



# East Gippsland Specialist School Newsletter



## Upcoming Events



### AUGUST

Primary Swimming  
25<sup>th</sup> August



City Senior Melbourne Camp

Wednesday

27/08/2025

## CAMP SEPTEMBER

Smile Squad  
1<sup>ST</sup> September



Last day of term 3  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
2pm finish



AUGUST  
BIRTHDAYS

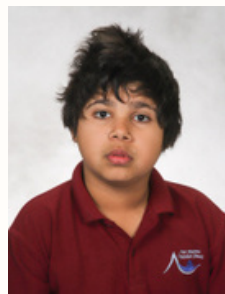
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



Aiden



Pete



Adrian



Isabella



Tray

Safe  
Respectful  
Learners

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# Principal Report

Dear Families,

## Primary Swimming Program – Now Underway!

Our Primary Department Swimming Program has now commenced and will continue each Monday until the end of term.

A reminder to families that students must bring:

- Bathers
- Towel
- Change of clothes

We look forward to watching our primary students continue to enjoy and grow through this program.

## Smile Squad – On Site from 1st September

We're pleased to let families know that the Smile Squad will be attending EGSS from 1st September. This program provides free dental check-ups and treatments for eligible students through Victoria's government school dental initiative.

Staff from Smile Squad will initially be having students visits/walk throughs of the van, so students can familiarise themselves with the setting and staff. All students who have returned forms will have a check-up during Term 4 2025, once these are complete any work that needs to be done will continue into 2026.

## Dan on leave for the rest of term

A reminder that I will be taking Long Service Leave from Monday 26th August through to the end of Term 3, during which time my family and I will be travelling to the UK. I feel very fortunate for this opportunity and know the school will be in very capable hands with Donna Prince stepping into the role of Acting Principal during my absence.

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people, the traditional custodians of the land where we live ,work and travel. We pay our respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging



### NDIS Navigator Initiative

We would like to remind families that we continue to be part of the NDIS Navigator Initiative at EGSS. Linda Pendergast and Jennayer Hopkins, part of our wonderful reception team serve as the school's NDIS Navigators.

Linda and Jennayer can assist families by:

- Supporting first-time access to the NDIS for your child
- Assisting with plan reviews and preparing for Change of Circumstance submissions
- Liaising with Local Area Coordinators (LACs) on your behalf
- Helping you better understand your plan and how to make the most of your child's funding

If you have any NDIS-related questions or would like support in this space, please don't hesitate to contact the school's reception to speak with Linda or Jennayer.

### Parent Opinion Survey – Now Open

East Gippsland Specialist School is once again participating in the Department of Education's annual Parent Opinion Survey, and we would love to hear your thoughts!

This survey helps us gain a better understanding of your perceptions around school climate, student behaviour, engagement and wellbeing. It's anonymous, takes just 10–15 minutes to complete, and can be done on any device.

 Survey closes: Friday 19th September

 [Take the survey here](#)

As an added incentive, families who complete the survey and send a screenshot to [east.gippsland.ss@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:east.gippsland.ss@education.vic.gov.au) will go into the draw to win one of three \$100 gift cards to use at:

- Lucke's Fresh Food Market
- Inland Surf
- Toy World

One entry per family — draw to take place on Monday 6th October. Full details can be found in the flyer included with this newsletter.

We appreciate your time and support in helping us continue to grow and improve our school.

Kindest Regards,



Principal



# CALENDAR

## August 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4 Secondary Swimming starts	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Secondary Swimming starts	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Secondary Swimming starts	19	20	21	22 Book Week Dress up Day	23	24
25 Primary Swimming Parent Support Group 2pm/3pm EGSS	26	27 Melbourne City Camp Seniors	28	29	30	31

## September 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Primary Swimming 3mile Squad	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Primary Swimming	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Primary Swimming	16	17	18	19 Last Day of term 3 2pm finish	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



# Staff Shoutouts



**-Serena Palmieri**  
For always putting in so much effort into supporting student, and doing it with such a lovely smile.



**-Amanda Tideswell**  
For always putting so much effort into making sure the students are supported.



**-Katie Shenton**  
For always being such a supportive and enthusiastic team member.

# ROOM FIVE

## ROOM 5



The students in Room 5 have been busy engaging in all their learning this term.



They enjoy both group work & independent learning.

