



East Gippsland Specialist School Newsletter



Upcoming Events



JUNE

Gymnastics

Rooms 5,6,15&16



Swimming

Room 4 and 14



Last Day of Term 2

Fri June 26th

2:00pm Finish



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to all our June birthdays

****George, Charlie G, Kobi, Cade, Zack, Olivia S, Koby, Noonni, Bryan, Louie, Zama, Mandja, Riley T, Mitch and Seth****

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Principal Report

Dear Families,

As we move closer to the end of another busy and rewarding term, it has been wonderful to see our school mantra and values demonstrated so strongly in recent weeks. Every day, our students and staff continue to show respect and positively support each other.

Next week is our Planning Week, providing teachers and education support staff with dedicated time to collaborate and prepare engaging curriculum content and learning experiences for Term 3. This important work ensures that we continue to deliver high-quality, purposeful programs that meet the diverse needs of our students and support them to achieve their personal best.

IT'S A BOY!

We would like to say Congratulations and best wishes to our Room 6 teacher on the arrival of her beautiful baby boy.

Wishing Chen and her family lots of love, happiness and special moments as they begin this exciting new chapter.



School Partnerships

On Monday 1st June, Pauline and I visited Sale Specialist School to conduct a learning walk throughout the school as part of our ongoing professional collaboration. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to observe a range of teaching practices, classroom environments and Tier 1 supports in action, while also allowing for meaningful discussions around student engagement, wellbeing and instructional approaches. The experience will greatly benefit East Gippsland Specialist School through the sharing of ideas, resources and effective practices that can further strengthen teaching and learning outcomes for our students. Importantly, the visit also reinforced the strong professional networks developing between both schools, with plans for continued collaboration and future staff visits to support ongoing learning, reflection and professional growth across both settings.

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



Bullying Awareness and Student Wellbeing

Unfortunately, EGSS has seen an increase in student incidents involving conflict, unkind interactions and bullying behaviours. While all reported incidents are followed up by staff and leadership, we believe it is important that schools and families continue to work together to support students in understanding respectful relationships and appropriate behaviour towards others.

As part of this work, classes will continue discussing the four main types of bullying behaviour:

- Physical bullying
- Verbal/Written bullying
- Social bullying
- Cyberbullying

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and to check in regularly with their children. Some helpful questions to ask may include:

- Have you seen someone being bullied?
- Have you ever felt bullied or excluded?
- Have you accidentally hurt someone else through your words or actions?
- What does being respectful look like online and at school?
- What can you do if you see bullying happening?

These conversations can help students reflect on their behaviour, build empathy and feel more confident to seek support when needed.

We also remind students that bullying is never okay and that everyone has the right to feel safe, included and respected at school. Students are encouraged to speak with a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or someone else.

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support in helping us maintain a safe and positive learning environment for all students.

Kindest Regards,



Acting Principal



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

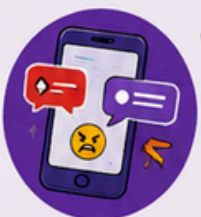


3. SOCIAL

(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.



