



East Gippsland Specialist School Newsletter



Upcoming Events



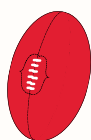
AUGUST

Swimming Room 3
and room 6

week 6 onwards Room
1 and 13



Football
Excursion in
Traralgon 18th



SEPTEMBER

Soccer Excursion
in Traralgon 4th



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday
to all our August
birthdays



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

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Respectful
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August 05/08/2026



Principal Report

Dear Families,

What a wonderful and busy start to Term 3 it has been at East Gippsland Specialist School! Our students and staff have embraced every opportunity, with learning, adventure and exciting changes happening across our school.

Our Bike Crew has been out and about, completing training rides in Bruthen and Raymond Island as they prepare for their much-anticipated Bike Camp in Week 10. These training sessions have been a fantastic opportunity for students to build their confidence, develop their riding skills and work together as a team. We can't wait to see them take on the big adventure later this term!

Students in Room 3 and Room 6 have been making a splash during their swimming program. The sessions have been filled with smiles, growing confidence and skill development, with students enjoying every opportunity to be active in the water.

Meanwhile, our VPC Culinary team continues to impress. Week after week, they are serving up delicious lunches for our students while developing valuable hospitality, teamwork and food preparation skills. Their dedication and hard work have become a valued part of our school community, and we thank them for keeping everyone well fed!

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



Across the school grounds, there is plenty of excitement as our building projects continue to transform the campus. Every day brings something new as machinery digs, levels, lifts and shapes the landscape for our future playgrounds and sensory gardens. It's wonderful to watch these spaces take shape, and we know they will provide incredible opportunities for our students to learn, play and explore for many years to come.

It has certainly been a busy few weeks, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences still to come throughout Term 3.

Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings – Weeks 4 & 5

Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be held during Weeks 4 and 5 of this term. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for families and staff to come together to celebrate student achievements, discuss progress towards learning goals, and review Individual Learning Plans (ILPs). We encourage all parents and carers to book a meeting with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their child's learning, wellbeing and future goals. Your partnership and input are an important part of ensuring the best outcomes for every student, and we look forward to meeting with you.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Prince'.

Acting Principal



CALENDAR

August 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 Football in Traralgon	19	20 Parent Group 2pm at EGSS	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 ES Appreciation week						

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	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

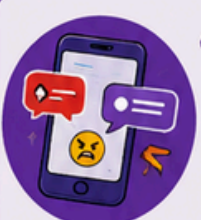


3. SOCIAL

(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



- Noelene

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

-Kayla

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



-Rick

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



Success IN ROOM 5

MATHS

In Maths, we have been having fun exploring patterns in lots of different ways. We even made yummy gummy bear patterns, although it was very tempting to eat our maths work!



We welcomed Amanda, our student teacher.



Literacy

Room 5 has been busy exploring characters and settings in Literacy! We followed Teddy on his adventures and had lots of fun dressing up as different characters as well!