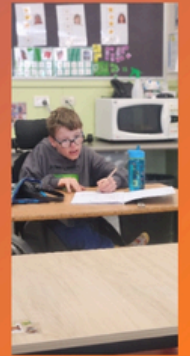
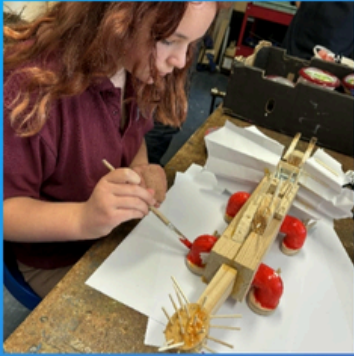


Cooking class with Barb is lots of fun.





# ROOM SIX





# FATHER'S DAY STALL

Students are invited to  
bring Money to school for  
their Special person.

Gifts range from \$2 - \$10

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September**


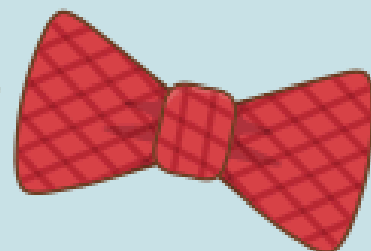


Join us in celebrating

# Father's Day Celebration

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Fathers or special persons are invited to celebrate Father's Day at East Gippsland Specialist School at 2.10pm



*We will be engaging in a special cooking activity.*

Please RSVP by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September



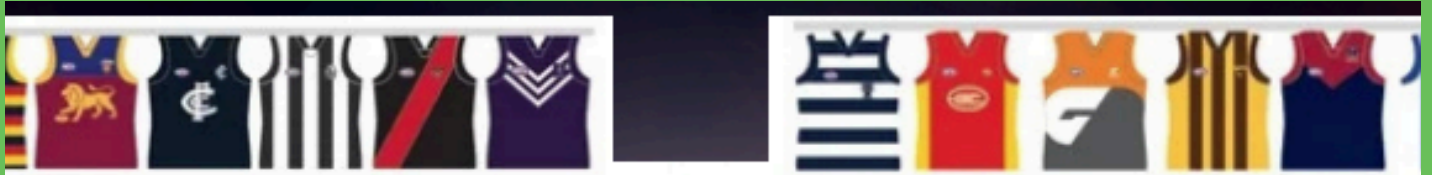


Monday August 26th  
2:00-3:00pm

East Gippsland  
Specialist School



# FOOTY COLOURS DAY



Parade on basketball  
court at 9:45am  
(MPR if wet)



## FOOTY COLOURS DAY

WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Come to school dressed  
in your footy team colours

Bring a gold coin donation  
& enjoy a meat pie lunch

# SMILE SQUAD



**FREE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM**

**Coming to EGSS in September**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORMS**





- **Needing help to access the NDIS**
- **Supports and services**
- **Plan reassessments**
- **Therapists and Physio**
- **General enquiries**

**If you would like more information please call the  
school on 51525922  
our NDIS Navigators  
Linda Pendergast  
Jennayer Hopkins**

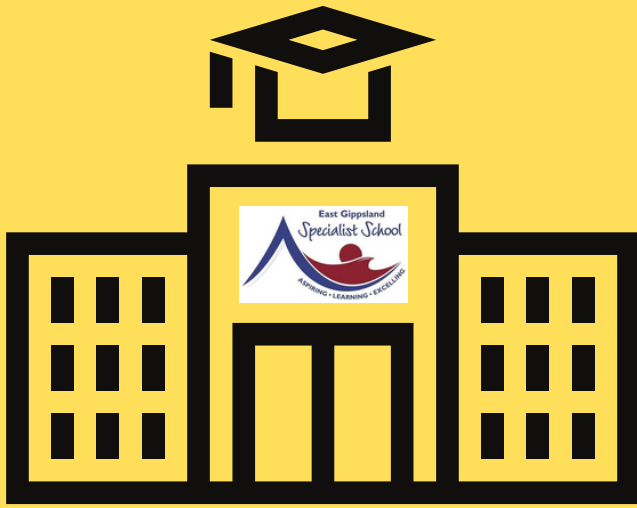




# Joke of the Week

What do you call a Snowman  
in Summer?  
A puddle.





# Every School Day counts

**If your child is absent from school please remember to let us know why.**

**Please call the office on 51525922 explaining why your child will be absent and how long you expect them to be away.**



# PROTECT

**Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.**

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



**It's everyone's responsibility.**

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

**Further information & resources**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)