



East Gippsland Specialist School Newsletter



Upcoming Events



MAY

Gymnastics

Rooms 10, 11, 12, 13



Swimming

Rooms 15,16

Room 4 starting week 6



Pupil Free Day

Monday 25th May

JUNE

Kings Birthday public

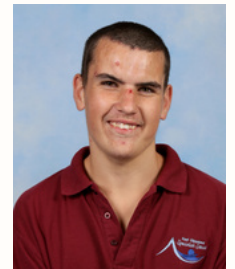
Monday Holiday 8th June



MAY BIRTHDAYS



Alex



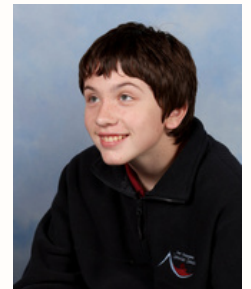
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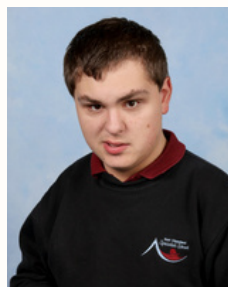
Nicholas



Max



Heath



Cooper - Jess



Logan



Jye

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Principal Report

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are already in Week 4. It has been a positive and productive start to the term, with students settled and engaged in their routines. Our gymnastics program is now well underway, providing great opportunities for students to build strength, coordination and confidence, while our swimming program continues to support the development of important water safety skills. We look forward to making the most of the remainder of the term.

Attendance Tracking – Change of Process in Term 1

You may have noticed a change to our attendance tracking processes during Term 1.

To support accurate student attendance records and meet Department requirements, the school will now be sending home notes at the end of each term requesting reasons for any student absences that have not already been notified to the school.

We kindly ask that these notes are completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. This helps ensure our records are accurate and up to date for every student.

This process will continue at the end of each term moving forward.

As a reminder, it is essential that families notify the school whenever a student is absent, including the reason for their absence. This can be done via phone, SeeSaw, email, or any other agreed communication method.

We appreciate your ongoing support in helping us maintain clear and accurate attendance records for all students.

Student Attitudes to School Surveys

Attitudes to school surveys will commence in classrooms between the 11th or May and 12th of June. Students will have one to one support with the literacy and communication demands of engaging with their surveys and their opinion and voice will be recorded in response to the survey questions. This input from students will help guide the future direction of our work at EGSS. We value their ideas, opinions and perspectives.

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



Bu-Look



Narran



Toonalook



Murla



Assessment, Reporting Period and Student Attendance

In Term 2 teachers are conducting assessments of student to inform their Semester 2 Reports which will go home at the end of the term. Attendance at school is vital both for student learning outcomes and for opportunities for staff to accurately assess what they can do.

Regular attendance allows our students the opportunities to take full advantage of the opportunities and interventions available to them at school.

School Partnerships

This term and across the next couple of terms, we are excited to be strengthening our partnership with Sale and District Specialist School through a shared Learning Walk initiative with East Gippsland Specialist School. Staff from both schools will be visiting each other's classrooms to observe teaching and learning in action, with a clear focus aligned to our Annual Implementation Plan. These visits are about noticing what teachers and students are saying and doing, how classrooms are structured, and how practices such as SWPBS, visual schedules, and explicit teaching approaches are embedded.

We look forward to hearing the valuable feedback and insights that emerge from these observations and building a stronger professional network, sharing effective strategies, and continuing to improve outcomes for all students.

Kindest Regards,



Acting Principal



CALENDAR

May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 THINKUKNOW at EGSS	20	21 Parent Group 2pm at EGSS	22	23	24
25 Student free day	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Kings Birthday public Holiday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Parent Group 2pm at EGSS	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

ROOM TEN



In Room 10 recently we have been enjoying all the different specialists. We all did some amazing drumming in Performing Arts!



We have also enjoyed doing some cooking in our classroom.



ROOM ELEVEN



Room 11 has been making the most of every day at school. Enjoying fun activities, time outside, cooking and community access.



Staff Shoutouts



- Charlene Grimwoold
For always putting so much effort into making sure the students are supported.

-Mel Johnson
For always putting in so much effort into supporting students, and doing it with such a lovely smile.



-Serena Palmieri
For always being friendly, and supporting students to do their best.



YOU'RE INVITED





Parents Group

WHEN: 3rd Thursday of Every Month
2:00 PM

WHERE: East Gippsland Specialist School



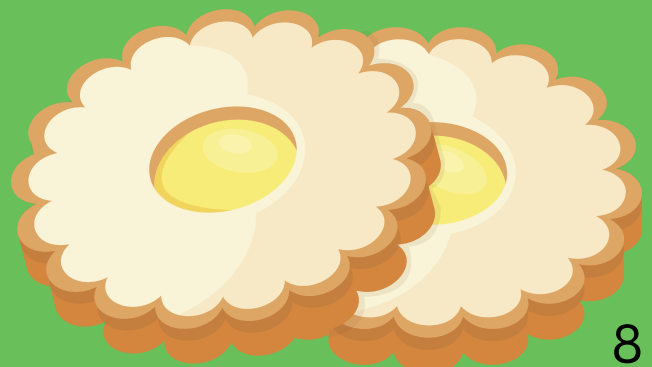
Join us for a relaxed and friendly afternoon with other families in our school community.

