



# NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3

13 February 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Mrs Vicki O'Rourke

Congratulations to all students who took part in our school swimming carnival on Tuesday. It was a perfect day for a swim and our students all gave their best efforts. Many thanks to Mrs Cluff and Mrs Clifford and our wonderful staff for running the day and special thanks to all the parent volunteers who assisted. Good luck to those students who will represent the school at the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 21 February.

As we commence the first weeks of another year of school it is wonderful to see so many parents supporting our school and our students. From new Kindergarten families to reading program helpers, canteen, band, scripture and OOSH... and our incredible parent committees.

Did you know, research shows that children do better at school when their parents are involved in their child's education? You, your child and the school benefit from your involvement. Our school's motto, 'good citizenship' is something our school community believes and works hard to ensure happens. Why is it important for parents and carers to become involved in their child's school education? We know that strong relationships and information sharing between families, and schools help support a child's success at school. Kids just LOVE having their parents and family members at school.

Kindergarten is an especially important year of learning that sets children up for the rest of their schooling. What your child learns each day builds on what they learnt the day before. If your child misses school they can miss information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they can miss out on building their friendships. Regular attendance is important for all students. We look forward to working together with all our parents to continue or start to build valued home/school partnerships that support your children.

Congratulations to all students who have had a settled beginning to the school year. When I visit classrooms, I see students who are working hard, engaged in the learning process and challenging themselves to learn new things. Great work students!

### 2020 Voluntary School Contributions

Voluntary School Contributions are now due for the 2020 school year. The voluntary contribution is \$50.00 for the 1st child; \$35 for the second and \$35 for the third, max of \$120 per family. Payment of this fee will go directly to your child in 2020 through their subscription to Reading Eggs (K-6) and Mathletics (Year 2-6). We are about to go live shortly!

## Family holidays in school term

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, please discuss this with the school principal. An Application for Extended Leave (Travel or Holiday) may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year. Holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A certificate of exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

## Eglinton Public School Mobile phone and wearable communication device policy

This policy addresses the use of mobile phones and wearable communication devices at Eglinton Public School. Our main concerns are around student safety and school security. Therefore:

- Students bring mobile phones and wearable communication devices to school at their own risk – the school and school staff members will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or for investigating loss or damage.
- There is to be NO use of mobile phone or wearable communication device at Eglinton Public School at any time during school hours unless permission is granted or there are special circumstances that teachers are made aware of.
- Students who carry mobile phones or wearable communication devices for use to and from school need to hand them to the office for safe keeping during the day. Mobile phones and other similar electronic devices are not to be used at any time, under no circumstances, in the playground or during whole school events.
- All devices must be turned off throughout the school day unless permission is granted or there are special circumstances that teachers are made aware of.
- If a teacher observes a student using a mobile phone or wearable communication devices during the school day, it will be confiscated and handed in to the office for safe keeping. Parents will be informed and asked to please come and collect it.

Be Safe

Positive Behaviour for Learning this weeks focus:  
**Sun Safety - Wear a Hat or Play in the Shade**



## IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 1

### Week 3

#### **Friday 14 February**

K-2 Infants Assembly 12:35  
Kinder Meet & Greet

### Week 4

#### **Tuesday 18 February**

P & C Meeting - 7:00 in the Staffroom

#### **Friday 21 February**

District Swimming Carnival  
K-2 Infants Assembly 12:35  
3-6 Primary Assembly 1:15

#### **Saturday 22 February**

Eglinton Country Fair - Cubis Park - 9:00

## EGLINTON COUNTRY FAIR



Fun fact - Did you know it takes 168 people doing a 1 hour shift at the Country Fair to make the day run smoothly and make lots of money for our school?

Thank you to everyone who has already registered - if you

haven't signed up yet there's still time.

Please click on the following web link to go to the signup sheet:

<https://volunteersignup.org/YQ8KY>

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Eglinton Country Fair Committee  
eglintoncountryfair@gmail.com

## CLOTHING POOL

Woo hoo... we have hit the ground running. Busy, busy, busy.

During January we were flat out and sold SO MUCH.... Thank you everyone for supporting the school shop.

The shop is run by our P and C. Any profits made goes back into our school.

Welcome new kindy students and families.

The shop has run out of some sizes on items but stock should be in soon. Thank you to all those who are still waiting patiently.

If you wish to volunteer, please let me know. All welcome.

Thank you to all who have donated their pre-loved clothing too.

Reminder: If you can't get in on Mondays order online through QuickCliq this is also available with canteen.

There is an Order Form on School website or school office. Put in order we will put together on Monday afternoons and you can pick up from school office if from Tuesday onwards.

See you Mondays, Denise

## WESTERN ADVOCATE FEATURES

The Big Steps for Little Feet feature with all our Kindergarten students will be published in the Western Advocate on Monday 24 February 2020.

The School Leaders feature will be published in the Western Advocate on Monday 2 March 2020.

## HEALTHY BITES CANTEEN

Our Mac & Cheese is now being made onsite (with a few hidden veggies - don't tell the kids!!). Gluten free option is available.

For our parents using QuickCliq to order from the canteen please ensure you update your child's profile with their new class and teachers name. To assist you please find below a list of class names and teachers.

Teachers Name	Class
Mrs Burden	KB
Mrs Craft	KC
Ms Marsh	KL
Ms Michael	KM
Ms O'Dell	K-6O
Mrs Clifford	K-6C
Mrs Eagle	K-6E
Mrs Hayes	K-6H
Mrs Smith	1M
Mrs Peters	IP
Mrs Taylor	1T
Ms Clare	2C
Mrs Hicks	2T
Ms Parish	2P
Ms Abbott	3/4A
Ms Miller	3/4M
Ms Milgate	3/4R
Miss Whitmore	3/4W
Mrs Owens	4/5O
Ms Barnes	5/6B
Ms Carlisle	5/6C
Mrs Garnder	5/6G
Ms Charlton	5/6K

## CANTEEN ROSTER

	NAME	DATE
Mon	17/02/2020	Vicki
Tues	18/02/2020	Kerrie
Wed	19/02/2020	Kerrie
Thurs	20/02/2020	Vicki & Jordan
Fri	21/02/2020	Help Needed



# Kindergarten

What a wonderful start our students have had to Kindergarten. The students have enjoyed learning about nursery rhymes, making new friends and learning new routines.

Be sure to look out for 'Big Steps for Little Feet' which will be published in the Western Advocate on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.





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