

# Whipstick Whispers

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## Calendar

### Every Week

Friday School Assembly  
 9.10am Start  
 Walk to School  
**Breakfast Program**  
 every Wednesday

### March

**Thursday 28th** End of Term 1—  
 2.30pm Finish

### April

**Monday 15th** Start of Term 2  
  
 Year 6 to Year 7  
 Information Packs  
 to be sent out

**Wednesday 24th** 150th Drone Footage

**Thursday 25th** ANZAC Day

**Tuesday 30th** STEM Excursion -  
 Botanical Gardens

**Tuesday 30th -** Book Fair  
**Thursday 2nd May**

**Wednesday 1st** Divisional X-Country

**Eaglehawk North Primary School 1428**

### Principal's Awards

**No Assembly**

Prep Grant	
Prep Symons	
Grade 1/2 Holding	
Grade 1/2 Epworth/ Clayton	
Grade 1/2 Purtill	
Grade 3/4 Craig/ Tibbett	
Grade 3/4 Gilligan	
Grade 3/4 Rayner/ Nicholls	
Grade 3/4 McEwan/ Robinson	
Grade 5/6 Bulluss	
Grade 5/6 Watt	
Grade 5/6 Birch	
Grade 5/6 O'Callaghan	

### 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

Erin Holding

Andrew Cameron

Christina Tibbett

Simone Martin

#### **Community Member**

*Council members can be  
 contacted via the office.*

## Principals Column

### Grade 3-6 Athletics and School Cross Country

Well done to all of our students who attended the 3-6 Athletics last week at the Flora Hill Track. It was great to see so many happy and smiling faces proudly showing off ribbons when students arrived back at school at the end of the day. Thanks to Mr Clayton for organising the day, we received many positive comments about the event. It was also great to have the Eaglehawk Secondary students attend the day and help run events.

We also had our 3-6 School Cross Country on Monday afternoon. This was our local school event with students running a lap of our school boundary. Results give Mr Clayton a guide for placing students into

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groups for the Regional Cross Country event in Term 2. It was pleasing to watch the effort of the students to complete the track and give it a go.

### **‘Getting to Know You’ Interviews**

Thanks to those families who were able to schedule a Parent/Teacher interview time on Wednesday. We understand this day may not have suited everyone, so if you weren’t able to make a time this week, please try and make contact with your classroom teacher and arrange another time, maybe early in Term 2. Regular communication with your child’s classroom teacher is important. If there are any classroom issues during the year the classroom teacher should be the first point of contact for you.

### **Pupil Free Day**

A reminder that Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> is a Pupil Free day in Term 2.

### **Breakfast Program**

We are looking for some additional helpers for our breakfast club on Wednesday mornings from about 8:30am-9:00am. If you are able to help out, please contact the office or drop in on a Wednesday morning next term.

### **Last Day of Term**

With today being the last day of term, we hope that everyone has an enjoyable break and is able to spend some time with family and friends doing whatever it is you enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. Don’t forget about the change in daylight savings over the holiday break.

### **Grade 5/6 Work**

Finally, walking through the senior classes this week I came across some creative art work from 5/6 O’Callaghan which I have included below. We have some very talented and creative students in the school and it was great to see them working hard on these tasks and taking pride in what they were doing. Have a great break everyone.



### **Dahlia and Arts - Art Competition**



Congratulations to Leo T for winning the Community Vote Award at the Dahlia and Arts Show.



*Jason O’Neill*

*Principal*

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# EAGLEHAWK NORTH PS



## 150th ANNIVERSARY

**Our beautiful school is 150 years old this year and we would love you to celebrate with us.**

**6.00pm - 8.00pm Friday 18th October**  
**10.00am - 3.00pm Saturday 19th October**

\*Choir \* Welcome Speeches \* Student Lead Tours  
\*Memorabilia \* Student Art Gallery \* Cake \* BBQ  
\* Unveiling of Mural \* Roll Call

