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Calendar

Every Week

Friday School Assembly
 9.10am Start
 Walk to School
 (starting Friday 9th Feb)
 Breakfast Program
 starting Wednesday
 14th

February

Wednesday 14th Prep Assessment Day
 Taylor Swift Dance -
 MPR 11.15am -
 11.45am
 AFL Visit 11.00am

Wednesday 21st Prep Assessment Day

Monday 26th - Grade 5-6 Log Cabin
Wednesday 28th Camp
 Prep Assessment Day

March

Wednesday 6th Easter Raffle Books
 Sent Home
 Parents and Friends
 Meeting—2.15pm in
 the Staffroom

Eaglehawk North Primary School 1428

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to this week's award winners. I look forward to our presentations on Friday at assembly. **Please feel welcome in joining us next Friday.**

Prep Grant	<i>Lainey P</i>
Prep Symons	<i>Juliette K</i>
Grade 1/2 Holding	<i>Sage C</i>
Grade 1/2 Epworth/ Clayton	<i>Jaxx S-N</i>
Grade 1/2 Purtill	<i>Lincoln L</i>
Grade 3/4 Craig/ Tibbett	<i>Daisy E</i>
Grade 3/4 Gilligan	<i>Leah C</i>
Grade 3/4 Rayner/ Nicholls	<i>Dane G</i>
Grade 3/4 McEwan/ Robinson	<i>Charlotte C</i>
Grade 5/6 Bulluss	<i>Wilbur F</i>
Grade 5/6 Watt	<i>Aleira C</i>
Grade 5/6 Birch	<i>Lucas M</i>
Grade 5/6 O'Callaghan	<i>Blade D</i>

School Council Members

President:

Rebekah Perryman

Vice President:

Nicole Taylor

Treasurer: Claire Stewart

Secretary: Meg Bagnall

Jason O'Neill

Helen Forrest

Emma Choo

Leanne Boston

Samantha Craig

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Laure Whyte

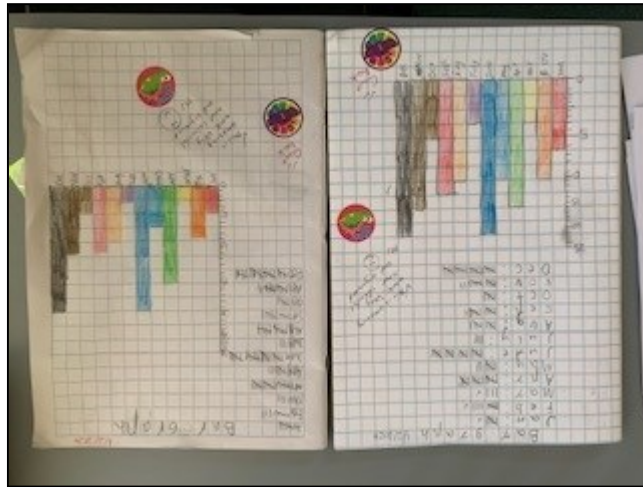
Christina Tibbett

Principals Column

Classes across the school have started well. There is some great work being done around our school values and School Wide Positive Behaviours Expectations. Students have discussed what a positive learning environment looks like, feels like and sounds like and are working to ensure this is occurring each day. All classes are also discussing Bullying and signing the Anti Bullying posters. There will be times throughout the year when issues or social conflict may happen. During these times, the first point of contact would be your child's classroom teacher. The classroom teacher is usually in the best place to speak about what might be happening and it is always important to hear what the teacher is observing in the classroom as well. If you haven't met the teacher before, please make contact when you can and begin a positive line of communication. We are all working towards the same goals for the students and working together to build a positive learning environment. There will be ups and downs throughout the year. Staff appreciate your support.

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It has been great to have some students visit the office and show me some of their great bookwork. Here are some examples from the 3/4 rooms who have been doing some work on graphs as they get to know others in the room.



Helen Forrest will be away from school for the next two weeks. Families can contact Bek Probert or myself if needed.

We welcome Mr Brad Marron who will be working as an Education Support staff member across the school. If you see Brad around please make him feel welcome and introduce yourself.

