 1st-Thursday 3rd		Elmore Field Days
Monday 7th		Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 16th- Friday 18th		3/4 Camp
Tuesday 22nd– Thursday 24th		5/6 Camp
Wednesday 23rd		Mango Orders Due
NOVEMBER 2024		
Monday 4th		Student Free Day
Tuesday 5th		Melbourne Cup

Prep -2- WILD CROCODILES



The term is quickly coming to an end and it's incredible to reflect on how much work has been covered by the students across the term. To finish up our mapping and location unit, we have created our own maps- see pictures.

Wild Crocodile

Our last wild crocodiles are Jack C and Charlie D. We hope they have enjoyed being a wild crocodile!

School Athletics day

This will take place Thursday. Remember to wear school house colours, hat and sunscreen.

Last day of Term- wear a sporting outfit

Don't forget to wear a sporting outfit last day of term- footy, soccer, netball, gymnastics etc Hot dog lunch is also happening on that day.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2024

The challenge has closed and students who met the challenge were presented with certificates and badges to acknowledge their achievement.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe break

Any concerns please contact Daisy or myself

Cheers Helen & Daisy



Table Tennis

A big focus for PE during Term 3 was Table Tennis.

We ended the sessions with a round robin which resulted in Dan and Luke

battling it out in the Grand Final- Well done Luke for taking out the top spot!



Grades 3/6 Rocking Roo's

Final week of Term 3 Wow!! Where has that gone?

We are flying into the last week of term and all looking forward to a well-earned break. The students have enjoyed the MARC and MACC visits; a chance to borrow some great books, be creative and enjoy the planned activities.



As a part of the River Detectives program, we have been venturing down to the river investigating our local ecosystem insects, flora and fauna. The students collected artefacts in nature and photographed all the interesting things. We have started our nature journals which look fantastic!! They have been documenting everything they noticed, found interesting and want to investigate further. This has been a great opportunity for the students to collaborate and be creative.



It's been great to be getting down into the vegetable garden where the students have loved digging, planting, watering, weeding and caring for our environment. With the warmer weather coming we should have plenty of produce growing.

For R U OK day on last Thursday, we checked in with our mates! Discussing what make a good friend and random acts of kindness. The students enjoyed making kindness flowers and placing them out the front of the school to brighten everyone's day.

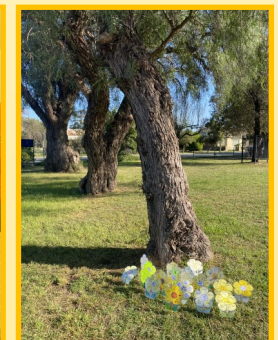
OUR LEARNING FOCUS:

Literacy: We have been building our reading stamina and comprehension strategies in thinking beyond the text. The students have been working on making text to text, text to self and text to world connections. We have also been analysing and critiquing how authors use plots, themes and problems within a story.



In Writing, their narratives are really taking shape with some very interesting storylines. Our focus has been on sentence fluency and improving our word choice with figurative language techniques. This is to be more descriptive for the reader and to engage our audience to visualise what is happening.

Numeracy: We have been applying all the strategies we have learnt this term into our Mathematics Passion Projects. The students have been problem solving to come up with equations for their projects with using the four orders of operation, decimals, percentages, fractions, mapping and financial maths.



Don't forget Footy Colours/ Sports Colours Day this Friday the 20th- All students are encouraged to wear their favourite teams' colours and enjoy some activities planned by the JSC. They are asking for a gold coin donation to raise funds to support the Fighting Cancer Foundation.



Enjoy the holidays everyone thanks for another great Term! **Nick & Sam**

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Fresh North Queensland Mangoes
Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Bowen Special Mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling 7kg trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: \$28.00

Place your order by: 23rd OCTOBER

For Further information contact: Aaron Taylor or Tymika Weppner

ATHLETICS

Following on from our Campaspe Cluster Athletics, which seen great success for our students, and even an Age Champion (Lachlan), a massive congratulations to B for competing in the Division Athletics in Bendigo yesterday. B placed second in long jump and will be heading back to Bendigo in October to compete in the Regional Athletics. Well done & good luck!!