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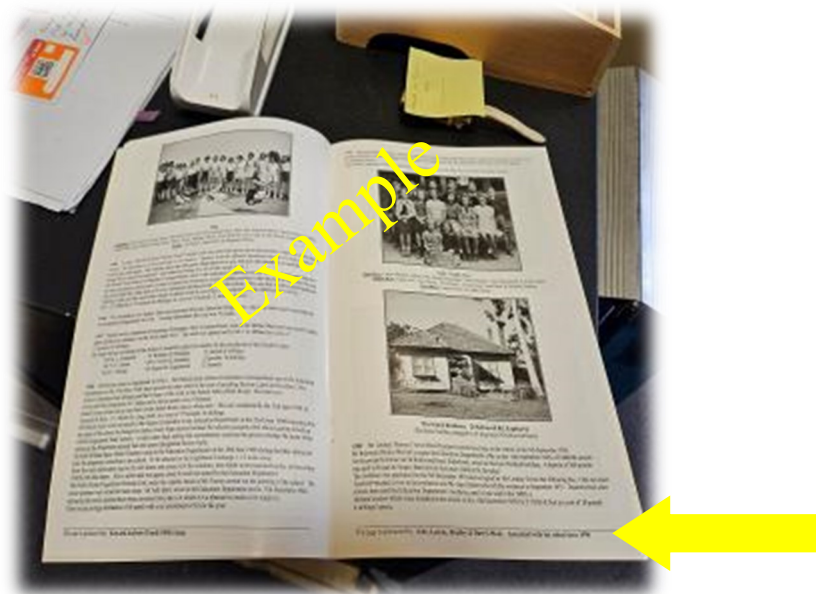


## Eaglehawk North Primary School 150th Anniversary

### Sponsorship for ENPS 150th Anniversary Booklet

To celebrate our 150th Anniversary this year the 150th Anniversary Committee is putting together a 150th Anniversary Booklet that will be available for sale.

We are offering Sponsorship per page for families and businesses. Sponsorship will be \$20.00 per page, with this sponsorship you will have one line at the bottom of the page, where you can also display your logo. We will have approximately 40 pages, first in best dressed.



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## Grade 5/6 News

Well done to all students and staff on a successful term. It sure has been busy with Camp, NAPLAN and relocation days. We hope our students and families have a safe and happy holiday!

### Reading

Students have been analysing texts and finishing off their F&P reading assessments. This learning data will drive a lot of our learning in Term 2 and beyond.

### Writing

Students have been finishing their narratives. Students have completed very entertaining narratives and shown growth with their ability to structure narratives throughout the term.

### Math's

Students have been finalising their unit of work on shape and this week have looked at 3D shapes and their properties.

### Cross Country

Well done to all students for participating in the cross country. It was a successful day and we were lucky to have some nice sunny weather. Thanks to Mr. Clayton for organising the event!

#### *5/6 Team –*

*Alex, Laura, Megan, Enya*

## Grade 3/4 News

Term 1 overview: Our 3/4 cohort has had a wonderful Term 1. Students have completed some excellent writing samples, students showed persistence during the NAPLAN testing and also resilience as we experienced our first Term with extreme weather days. Students have also explored a wide range of strategies to expand their understanding of place value. Science experiments have also been a highlight from the Term.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the school athletics day and cross-country days. We loved seeing students and teachers dress up in their house colours.

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the 'Get to Know You' Interviews yesterday.

We hope you all have a wonderful school holidays!

#### *3/4 Team*

*Kay, Sam, Anna, Kristy, Brett, Christina and Chelsea*



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## Grade 1/2 News

We are at the end of Term 1 already and even though it's been a short term, it has been a very busy one! Thank-you to parents and carers for taking the time to attend the 'catch up' interviews with the 1/2 Teachers. It was great to see so many in attendance.

**Reading.** This week we have read 'dragon dance' and also looked at Easter themed books during reading.

**Top home reading tip:** Please complete lots of school holiday reading and remember to talk about what has been read. Hopefully after the break there will be lots of certificates to hand out!

**Writing.** This week we have continued to focus on Description and using the description bubble by completing a dragon acrostic poem and describing an easter egg.

**Numeracy.** This week, we been looking at ordering numbers from 0-20, 0-100 and 0-1000 through a range of activities.

**Inquiry.** This week we have continued our integrated topic on healthy eating.

### Reading Nights.

Please remember reading nights certificates are awarded for the number of nights, not the number of books that have been read.