For more information:
#askyourkids

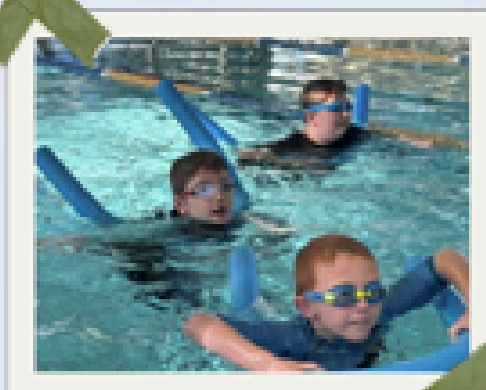
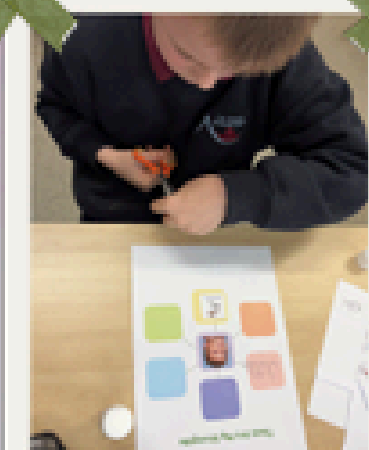
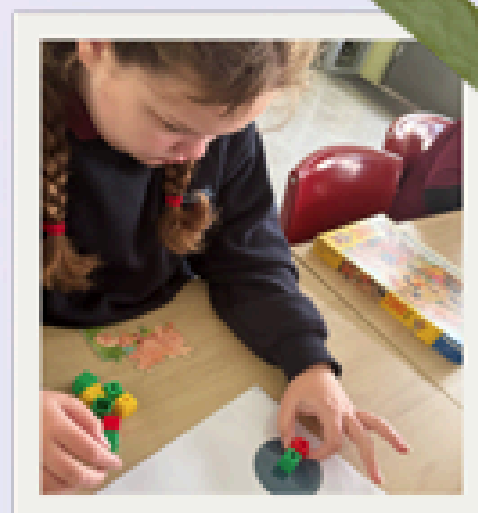
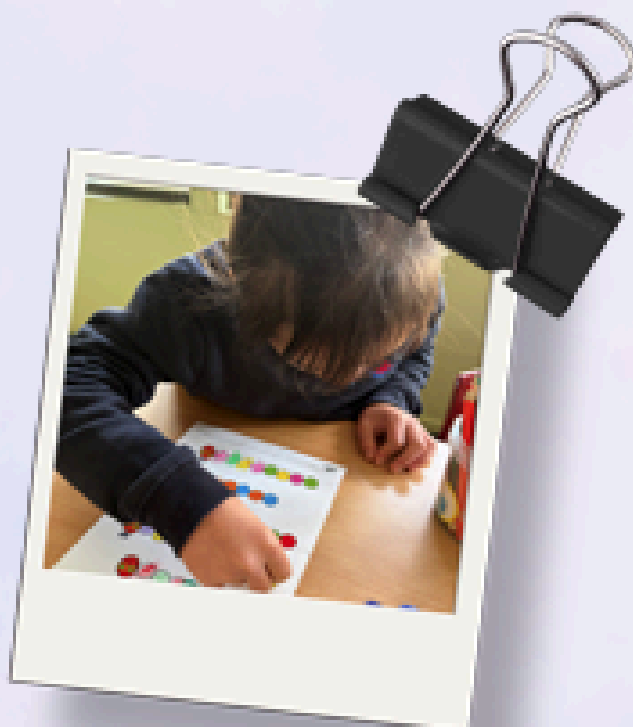
ROOM 6

What a fantastic start to the term we've had in Room 6!

We've been making a splash at our swimming lessons, exploring and creating patterns, writing our very own stories, and enjoying so many other exciting learning experiences along the way.

We can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us as we continue to learn, grow, and have fun together!

– Rianna, Tracy, Milly & the Room 6 Team



YOU'RE INVITED

Parents Group

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

WHERE: East Gippsland Specialist School



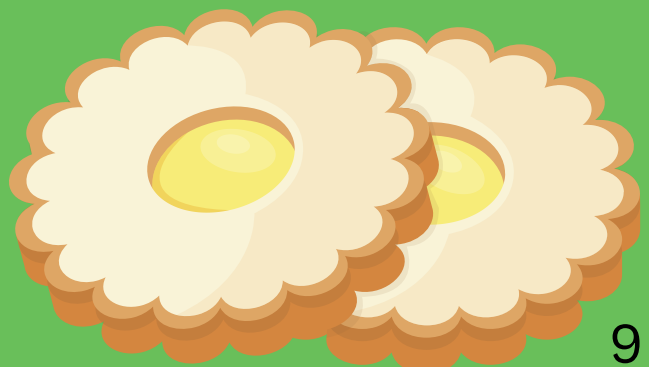
Join us for a relaxed and friendly afternoon with other families in our school community.

-  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



We wish Rick all the very best in his new venture.

Rick has been a great role model for our students and will be greatly missed.

We thank Rick for his outstanding dedication to our students and our school.



Thank You

INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

Dear parents/carers,

East Gippsland Shire Immunisation team will not be doing a visit to the East Gippsland Specialist school in 2026 to administer influenza vaccinations to the students.

Please below find the link to the Consumer fact sheet about influenza.