Just another reminder for any medical plans to be updated and submitted to the school so that we have the most up to date documents to assist your child if needed. If anything has changed in these documents please let us know at the office and even have a chat with your classroom teacher.

There has been increased focus on driver safety around schools in the early part of the year. It can be quite busy around ENPS during the pick up times so please be patient and drive that little bit slower when there are students leaving the school.

Please watch out and slow down for children crossing the roads.

For more information please check out.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/school-speed-zones>



We have quite a few new families in our school this year so we have included some of the processes around our drive through again. Please remember that drive through is just for a quick drop off and pick up. We ask that drivers are not getting out of their cars and parking in this area during these times.

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During the times of 8:45am -9:00am and 3:15-3:30pm we ask that families are not walking across the drive through area, even with adults. It can become quite unsafe if we have multiple families doing this during these times. Please walk down around the path to get to the car park. We understand this takes a few extra minutes, however it is to ensure everyone is kept safe and drive through is able to operate effectively.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will take place from 13th March-25th March. Please make contact with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Any exemptions or withdrawals must include a conversation with a staff member and some paperwork completed. Some adjustments can also be made to ensure students can complete the assessments to the best of their ability.

Annual Privacy Reminder For Our School Community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy, on our school website, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

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| * Amharic | * Somali |
| * Arabic | * Sudanese |
| * Dari | * Turkish |
| * Gujarati | * Urdu |
| * Mandarin | |
| * Vietnamese | |

School Captains

We would like to introduce our School Captains for 2024, Matilda Martin and Chester Ferguson.



Matilda Martin



Chester Ferguson

Jason O'Neill

Principal

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Grade 5/6 News

What a beautiful sunny week we've had. It has been great to see all the students in the yard with their school hats and also their water bottles being brought to school daily. The students have settled into their routines nicely.

In **Reading**, we have discovered guidelines for choosing Just Right Books to read, practised Guided Reading rotations and defined the roles of teachers and students during Reading Conferences. Students have enjoyed drawing a Nogard (dragon) from a descriptive text and completed their Reading Eggs Placement texts to ensure their learning is targeting their point of need.

In **Writing**, students have used the Stephen Graham Description Bubble to create various Descriptive texts. It has been great to see the students experiment with more challenging vocabulary in order to improve their writing.

In **Maths**, students worked on Place Value. They have partitioned large numbers and also renamed numbers to four digits. They are then moving on to expanded notation and will finish with rounding. Lots of detailed learning but also quite a few learning games were included to help keep them all engaged.

Reminders:

School hats must be worn in Term 1

Bring ALL school books to school

Long hair needs to be tied up for the duration of the school day

Diaries should travel to school and home each day.

Nightly Reading- please record this in the diary each night (nights read, title of book, pages/chapters/etc) and parent signatures once a week

Camp - Please complete information forms on SENTRAL

NAPLAN is this term, more info to come soon

Values Awards: This term we are focusing on Respect for Self

5/6 Watt: Dakota M- for always being Ready To Learn in every session each day.

5/6 O'Callaghan: Indie Lee P - for remembering to be Sun Smart and wearing a hat at recess/lunch.

5/6 Birch: Chaz B- For ignoring distractions and showing initiative with his work tasks.

5/6 Bulluss: Remy T- for always approaching tasks with a growth mindset.

5/6 Team - Alex, Enya, Megan and Laura

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Preps with their
Grade 6 Buddies



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Grade 3/4 News

This week in Grade 3/4 we have been learning about:

Reading- Setting up classroom libraries, book boxes and selecting 'Just Right Books'.

We are continuing to set clear expectations and routines during reading times. Teachers are working their way through individual reading conferences to identify individual student reading goals.

Please continue to establish regular home reading routines with your child. Home reading is critical to fostering a positive love of reading. At home you can read magazines, interest books, poetry, age appropriate newspaper articles or log on to Get Epic or Reading Eggs. The 'Just Right books' are taken home each night and also make fantastic reading material for your child.