### 25 nights:

**1/2 Purtil:** Jyia R and Fleur M.

**1/2 Epworth:** Ralph D

**1/2 Holding:** Youseff S

### 50 nights:

**1/2 Purtil:** Archie K, Carolyn H and Bailey S.

**1/2 Epworth:** Louis B, Blake H and Hunter W.

**1/2 Holding:** Seb, Saxon and Sage.

**SOLE Awards:** No awards this week due to no assembly.



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.*

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## Prep News

It has been a busy time with the lead up to the end of term. Students have had the opportunity to spend time with their 5/6 buddies making Easter baskets. We had a surprise secret visit from the Easter Bunny who left Easter eggs sneakily in the baskets.

Thank you to all parents who made it to the Interviews yesterday. It was wonderful having the opportunity to discuss your child's learning.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.



This week in the Prep rooms

**Phonics** – because it was a short week, students learnt one new letter sound this week, Nn. We have been working on phoneme awareness and hearing the first sound in words.

**Reading** – we have continued 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 decodable texts and modelling how to blend words together.

**Writing** – students have continued to practise their pencil grip and forming letters correctly. They have attempted to write a sentence about the picture they have drawn and using heart words within the sentences.

**Math's** – the last week of term is revision. We have been practicing ordering numbers to 10 and counting collections and matching them to the numeral.

### Reading night awards

**50 reading nights** – Alfie B, Anna F,

Ella H

Reminders



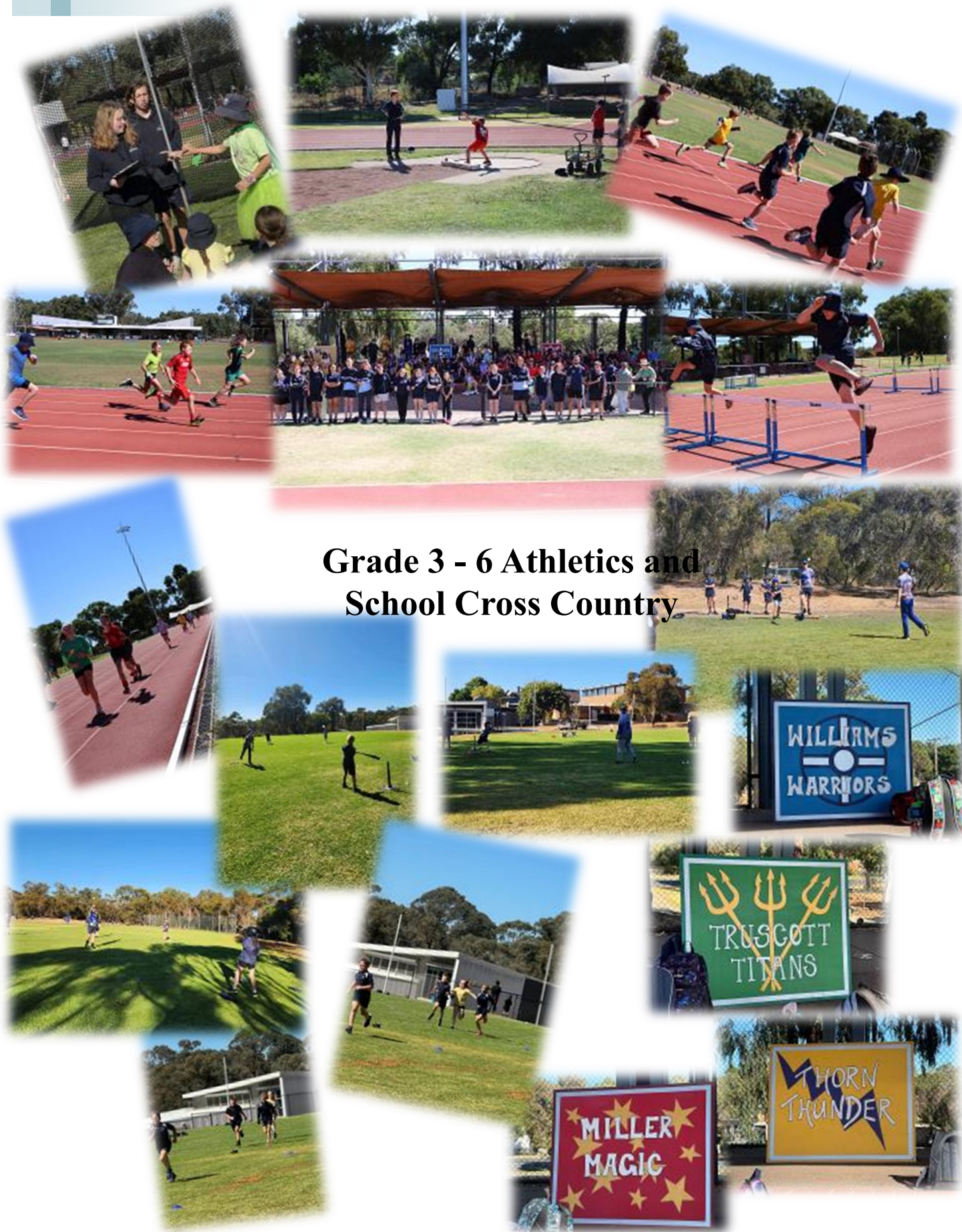
Next term we will be learning about animals. If there are any parents who are experts and would like to come into the prep classrooms to share their knowledge about animals, please get in contact.

