



East Gippsland Specialist School Newsletter



Upcoming Events



SEPTEMBER

Final day Term 3
18th September
2.00pm Early finish
Buses will run an hour
earlier .

OCTOBER

Monday 5th First
day back of term 4



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**Happy birthday
to all our
September
birthdays**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



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September 16/09/2026



Principal Report

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to thank our students, families and staff for their continued support, commitment and dedication to East Gippsland Specialist School.

Term 3 has been filled with learning, growth and many wonderful opportunities for our students. It has been fantastic to see our students engaging in new experiences, developing their independence and celebrating their achievements.

Blackwood Senior School Camp & East Gippsland Bike Camp

A special congratulations to our Senior School students and staff on 2 successful camps. It was wonderful to see our students embracing the opportunities, challenges and adventures that camp provided.

A huge thank you to our teachers and support staff for their dedication, organisation and commitment to making camp an enjoyable and achievable experience for every student.

These experiences are so valuable in building confidence, independence, resilience and strong relationships, and we are incredibly proud of everyone involved.

Welcoming Shiv – Mental Health Practitioner

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Shiv, our new Mental Health Practitioner, who will commence at East Gippsland Specialist School at the beginning of Term 4.

We are very excited to welcome Shiv to our school community and look forward to the valuable support and expertise they will bring to our students, staff and families.

Welcome, Shiv!

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



Looking Ahead

As we head into the school holidays, I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy some quality time with family and friends. Our staff have worked incredibly hard this term, and I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break.

Term 4 is always a big one, with plenty of exciting learning opportunities, celebrations and activities ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final term of the year.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brince".

Acting Principal



Happy
HOLIDAYS

CALENDAR

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Senior camp	3 Senior camp	4 Senior camp Soccer in Traralgon	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Parent Group 2pm at EGSS	18 Last day of term 3 2pm finish	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2026

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

FOUR TYPES OF BULLYING BEHAVIOUR

Bullying is never okay.

It can be physical, verbal, social or online.



1. PHYSICAL

Examples include:

- hitting, pushing, shoving
- intimidating or otherwise
- physically hurting another person
- damaging or stealing their belongings
- threats of violence



2. VERBAL/WRITTEN

Examples include:

- name-calling or insulting someone about an attribute, quality or personal characteristic

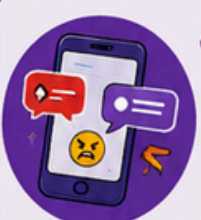


3. SOCIAL

(Sometimes called relational or emotional bullying)

Examples include:

- deliberately excluding someone
- spreading rumours
- sharing information that will have a harmful effect on the other person



4. CYBERBULLYING

Any form of bullying behaviour that occurs online or via a mobile device. It can be verbal or written, and can include threats of violence as well as images, videos and/or audio.

For more information, refer to Cyberbullying.



ARE YOU A BULLY?

Do you:

- ✓ Try to hurt, scare or intimidate others?
- ✓ Use mean words or gestures?
- ✓ Leave someone out on purpose?
- ✓ Spread rumours or embarrassing information?
- ✓ Post or send hurtful things online?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES...

It's not too late to change.



CHOOSE TO BE BETTER.



Treat others how you want to be treated.



Think before you act or post.



Include others and stand up for what's right.



Apologise and make things right.



Be kind. It makes a difference.



BE KIND. SPEAK UP. SUPPORT EACH OTHER.
Everyone has the right to feel safe, included and respected.



Staff Shoutouts



- Sue

For always putting so much effort into making sure the students are well supported.

- Molly

For always putting in so much effort and doing it with such a lovely smile.