Books are changed every Monday at school. We encourage students to change their books independently and using the 'Just Right' rule: 0-2 mistakes in the first page or 2 (too easy), 3 mistakes (just right) 4-5 mistakes (too hard). This is only a guide! There are other components of reading that also apply. Eg. Do I understand the text I am reading? Am I reading fluently? Do I understand the meaning of some of the challenging words?

It is also a great idea to ask your child after reading to summarise the text. This will allow you to determine if your child has understood the text.

We encourage students to select a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to explore during reading time.

Writing- We have started to explore Persuasive writing. Discussing powerful language, organising the authors statements and arguments and providing evidence/ reasons for the opening statements.

Numeracy- The focus in Numeracy has been on place value. Reading, ordering, writing numbers using a range of different place value options.

Integrated Studies- This week we have discovered our strengths and looked at our own values we hold as individuals, as a class, as a school and within our families.

Sentral is our main communication tool, if you need assistance to access the Sentral app or are yet to set up an account please contact the office for further information.

Reminders:

- Term 1 is a hat term: please make sure your child has a hat at school.
- Drink bottles: please ensure your child has a drink bottle with WATER in it for school.
- Fruit/Vegetable Snack
- 14th of February is Taylor Day!

Values Awards:

Grade 3/4 Craig- Angel R-B: Respect for Self: For working hard to problem solve place value tasks.

Grade 3/4 Gilligan- Kayden O'C: Respect for Self: For making positive choices and following game rules during playtimes.

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Grade 3/4 Rayner- Chase H: Respect for Self: For his excellent start to the year and having a go at everything.

Grade 3/4 McRob- Lexi S: Respect for Self: For having the confidence to give a Junior School Council speech.

Kind Regards,

Sam, Kayleen, Brett, Anna, Kristy, Christina and Chelsea.

Grade 1/2 News

Overall, it has been a positive start to the year throughout the 1/2 department. Thank-you to families for ensuring that students are ready to learn by bringing in learning materials, hats, drink bottles etc. There are still a few students who are yet to bring in head phones, art smocks and library bags. If they could be brought in the coming days that would be appreciated.

Reading. This week we have been settling into our regular routines with reading. To start our reading hour, we have a shared reading focus, followed by independent reading and another reading task such as partner reading, reading eggs or Epic. We have been discussing the importance of regular reading practice at school and at home.

Top Home Reading Tip: The students are being asked to read at least one just right book at home with an adult each night. Home reading also needs to be recorded in students diaries so that we can monitor reading progress. We are hoping that all students will receive many reading nights awards throughout the year. Reading at home every night is extremely important in Grades 1 & 2, it is when students generally make the most reading progress to set themselves up for their future education.

Writing. This week, we have been focusing on explanation. Students have engaged in discussion around what makes a good friend. They have then began writing about how to make a friend. On Friday students will be decorating their writers notebooks. There was a message sent to parents and carers on Sentral last week. If students could bring in any special photos or stickers to glue onto their cover page that would be great. Our spelling focus this week has been on 'a' as in apple.

Numeracy. This week, we have been focusing on counting and recognising different numbers based on place value. The students have enjoyed interacting with their classmates through a variety of activities and maths games. Students have also completed some essential assessment tasks on their computer.

Inquiry. This week we are focusing on the school values and expectations with a lot of class discussion.



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Awards: This Terms focus is Respect for Self

1/2 Holding: Youssef S for setting an excellent example as an independent Year 1

1/2 Epworth: Olivia R-Respect for Self-For being ready to learn each morning

1/2 Purtil: Fleur M for showing great organisational skills with her learning in the classroom.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Remember SENTRAL is our preferred method of communication and for better or worse tell us first, so we can work out solutions to support your child with their ongoing development.

*Take care,
Bec, Rhys, Laura, and Erin.*

Prep News

Students are settling in class and becoming familiar with routines and expectations. Thank you to all parents for making the transition to school life a comfortable one for your children. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and watching them develop relationships with other students.

This week in the Prep rooms

Phonics – students have been learning the letter and sound of S and F. We introduced the characters, Sally Snake and Felix Frog.

Reading – we have been discussing where to find the front cover of a book, where to find the title and which direction we read the text. We have been reading about friends and what makes a good friend.