**Prep Team**

**Shirley and Kellie**

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## Term 1 Physical Education

It was a very busy and fantastic start to Physical Education this year.

From Foundation students building their strength, balance and hand eye coordination to the Grade 6 students developing their Athletics skills, it was a successful term for the vast majority of students and they should all be proud of their efforts.

We will continue our focus on teamwork and encouragement across all grade levels as we build towards a very supportive sporting culture within and outside of the school grounds.

A highlight of the term for me personally was building on relationships with the students and staff from Eaglehawk Secondary College. Their support in helping run a great Athletics Day was fantastic and acknowledged by many of our students, parents and staff as a large contributor to such a successful event. Thank you.

I would like to make special mention to the House Captains who have done a fantastic job in supporting me and building their capacity to be responsible and effective leaders.

Thank you to all parents and staff who have made my transition into PE an enjoyable one. I look forward to building on and building new relationships throughout the remainder of the year.



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## FUNDRAISING / PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

**EASTER RAFFLE** – Congratulations to the winners of our Easter raffle announced in last weeks newsletter. We ended up with a total of 22 prizes thanks to the generosity of our school community.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE** – A big thank you to Kat and Meg for cooking all the sausages last week and to everyone that jumped in last minute and assisted with handing them out. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

**MOTHERS DAY STALL** – The Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. If you have anything you would like to donate to our stall please bring it up to the office next term. If you are available to help out between 9.00am – 11amish please contact Katrina or Liz.

**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.

**150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS** – As part of the school's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations we are discussing several commemorative ideas including the design-a-bricks (similar to what has been done in the past and flank the path to the drive-through) and a lapel pin/keyring option. We will be opening pre-orders for these next term, so stay tuned for more information.

### *Upcoming events*

30th April – 2nd May  
9th May

Book Fair (in library)  
Mother's Day Stall

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING DATES:	
<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>TERM 3</b>
<del>7 February</del>	7 August
<del>6 March</del>	4 September
<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>TERM 4</b>
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](mailto:ENPSfundraising@outlook.com)