-Zoe

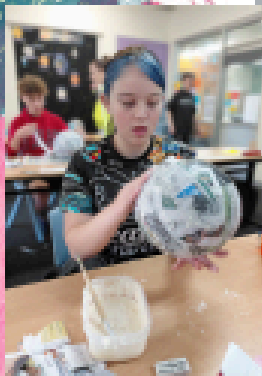
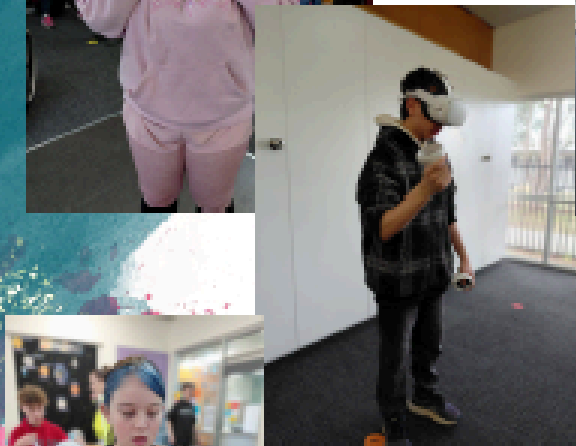
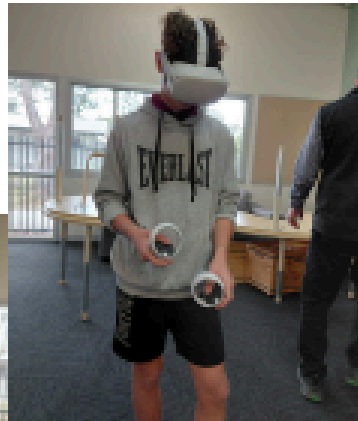
For always being friendly, and supporting students to do their best.



ROOM TWELVE

Room 12

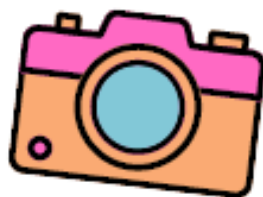
During Term 3 Room 12 have been learning about space through hands-on experiments, interactive planetary models, and a visit from Mobile Tech Van who re-enacted life as an astronaut on the International Space Station.



As part of the Junior Community Awards, the students participated in various community service activities, including Meals on Wheels, car washing, gardening, and animal aid ✨

ROOM 13

Writing Snapshots



LIAM

~~Soccer~~
There was people from
east gloucestershire on the
specialist school;
they played soccer at New
Borough
with kids from schools
around us.

JENSEN

Bookweek.
I dressed up for bookweek.
I had a spider on my shirt.

JASMINE

Swimming
Room 13 have been swimming
at B&R. We were split in to
groups. We were jumping in to the
pool. It was fun.

SOPHIA

In room 13 we learn about solar system
we played bingo and we all won.
I made earth from newspaper
the moon is made of rock.
The earth is the 3rd rock from the sun.

ELYSE

SPACE
We learn about the solar system
We played BINGO and won.
I made the earth from newspaper
I made the moon.
We play space games.
We learn planets.
Neptune was the 4th
planet from the sun 1996 July
27th.

SKY

BOOK WEEK
We wore purple
to school and
we had a parade
it was fun.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

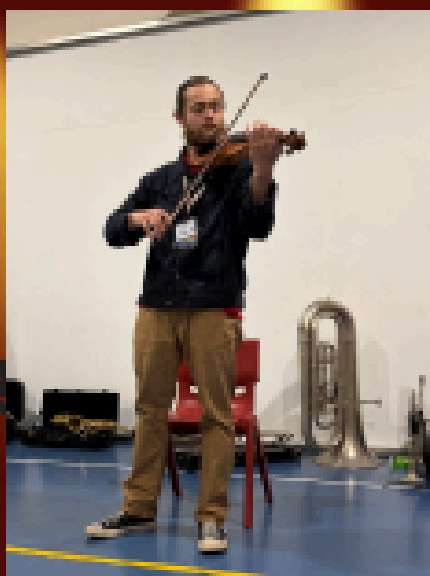


EXCITING TIMES IN PERFORMING ARTS!
WE HAD 'CRASHENDO' COME OUT TO
SHOWCASE A VARIETY OF WOODWIND,
BRASS AND STRING INSTRUMENTS.



Social change through musical excellence



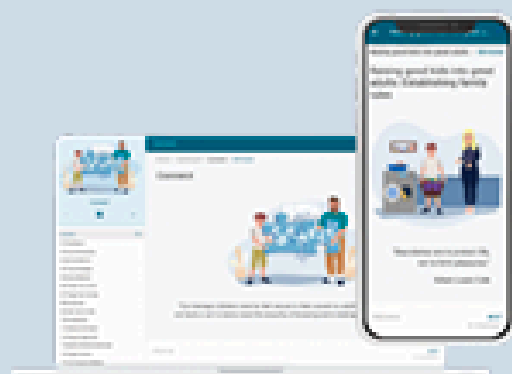


**SOME STUDENTS EVEN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIOLIN WORKSHOP!**



Want to support your teen with anxiety or depression?