It outlines eligibility for the free influenza vaccination.

[2026 Influenza \(flu\) vaccination – Consumer fact sheet](#)

Parents are welcome to book into one of our community immunisation sessions to discuss their child's eligibility directly with one of our nurses.

The link to our shire booking site can be found here:

[Immunisations](#)

 East Gippsland Shire Council Immunisation Services 2026 www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Services/Public_Health/Immunisation Ph: 5153 9500					
TOWN	BAIRNSDALE	BAIRNSDALE	LAKES ENTRANCE	ORBOST	PAYNESVILLE
TIME	12.30 - 2.30pm	4 - 6pm	12.30 - 2.30pm	9.30 - 11.30am	9.30 - 10.30am
VENUE	Bairnsdale Library 22 Service St 1st Thursday	Bairnsdale Library 22 Service St 3rd Thursday	Mechanics Hall Mechanics St 3rd Thursday	Orbost Service Centre 1 Ruskin St 2nd Thursday	Community Centre 55 The Esplanade 1st Thursday
January	-	15	15	8	-
February	5	19	19	12	5
March	5	19	19	12	5
April	2	16	16	9	2
May	7	21	21	14	7
June	4	18	18	11	4
July	2	16	16	9	2
August	6	20	20	13	6
September	3	17	17	10	3
October	1	15	15	8	1
November	5	19	19	12	5
December	3	17	17	10	3
Community Immunisation sessions are free to attend. Please make an appointment by visiting our website All vaccinations on the National Immunisation Program Schedule are provided free of charge.					



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.



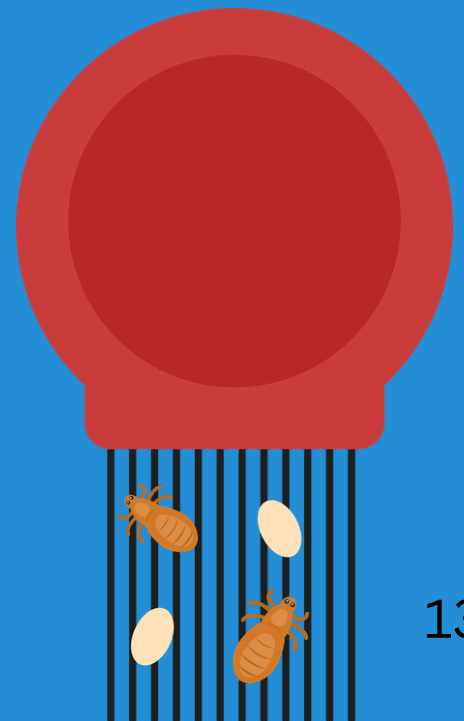
Your child's safety is extremely important to us, and we appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation.





Headlice checks

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





- **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**

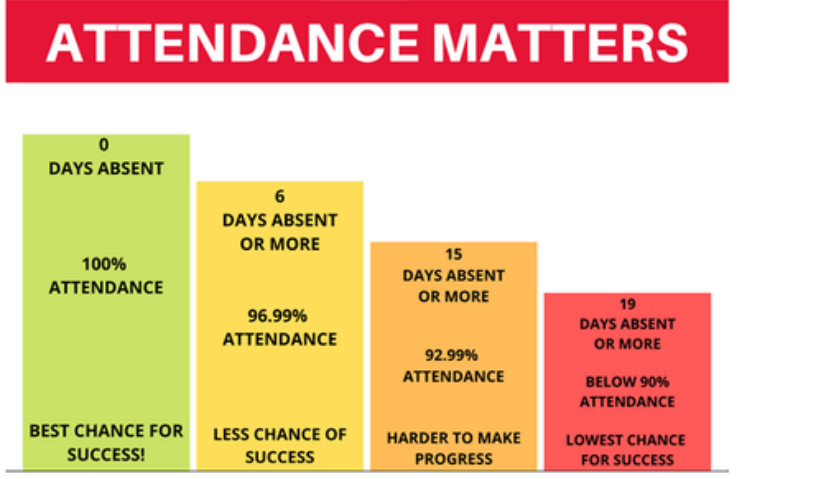




Every School Day counts

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