-  Meet other parents and carers
-  Chat in an informal setting over a coffee
-  Share experiences and ideas
-  Discuss any concerns or needs you have for your student

This is a welcoming space to connect, support one another, and strengthen our school community.

We would love to see you there!

For more information, please contact
Assistant Principals Donna or Pauline





Traffic Management Reminder – Student Safety First

Families, a friendly reminder that the start and end of each school day is a **high traffic time** at East Gippsland Specialist School, as students transition safely to and from buses and home.

To help keep all students safe around **cars, buses, and roads**, we ask everyone to be extra mindful during these busy periods.

Please remember to:

- **Follow the directions of staff** managing traffic at the crossing, including the use of the traffic sign.
- **Observe and follow all posted speed signs** in and around the school.
- **Avoid using mobile phones while driving** through the car park or school area.
- If collecting your child in person, **wait on the roadside of the crossing at the front gate** until it is safe to proceed.



Your child's safety is extremely important to us, and we appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe.

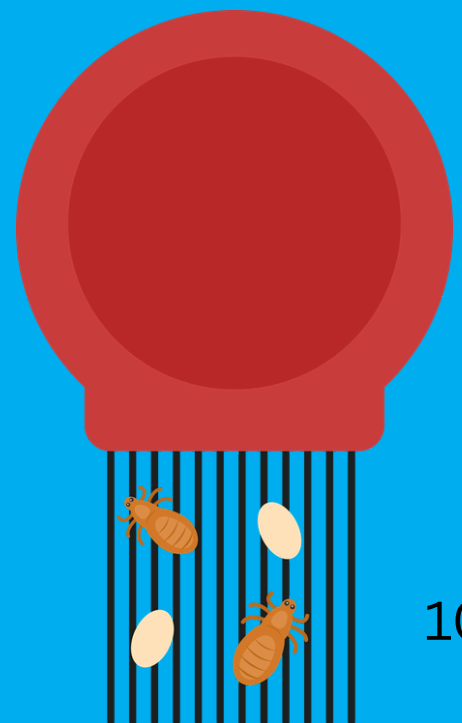
Thank you for your cooperation.





Headlice checks

**Please make sure
you check your
childs hair on a
regular basis**



NETBALL



All Abilities Netball

Enjoy netball in a fun, friendly environment where you will learn new skills, stay active and enjoy being part of a team built on belonging and inclusion.

Date: 26/02/2026- 28/05/2026

Excluding School Holidays

Time: 4.00pm-5.00pm

Cost- \$100

Location: WORLD Precinct- 99 Wallace Street, Bairnsdale

Contact: Janet Parker at 0430 480 405

REGISTER TODAY!

On our Facebook page

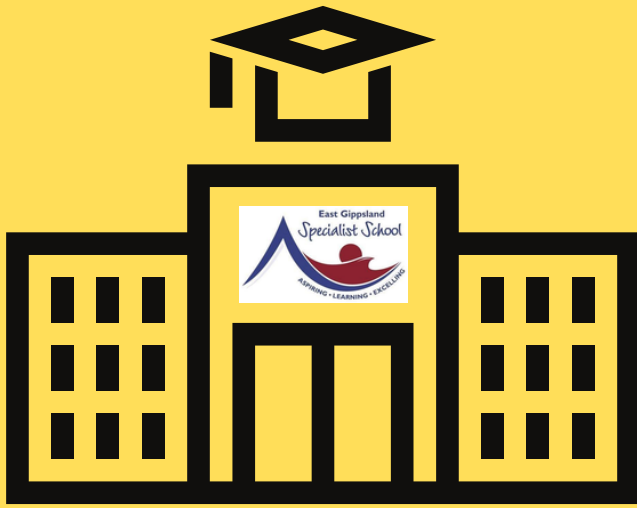




- **Needing help to access the NDIS**
- **Supports and services**
- **Plan reassessments**
- **Therapists and Physio**
- **General enquiries**

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

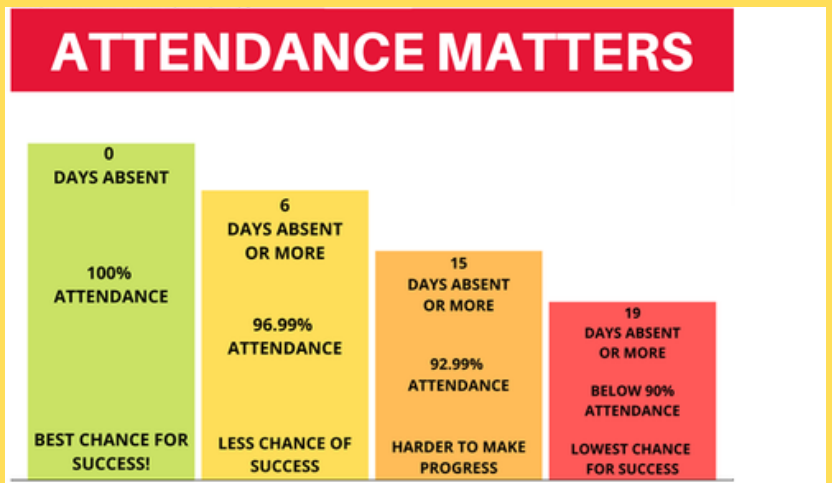




Every School Day counts

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