Writing – students have been practising their pencil grip and forming M, S, and F correctly, starting at the top.

Maths – students have been focusing on numbers 1-10. We have been focusing on number formation, how many in a collection and predicting how many.

PBS – we have been learning how to make friends. Students have also been practising talking about how they are feeling by using the Zones of Regulation.

Sole Awards: Respect for Self

Prep Grant – Oliver T - For having healthy snacks in his lunchbox.

Prep Shirley – Eleanor W - for independently unpacking her bag and being ready for learning.

Reminders

We had our first session of library this week. We encourage all children to borrow each time we visit the library. If your child does not have a library bag you could use the red bag that was sent home in your child's school bag earlier this week.

Please send in a photo of your child as a baby as soon as possible. Also, photos of your family for a family tree activity.

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It may be convenient to send a spare set of clothes in your child's school bag just in case they have an accident. We don't always have spare clothes at school.

Prep Team

Shirley and Kellie

Welcome back to ENPS for 2024

All of our students have settled in to their new classroom environment and have started building positive relationships with their peers and teachers across the school. It has been wonderful to see all the happy faces.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

The focus for our SWPBS program this term is:
RESPECT for the **SELF**.

What does this mean?

We look after ourselves and have positive thoughts and attitudes.

Why is this important?

We want to be the best that we can be and feel good about ourselves.

Be sure to check out our SWPBS expected behaviour matrix attached below!



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ENPS Music Programs

Eaglehawk North PS offers Guitar, Drum and Piano lessons to our students that can be taken in school hours.

Guitar

Shannon Millard runs our Guitar lessons every Tuesday in one Room 17. The cost is \$40.00 for a one on one 1/2hr lesson.

Drum

Adam Bourke runs our Drum lessons Friday between Room 17 and 18. The cost is \$250.00 per Term for a one on one 1/2hr lesson.

Piano

Irina Vorontsova runs our Piano lessons, the day TBA, between Room 17 and 18. The cost is \$300.00 for a 10-week Term for a one on one 1/2hr lesson.

Please fill in the form below and return it to ENPS office if you are interested in the above lessons.

Name:

Grade:

Age:

Guitar: \$40.00

Drum: \$250.00 per Term

Piano: \$300.00 per Term

Past experience:

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2024 House Captains

Congratulations to House Captains for 2024.

Thorn – Jacob H and Tilda A

Truscott – Sherri S and Riley B

Miller – Remy T and Jaia Ri

Williams – Ahmed O and Annabelle M

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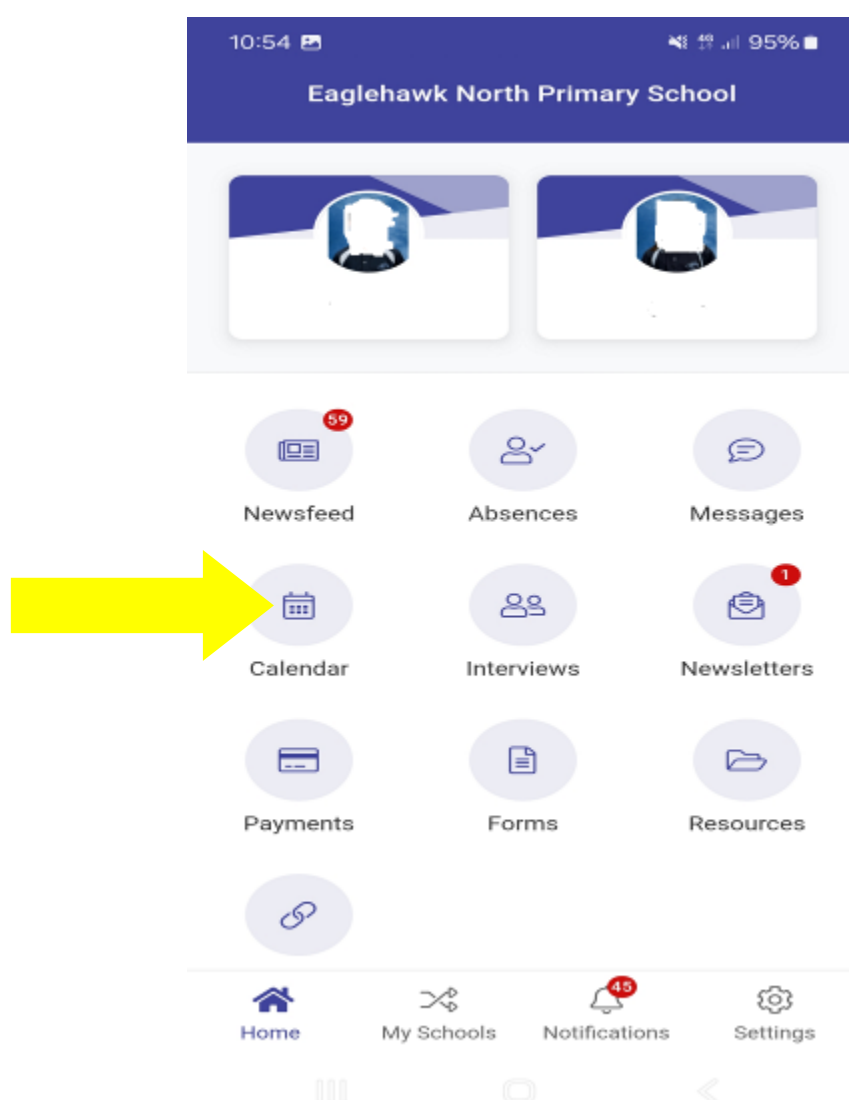
SENTRAL Parent Portal App Tips