CALENDAR

June 2026

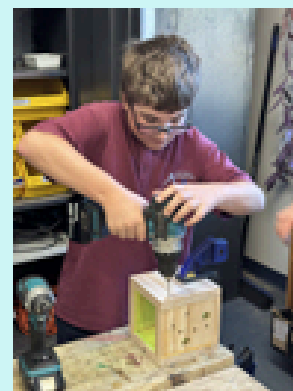
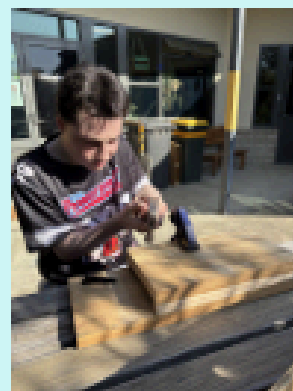
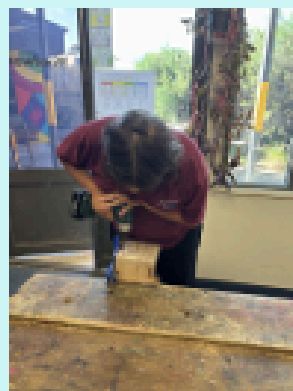
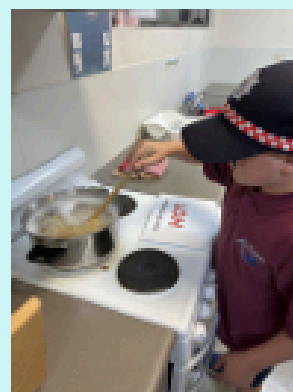
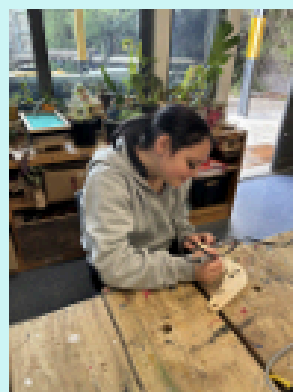
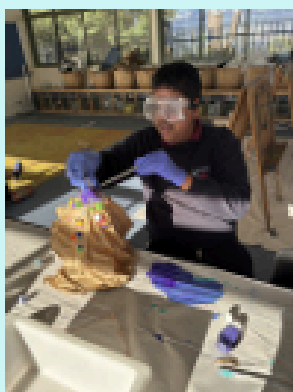
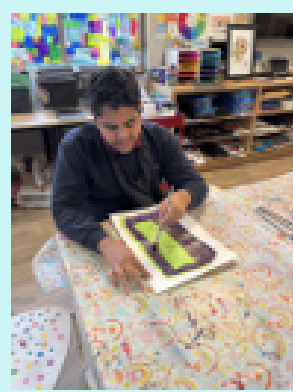
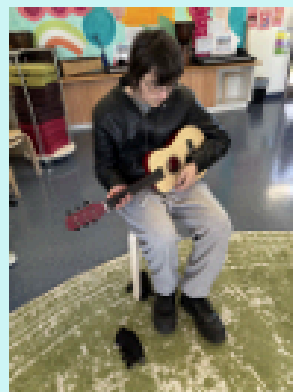
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Kings Birthday public Holiday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Parent Group 2pm at EG88	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Last Day of Term 2:00pm finish	27 Holidays	28 Holidays
29 Holidays	30 Holidays					

July 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Holidays	2 Holidays	3 Holidays	4 Holidays	5 Holidays
6 Holidays	7 Holidays	8 Holidays	9 Holidays	10 Holidays	11 Holidays	12 Holidays
13 Student Free Day	14 First Day Back Term 3	15	16 Parent Group 2pm at EG88	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Room 14

Alongside our regular class work, we have been busy performing poetry for the primary classrooms during performing arts, creating all kind of fun things in art and woodwork, participating in bike ed during PE, cooking meals from different cultures, and learning new sewing skills!



Staff Shoutouts



Bek -

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

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



Adrienne-

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



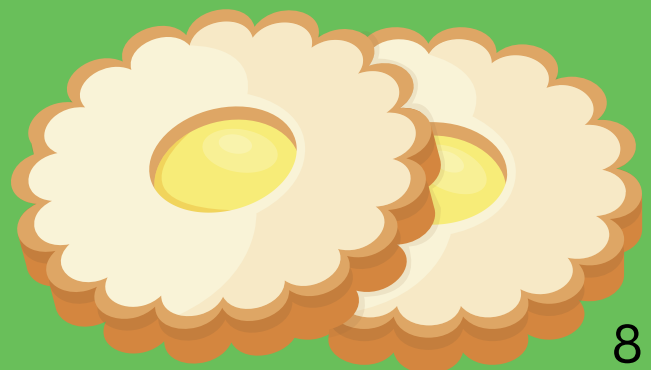
Join us for a relaxed and friendly afternoon with other families in our school community.