*Nicole, Rebekah, and Emma*

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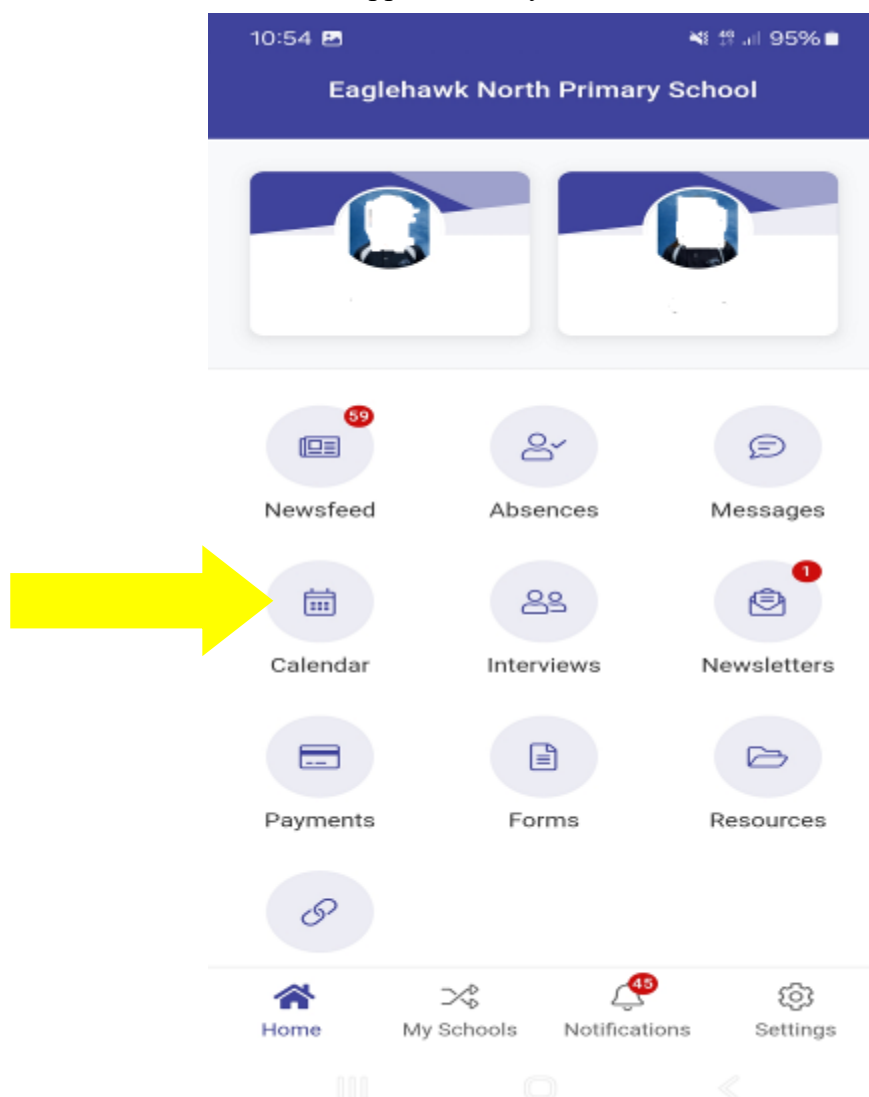
## SENTRAL Parent Portal App Tips

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

To help families familiarise themselves with SENTRAL we will have some handy tips in our Newsletter each week about the SENTRAL 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



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## Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

### Fresh Fruit Program in local schools

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# Marist College Bendigo

## Key enrolment dates for 2025



### Enrolments Open

Monday 15 April 2024

9:00am

### Explore Marist Evening

College open night - Thursday 18 April

4:00pm  
to  
6:00pm

### Enrolments Close

Friday 24 May 2024

3:00pm

### Principal Learning Walks

Bookings essential [www.marist.vic.edu.au](http://www.marist.vic.edu.au)

9:15am

### Year 7 Transition Day

Tuesday 30 April 2024

Bookings essential [www.marist.vic.edu.au](http://www.marist.vic.edu.au)

9:30am  
to  
2:30pm

For any enrolment enquiries please email  
Mrs Carmel Fitt [enrol@marist.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@marist.vic.edu.au)

For parents to better understand and support their children.

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Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

## What's On Term 2, 2024

Our parenting programs help strengthen family relationships and build capacity for parents to better understand and support their children.

*Note: Multi-session programs are only available for residents in the Loddon Mallee region.*

*- Bookings are essential for all of our programs and workshops, places are limited -*

### Multi-Session Programs

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# School Holiday Program

Don't miss our jam-packed School Holiday Program with themed in-house days, fun excursions and incursions. Activities could include cooking masterclasses, mad science experiments, model making, learning to skateboard and a trip to see Kung Fu Panda 4.

Tue 2 April - Fri 12 April



*Book online*

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Auskick in Eaglehawk begins **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.play.afl/auskick) or for more information, go to our Facebook page “Eaglehawk Auskick”



**PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS**

**AGED 8 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?**



Pop in with your family and friends and see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday & Thursday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 2pm - 5pm until Easter to register!

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