As families should be aware, we are using our SENTRY Parent Portal App as our main form of communication between school and families.

To help families familiarise themselves with SENTRY we will have some handy tips in our Newsletter each week about the SENTRY Parent Portal App.

Today's tip is about the Calendar tile. This tile is a great way for families to stay informed about up-and-coming school events for the current school year.

Once you selected the Calendar tile, the app will take you to a calendar screen which is setup to display by month. You will see events on the calendar highlighted with a navy circle. If you would like more information just click on the circle and you will see information about the event.



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Bendigo City Council

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.



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FUNDRAISING / PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along to the parents and friends meeting yesterday. This year's **Dahlia & Arts** parade float was number one on our list! The theme this year is Mystical Waters, we had some good ideas around this theme. **Keep Saturday 16th March** free and stay tuned for more details.

BOOK CLUB – The first issue of the book club for this year has been handed out, orders are due back by 14th February.

Spend \$35 or more in one transaction on this issue for a \$5 credit to spend on the next issue! (For terms and conditions see the Scholastic website)



BEANIES AND SCARVES – We still have a small amount of these (more scarves than beanies) available to purchase at the office. They are \$20 each and once they are gone, we will not be ordering more at this stage.

MOVIE NIGHT – The students have spoken, our movie will be Super Mario Bros! Bring your chairs/blankets and movie snacks and settle in for a fun social night.

Upcoming events

14th February	Book Club Due
7th March	Movie Night
6th – 20th March	Easter Raffle
16th March	Dahlia & Arts
20th March	Sausage Sizzle

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING DATES:

TERM 1	TERM 3
7 February	7 August
6 March	4 September
TERM 2	TERM 4
1 May	9 October
5 June	6 November

If you have any questions or feedback please don't hesitate to reach out. The Fundraising/Parents & Friends Committee can be contacted through the office, or via email ENPSfundraising@outlook.com
Nicole, Rebekah, Emma and Leanne

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Who can access the program?

smalltalk is for families that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Hold a current Health Care Card or equivalent.
- Have children aged between 0-5 years.
- Are from a diverse background.
- Have less than 10 books in the home.
- Parents are aged 25 years or less.
- Is a single parent family.



Parents are children's first and most enduring teachers, and BCHS recognises that parents are the experts on their children.

