



# NEWSLETTER

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

### Outstanding Leaders

This week students from Year 5 presented and delivered a speech to their peers and our staff to claim a position in the 2022 Student Leadership Team. Congratulations to all of the students who spoke with maturity and passion. All candidates were outstanding and on behalf of the entire school community I would like to acknowledge and thank each student for their participation.

Yesterday, students in Years 2-5 voted to select our two captains, and two vice captains for 2022. Our new leaders will be presented to our school on Presentation Day, Monday 6 December.

Next week we will be voting for our House Captains for 2022.

Introducing our School Captains for 2022

Very special congratulations to:

Girl School Captain: Mali Grabham

Boy School Captain: Byron Rosier

Girl Vice Captain: Madeline Baker

Boy Vice Captain: Jett Crew

Our whole school welcomes you to lead us in 2022.

### Parent Partnerships Learning Ecosystems professional learning 2022.

Our school has been accepted into the Parent Partnerships Learning Ecosystems professional learning for 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school. We are looking for team members who are passionate about building strong, mutually beneficial partnerships within our learning ecosystem to improve student outcomes.

For a brief look at what to expect from this program/professional learning, watch this 2-minute video [Watch 'PP LE - What To Expect Video' | Microsoft Stream.](#)

We are looking for team members to include representatives from: Office, SEU, P&C, parents of students at our school and parents of students at our school and out teaching teams.

If you would like to be part of this team would you please contact Vicki so that we can include you with our pre-planning.

### Year 6 Farewell

This year we will be holding our Year 6 Farewell at school. We are returning to the tradition of holding our farewell on site. Many of the local schools are doing this as recent Covid restrictions at external venues meant students under the age of 16 could only attend the venue if a vaccinated adult from the same household accompanied them into the venue. By having our Year 6 Farewell at school we can be inclusive of all of our students and all can participate.

Our Stage 3 teachers have been busy talking to the students, ensuring that their ideas are part of the preparation for a great evening.

### Year 6 Year Book

Mrs Charlton has been busy coordinating with the Stage 3 teachers and students to create a Year 6 Year Book for 2021. Unfortunately, time is against us this year to develop a School Year Book, but we are pleased that the Year 6 will not miss out on their special memories of Eglinton.

### Attendance

Just a reminder to all parents that as our school year winds down there is the expectation that all students will attend school right up until the last day of term on Thursday 16 December.

### Is your child leaving Eglinton Public School?

We are about to organise classes and assign teaching staff to classes for 2022. If you know that you will be leaving Eglinton Public School at the end of the year can you please let your child's class teacher, as well as our office staff know, so that we can ensure accurate numbers for planning purposes and also take them off our computer system.

## 2022 Reminder

Parents are reminded to advise me in writing of any considerations you would like taken into account when we commence placing students in class groups for the 2021 school year in writing by Friday 3 December at the latest.

## Transition of Students 2021

We have been working extremely hard with our teachers to plan a transition program that will ensure our students feel comfortable moving into 2022. We will be holding the following transition session for our students at school.

Wednesday 3rd December – students will spend 9.30am – 11.30pm in their new learning community with the current group of teachers that are in their area.

## Class Parties

As we move into party season at school a timely reminder to all: Our school asks all families to assist us to minimise the risks of anaphylaxis. **Please avoid packing peanut or nut spreads and any kind of chocolate in your child's food choices for the day. We also have students who are allergic to dairy (and its bi-products).**



## HEALTHY BITES CANTEEN

On line orders need to be in by 9am. If the product doesn't show up online then it is not available.

Canteen Committee Meeting Friday 3rd December at 1pm.

## Forming classes in 2022

In 2022 students in Year 1-6 are due to return to school on Tuesday 1 February. Kinder 22 students will commence on Thursday 3 February. Kinder 22 students will be undertaking Best Start Assessment on Tuesday 1 February and Wednesday 2 February. Our school Office will provide each Kinder 22 student with their day and time for Best Start Assessment before the end of this school year.

I would like to inform our families that we may not be placing students into their 2022 classes until Wednesday 2 February. The reason for this is that we will have a better indication of our whole school enrolment numbers after the return of students on Tuesday. As well, currently our numbers are fluctuating under and over the threshold for a 16th teacher. We are hesitant to form classes earlier in case our numbers are not accurate to maintain the classes formed - this disappoints both students, staff and families.

Teachers will commence in their new Stage teams for 2022 from Friday 28 January and we will transition students into their new year/stage cohort to work collaboratively with the students in their year group for the first school day of 2022.

Our teaching teams will work together and organise 1 lovely day to welcome back the children to the new school year, settling them into their new stage of learning before placing them into their classes when our enrolments stabilise.

Kind regards,

Vicki O'Rourke

## Learning for Life

Do you have a health care card? If so your child is eligible for the Learning for life program. This is an initiative offered to Eglinton PS families to support children to reach their full potential by supporting their education from primary through to post school studies. If you are eligible please contact the school office for a referral form.



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