-  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



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.

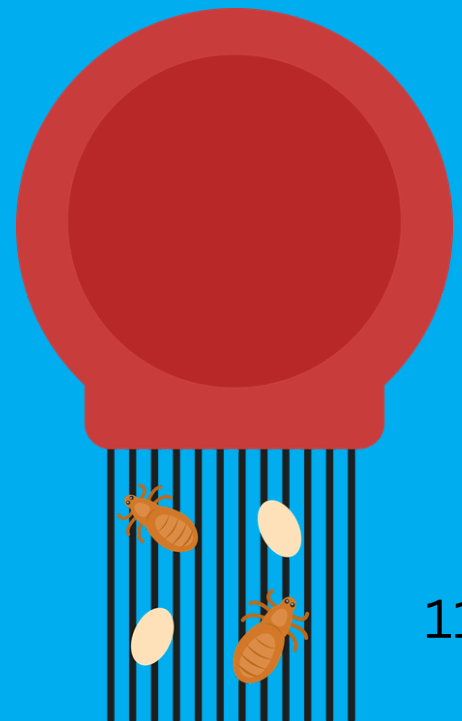
Thank you for your cooperation.





Headlice checks

**Please make sure
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childs hair on a
regular basis**

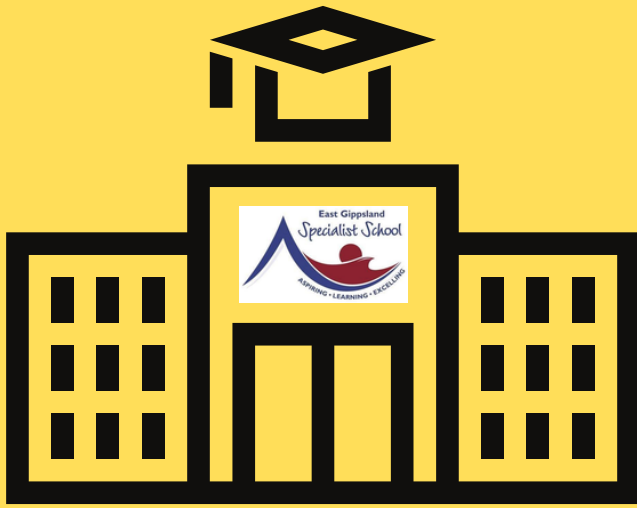




- **Needing help to access the NDIS**
- **Supports and services**
- **Plan reassessments**
- **Therapists and Physio**
- **General enquiries**

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

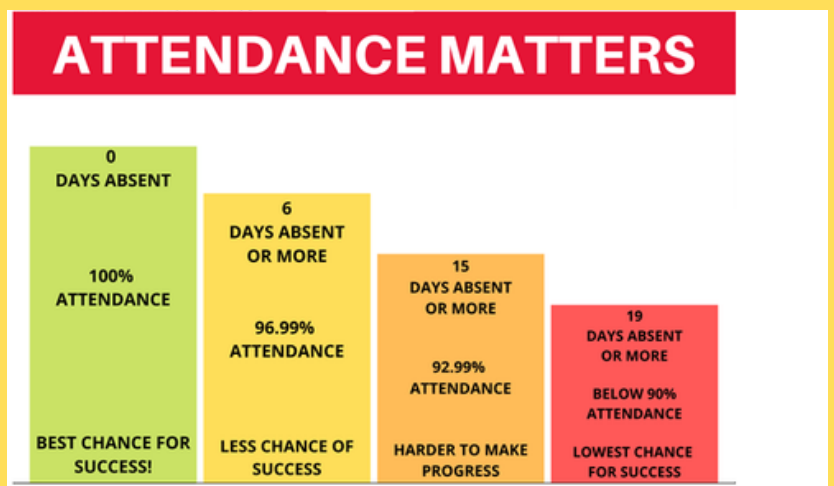




Every School Day counts

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