For more information on our smalltalk program contact
Supported Playgroup Facilitator
Tiffany Holschier

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www.bchs.com.au



Supported
playgroup &
in-home coaching

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MAIDEN GULLY EAGLES
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Join us for our SEASON LAUNCH

When: Thursday, 15th February
Time: 5-6.30pm
Where: Marist Club Rooms

- Chat with Coaches
- Buy/Order Merchandise
- BBQ Dinner

**Register Now for the
2024 season**

www.playhq.com/afl/register/0593c3

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Club Open Day

All welcome - New & past members

Saturday February 10th

1pm-3pm

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

- Come & try soccer - there'll be games & activities for everyone
- Get information about the 2024 season
- Register to play this year (must be 4yrs+)
- Order club merchandise

2nd Hand Uniform Drive

If you have any 2nd hand Epsom FC uniforms - boots, socks, shorts, shinpads - we are looking for donations. Drop them off & we'll find a new home for them!

**BBQ provided by
Rotary Club of
Eaglehawk**

If you can't make it, but want further information email secretary@epsomfc.com.au or check us out at facebook.com/EpsomSoccer



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White Hills under 12 Girls Football Team looking for players. If your girls is interested in having a go please call Clint (coach) on 0423643084



hot shots tennis

GIANT *tennis*

COACHING PROGRAMS

- HOT SHOTS 3-12YRS
- JUNIORS & ADULTS
- GROUPS & PRIVATE LESSONS
- HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
- CARDIO TENNIS
- SQUADS
- MATCH PLAY

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PLAY PARK
5 YRS & UNDER
10-11AM SUNDAY'S
STARTING 18 FEB
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gianttennis.com.au  



2024

Expression of Interest Day!

JUNIOR TEAMS

Under 6's Through to Under 18's

COME AND TRY DAY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH 2024
@ 9.30AM - 12PM

Contact FC Eaglehawk
For More Information

Email : admin@fceaglehawk.com.au
Attn- Mick McKechnie
Or contact our Facebook page

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HARD QUIZ

Hey kids, for years Tom Gleeson has been challenging adults to **HARD** questions on **HARD QUIZ**.

This time, the kids get to have a go!

We're making some special episodes of **HARD QUIZ** - with kids!

So if you're in Year 5, 6 or 7, have a topic you know more about than *anyone* else, and think you can be a *little* bit cheeky if Tom tries to outsmart you, then why not apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ**.

Get your parent or guardian to head to hardquizkidsauditions.com.au
You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application!

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 18 Feb 2024.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, **HARD!**

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ALL AGES

DRAWING COMPETITION FOR KIDS



LET'S BE CREATIVE AND DRAW A PICTURE OF
MULGA BILL AND HIS ADVENTURES

COMPETITION CLOSES 20TH MARCH

PRIZE FOR WINNERS!

#1 WINNER

\$75
Toy World
Voucher

#2 WINNER

2x Bendigo Cinema
& snack
Vouchers

#3 WINNER

EUFS Gift pack

ITS FREE TO ENTER
DROP OFF YOUR PICTURE TO
US, IN STORE

Name, Address , Phone Number
on the back of the picture

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Auskick in Eaglehawk begins **Sunday 4th April** at Canterbury Oval between 9:00am – 10:00am and runs for 10 weeks, including 3 x Halftime games at Eaglehawk Football Club home games.

The NAB Auskick program makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions children will learn the skills of the game in an exciting and social environment.

To register, go to www.play.afl/auskick or for more information, go to our Facebook page “Eaglehawk Auskick”

A promotional poster for the 2024 Expression of Interest Day for Junior Teams. The background is dark blue with a soccer ball graphic. The text '2024' is in large white numbers. Below it, 'Expression of Interest Day!' is in white. A yellow banner contains the text 'JUNIOR TEAMS'. Below that, 'Under 6's Through to Under 18's' is in white. Then 'COME AND TRY DAY' is in yellow, followed by 'SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH 2024' and '@ 9.30AM - 12PM' in yellow. At the bottom left is the FC Eaglehawk logo, which is a circular emblem with an eagle and the text 'FC EAGLEHAWK THE BOROUGH - EST 1974'. At the bottom right, there is a white box with the text 'Contact FC Eaglehawk For More Information'. Below this box, the contact information is listed: 'Email : admin@fceaglehawk.com.au', 'Attn- Mick McKechnie', and 'Or contact our Facebook page'.

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