Check out
Partners in Parenting!



What is *Partners in Parenting*?

- Evidence-based, online program designed to help build your skills and confidence to support your teen's mental health
- Covers parenting challenges such as communication, managing strong emotions, boundaries, conflicts, and staying involved in your teen's life while they navigate their independence

You will:

- Receive **one of two versions** of Partners in Parenting:
 - Self-guided version (explore the online program at your own pace)
 - Peer-guided version (paired with a 'PIP Coach' who has lived experience of caring for a teenager with mental health challenges)

You will be asked to:

- Complete some surveys at 3 time points over 12 months
- Complete up to 10 online modules, weekly
- If you receive the peer-guided version of the program, complete up to 10 coaching sessions with a PIP Coach, via videoconferencing

You may be eligible if you:

- are an adult caring for a teen aged 12-17 years
- are concerned about your teen's anxiety or depression
- can read, write, hear, and speak English
- have regular internet access
- live in Victoria

All parents and teens who complete surveys will receive e-gift vouchers (up to \$80 for parents, up to \$45 for teens)



p2p.partnersinparenting.com.au/



**Partners in
Parenting**



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**MONASH
University**

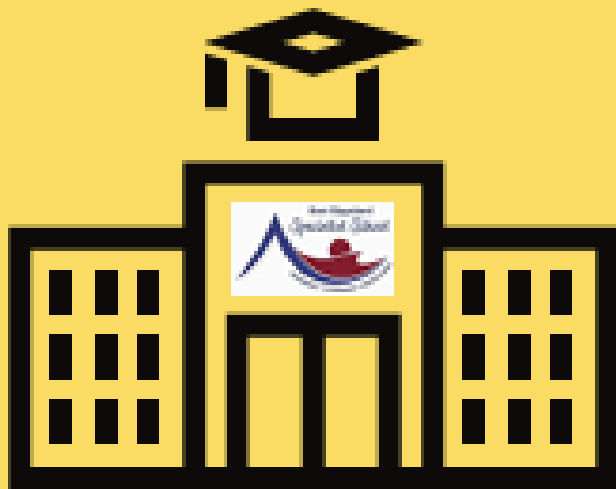
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- Needing help to access the NDIS
- Supports and services
- Plan reassessments
- Therapists and Physio
- General enquiries

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

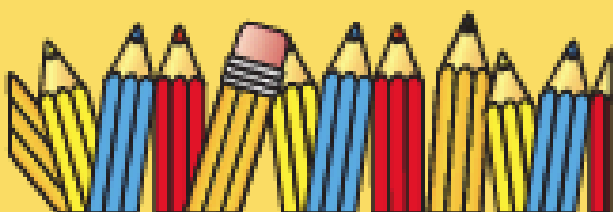
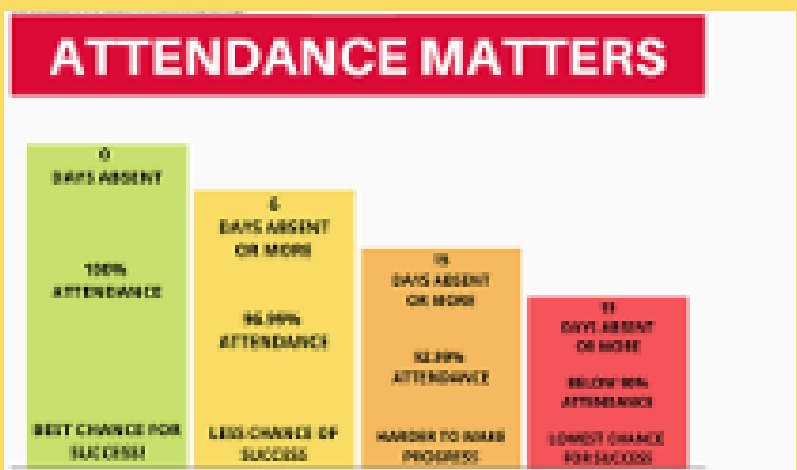




Every School Day counts

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