

NEWSLETTER

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Safe
Respectful
Learners



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



CALENDAR

Up coming events for October

Swimming rooms 12 & 5



30th October student immunisation



East Gippsland
Specialist School

OUR VISION



OUR VISION IS TO DEVELOP...

Life long learners that have a strong positive sense of identity, have a voice and treat others with kindness by learning to embrace and respect diversity.

P- POSITIVELY
SUPPORT PEOPLE



B- BUILD STRONG
FOUNDATIONS TOGETHER

OUR MANTRAS



S- SEEK TO UNDERSTAND

OUR VALUES



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER



ASPIRING ACHIEVING EXCELLING

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had the opportunity to slow down, relax and recharge over the school holidays. We are heading into a long, busy and, if the weather is anything to go by, potentially very warm term! There is plenty happening across the school as we work towards finishing the year strongly, supporting our students through their learning and transitions, and preparing for 2027. Thank you for the energy, care and commitment you bring to EGSS each day. Let's make Term 4 a positive, productive and enjoyable one together.

Playground Update

It has been wonderful to see Stage 1 of our new playground now open and in use! The students have already embraced the new spaces, and it has been fantastic to see them enjoying the trampolines, exploring the equipment and interacting with each other in the sandpit. Stage 2 is also really starting to come together, and we are looking forward to having this next section open for students by the end of October. It is exciting to see the vision for our new playground becoming a reality and creating even more opportunities for play, connection and learning at EGSS.



Allied Health Team Update.

We're excited that we've been building up our Allied Health team this year.

- Speech Pathologist: Deb Roberts
- Exercise Physiologist: Kaitlyn Alfier
- Allied Health Assistant: Allison Claridge
- Mental Health Practitioner: Shiv Maharaj



Introducing Shiv – Mental Health Practitioner

Hi everyone! I'm Shiv, and I'm very excited to have recently joined the amazing East Gippsland Specialist School team as a Mental Health Practitioner. Originally from the beautiful Fiji Islands, I'm passionate about mental health, wellbeing and supporting people through life's challenges. Whether you're working through an obstacle, looking for a different perspective, or simply need someone to have a chat with, I'm always happy to listen and walk alongside you. For me, this journey is also about continuous growth and continuous learning. I'm here not only to share the knowledge and experience I bring with me, but also to learn from each of you. I'm really looking forward to getting to know our school community, working alongside you, and sharing this beautiful journey together as we learn, grow and create a little bit of magic along the way!

Kindest Regards,

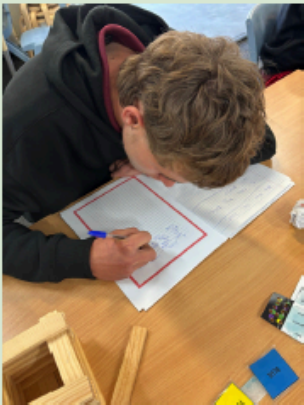
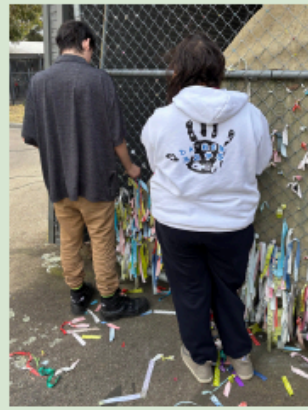
Acting Principal

Prince



Room 14

Room 14 is excited to be back for term 4! We have been enjoying learning about information texts in literacy and money in maths. We have been finish up our community service program for the Junior Community Rotary Award, and enjoying all our specialist classes.



Staff Shoutouts



Michael

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

Jaydeep

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



Angel

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



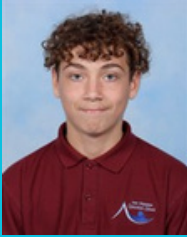
Mental Health and Wellbeing



We welcome Shiv to East Gippsland Specialist School



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Danny



Lucy



Alec



Connor



Lily

October birthdays



**Thank you to all those who did
the school survey .**

Our lucky winners

Brooke Howes

Jess Page

Kimbley Commons



Children's Expo



East Gippsland Children's Expo 2026

Friday 23rd October - 2pm - 6pm - Bairnsdale Squash & Table Tennis Centre
64 Great Alpine Road, Lucknow

Free Entry, Activities & BBQ plus Giveaways & Prizes!

- Welcome to Country
- Cultural Connect Dance Group
- Jumping Castles & Soft Play Area
- Face Painting
- Designated Quiet Space
- Stalls & Entertainment
- Coffee Van (\$)
- Games & Activities
- Dance & Gymnastics
- Library - Reading for Kids



Children have the right to use their own language,
celebrate their culture, and practise their religion

Children's Week 2026



Ages
0-12

Meet & Greet with Bluey
& Fireman Sam!
2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm



For more information contact
Rachael: 0409 355 043



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



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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.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

10 DAYS OR MORE TOTAL ATTENDANCE	10 DAYS OR MORE TOTAL ATTENDANCE	10 DAYS OR MORE TOTAL ATTENDANCE	10 DAYS OR MORE TOTAL ATTENDANCE
BEST CHANCE FOR SUCCESS	LESS CHANCE OF SUCCESS	POORER CHANCE OF SUCCESS	WORST CHANCE OF SUCCESS



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 threatening
• 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 rumors
• sharing information that will have a harmful effect on the other person
• posting derogatory comments online
- 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?
- Spread rumors or embarrassing information?
- Post or send hurtful things online?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES...

It's not too late to change.

CHOOSE TO BE BETTER.

- Trust 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.

NDIS

- 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