ELMORE TENNIS CLUB

Elmore Tennis Club are calling out for new and past players to return to the club for the 2024/25 season.

The club has had tremendous success in the past few seasons and invite returning and new members to sign up as we embark on the new season. Coaching and training available to beginner players - with continuation of training with the junior grades.

If you or your child might be interested in playing tennis in the upcoming season we would love to hear from you.

Junior players on request will receive an Elmore Tennis Club bucket hat.

Membership sign up through Club Spark:
<https://play.tennis.com.au/elmoretennisclub/>
 If you have any questions please contact:
elmoretennisclub36@gmail.com or Taylah 0400280096



SR Health Youth Strength & Conditioning Program

We are really excited to bring our SR Health Youth S&C Program to the Rochester and surrounding communities to help educate and train the up-and-coming Youth in all areas of S&C.

Ages: 10-18 years

Dates: 3 days - Monday 30th September - Wednesday 2nd October

Venue: Location TBC in Rochester

Please register your interest by Saturday 21st September 2024. You can email support@srhealth.com.au, contact 0488530073 or complete the EOI form on the SR Health Wellness Clinic Facebook page with any queries/questions.

Link to the fb page is <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/3UyrgZ3i2MchDCCL/?mibextid=oFDknk>

Thanks 😊 Locals supporting locals

2024 LEXUS MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY AFTERNOON

Friday October 4

1:30 - 5:30pm

Windridge Oval

Cost: FREE



PETTING ZOO
 JUMPING CASTLE
 INFLATEABLES
 SNO CONES

RIDE LIKE A GIRL ON THE BIG SCREEN
 GET YOUR PHOTO WITH THE CUP!



Melbourne Cup Parade
 2pm



Featuring Past Jockeys and
 Living Legends



Proudly sponsored by



Love to run, jump, and throw? Enjoy having fun, spending time with family and friends, and achieving your personal best?

Why not give athletics a try?

WE ARE
 LITTLE ATHLETICS

Ages 5-17 years

SEASON
 2024-25

Training Dates

11th & 18th October

Season Dates

25th October - 20th December
 31st January - 14th February

MEET TIME
 & LOCATION



Fridays

5:30 pm Warm Up
 5:45 pm Start

Windridge Oval, Rochester



REGISTER TODAY

lavic.com.au



GIANT Tennis

TERM 4 COACHING ELMORE TENNIS CLUB

STARTING THURSDAY 10TH OCT, 2024

10 WEEK PROGRAM - 1HR SESSIONS

\$200 PER STUDENT

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & STANDARDS

TIMES & GROUPS WILL BE DETERMINED BASED ON
ENROLMENTS RECEIVED

REGISTER ONLINE: GIANTTENNIS.COM.AU

GREAT NEWS!!

The Elmore Tennis Club has received sponsorship funding and is able to subsidise the program by HALF leaving the cost of the program only \$100 per player.

🌟 La Trobe Sport Holiday Program - SPRING 2024! 🌟

School holidays are just around the corner!
Only 12 days left to secure your spot in our Spring Sport Program - don't miss out!

BOOK NOW

<https://events.humanitix.com/la-trobe-sport-bendigo-holiday-program-age-5-spring-2024>

We've got a jam-packed schedule filled with our signature clinics, multi sports, games, and fun activities!

Not to mention footy colours and activities for the AFL Grand Final.

It's all about sport and physical activity, with the program designed for children aged 5-12 - who LOVE getting active!

\$50 for the entire day from 8:30am – 4pm

Spring 2024 Dates:

Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th of September

(AFL Grand Final footy colours and fun)

Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd of October



Don't wait? Grab your tickets now and let your kids experience our program days of fun, fitness, and new friends!

<https://events.humanitix.com/la-trobe-sport-bendigo-holiday-program-age-5-spring-2024/tickets>

We can't wait to see your little champions at La Trobe Sport this Spring! 🌟

La Trobe Sport Bendigo