



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, Nooni, Bryan,
Louie, Zama, Mandja, Riley T,
Mitch and Seth****

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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June 24/06/2026



Principal Report

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of Term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the incredible growth, achievements and successes of our students. Throughout the semester, our students have demonstrated resilience, determination and a commitment to learning, and we are proud of the progress each one of them has made. I would also like to sincerely thank our dedicated staff for their ongoing care, support and hard work, particularly the time and effort invested in preparing student reports. As we head into the holiday break, I encourage all members of our school community to take time to rest, relax and recharge. We wish our students, families and staff a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 3.

Planning Week

Last week, our staff participated in Planning Week, these days are important opportunities for teachers to work collaboratively in teams in preparation for Term 3. Using their knowledge of students, assessment data and the Victorian Curriculum, they engaged in thoughtful discussions to plan, organise and refine learning experiences, which ensures that lessons are purposeful, engaging and targeted to the individual learning needs of our students.

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



Mobile Phones at School Reminder

As a Victorian Government school, we follow the Victorian Department of Education's Student Use of Mobile Phones Policy, which requires that any mobile phone brought to school must be switched off and securely stored for the entire day, unless an approved exception has been granted. This includes recess and lunchtime. The purpose of this policy is to minimise distractions to learning, reduce opportunities for cyberbullying, and encourage positive social interaction between students. Parents and carers can contact students during the school day through the school office if required.

Students who choose to bring a phone to school are expected to always follow our school processes. When phones are used or hidden during the school day, valuable learning time is lost as staff respond to the issue, and it impacts the safe and positive learning environment we strive to maintain for everyone.

We ask families to please speak with your child about these expectations before they come to school each day. Your support in reinforcing the importance of following both our school procedures and the Department of Education's policy is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure our school remains a safe, respectful and focused 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/WITTEN

Examples include:

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

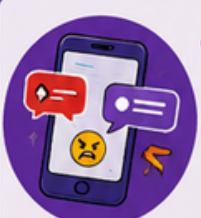


3. SOCIAL

(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's reputation or social acceptance



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 1



This term, room 1 have been exploring the performing arts room, engaging in woodwork with Ben, actively participating in our cultural connection program, respecting shared play with peers and continuing to foster social development.



Building Confidence in a Safe Space

ROOM 2



Thank you from Julie

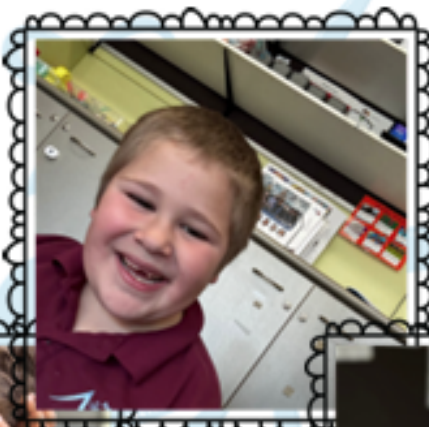
What an amazing term it has been in Room 2!

We have seen so much growth, learning, and achievement from all of our students, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

Throughout the term, students have worked hard to develop their skills, build friendships, try new experiences, and celebrate their successes along the way.

It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow and to see the kindness, resilience, and enthusiasm they bring to our classroom each day. We have shared many fun activities, special moments, and plenty of laughter together, creating memories that will stay with us for a long time.

Thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support throughout the term. We wish everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing break and look forward to another exciting term ahead.



Staff Shoutouts



- Donna

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

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



-Lauren

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

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

ROOM 5 AND ROOM 6 TOOK A TRIP TO THE
FORGE THEATRE, BAIRNSDALE TO SEE
'WHERE IS THE GREEN SHEEP'.





YOU'RE INVITED

Parents Group

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

WHERE: East Gippsland Specialist School



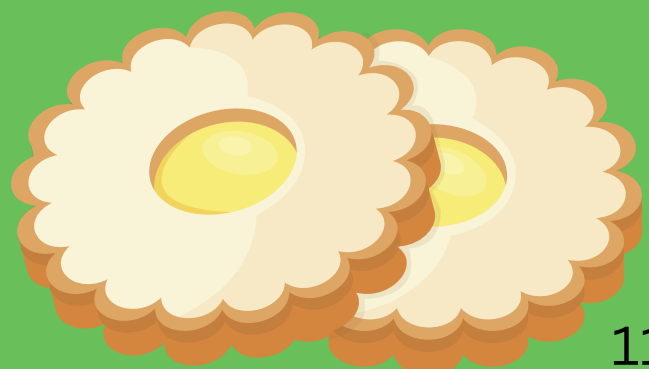
Join us for a relaxed and friendly afternoon with other families in our school community.

-  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.



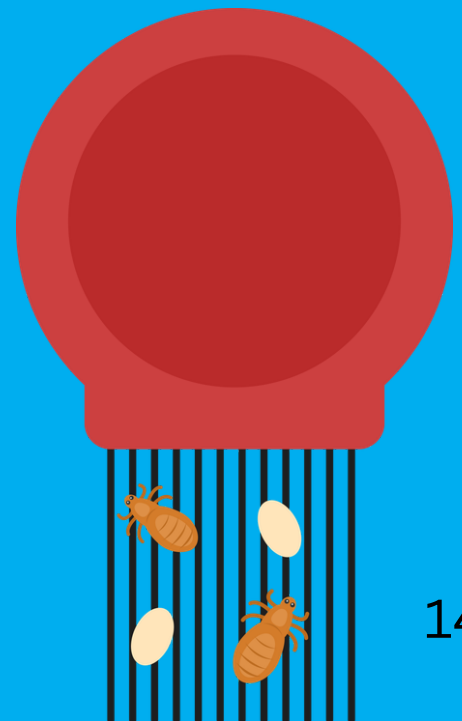
Your child's safety is extremely important to us, and we appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation.





Headlice checks

**Please make sure
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**

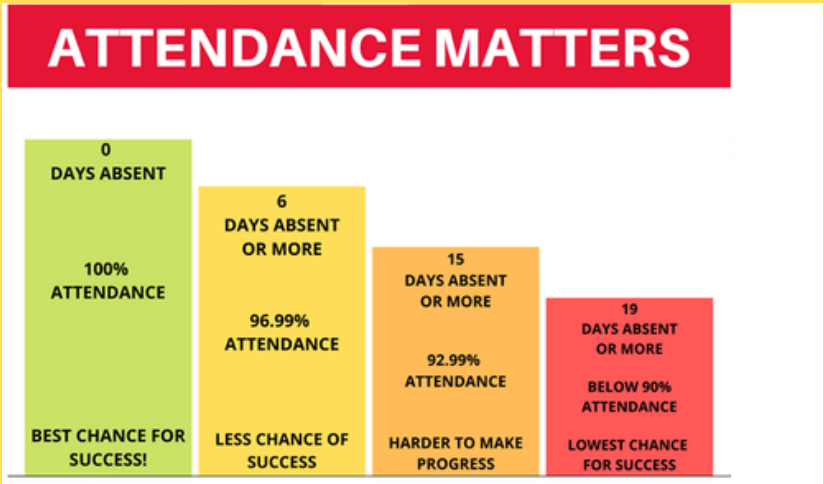




Every School Day counts

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