



Term 1, Week 9 2024

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 9	Friday 29 th March PUBLIC HOLIDAY Good Friday
Week 10	Monday 1 st April PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday
Week 10	Swimming Week Years 3-5
Week 10	Friday 5 th April SAPSASA Girls Netball/Boys Football
Week 11	Friday 12 th April Last Day of Term 1 Community Assembly at 1:30 Casual Day and 2:05 Finish
Week 1	Monday 29 th April Term 2 Starts
Week 1	Monday 29 th to Wednesday 1 st School Dental Visits
Week 2	Monday 6 th May School Photos

Wishing everyone a happy and safe long weekend.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The weeks are rushing by, and we are just a hop away from Easter and the end of term 1!

NAPLAN: Our year 3 and 5 students have completed all their NAPLAN testing and I am extremely proud of how they all approached the tests and gave them a good go. Reports will be sent home later in the year once we receive them.

Ice Cream Sales: Ice cream sales will continue into term 2 but we have modified the selections to meet with Rite Bite Standards. Quelch Fruit Juice Ice blocks will be sold for \$1 and Moosies or Paddle Pop Ice creams (depending on availability) will be sold for \$2. One per student only.

Teacher Release for Planning: Classroom teachers will each be released for half a day across the remainder of the term to work together in planning the English Curriculum for next term. A lot of thought and preparation goes into these lessons, and we are seeing the impact in student learning.

Bike Education: We ran an extremely successful Bike Education program for our year 4-6 students this year. All students who started on training wheels learnt how to ride without them and they all learnt valuable road safety rules. Our new bike shed is slowly under construction!

Swimming: Our Year 3-5 students will be engaging in swimming lessons across the four days of next week. Year R-2 will have their lessons in week 2 of term 3. Year 6 will engage in aquatics in week 2 of term 4.

School Photos: Our school photo day is Monday 6th May (week 2) with a catch up offered on the Friday of that week. Notes will go home soon.

Mother's Day Stall: a note will be sent home early next term to remind families that we will be running our Mother's Day Stall on Thursday the 9th of May and students will get a chance to purchase a gift for their Mums or special people.

25km/hr: Please stick strictly under 25km/hr when driving around the school to keep our families and little ones safe.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter Long Weekend, then return to us for week 10 and 11, before the school holidays.

Kind Regards,
Julie Brown – School Principal

EGPS School Lacrosse

On Thursday of Week 6 this term, our students proudly represented our school at SAPSASA Lacrosse held at Gepps Cross Reserve, hosted by the North Adelaide Lacrosse Club. This marked our second year participating in the event. We had five teams representing the school across two different grades, and one of our teams even finished second overall! It was an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Following this success, we're excited to announce that we'll be nominating teams to compete in the Lacrosse South Australia Under 11 Competition, which will take place during Terms 2 and 3, on Saturday mornings at Gepps Cross. Students in the team are Tamsyn, Isaac F, Logan M, Rory, Tyler, Danica, Penelope, Annie, Joey, Bruce, Tevita, William S, Levi and Masa. We will keep you updated on the progress of these teams.



School Captains

This year our school captains have been visiting our early years students and helping them with their literacy skills. Through reading and flash cards in the mornings our captains have engaged with the littlest learners of the school, and everyone has loved it.

An important role of our captains is to ensure that the flags at the front of the school are up and flying high every day. We proudly raise the Australia, Aboriginal and State flags each morning and captains need to ensure they are brought in at the end of each day.

In our recent assembly our house captains provided us with our house point update. In fourth place is Sampson yellow on 1,873 points, third place is McEwan red on 2,515 points, second place is Ridley blue on 2,883 points and in first is Playford purple on 3,008 points! Good job to all the students with their hard work and determination on getting their team points.



ROOM 14 & 16

BIKE ED



During Term 1, Rooms 1, 12, 13, 14 and 16 participated in Bike Ed. We learnt how to ride a bike safely, both on school grounds and on the road.



After a long ride, we stopped at a playground and had a break before returning.



On the last day, we learnt how to ride around roundabouts, using the signals we had learnt during the lessons at school.

Since completing the Bike Ed program we have increased our confidence and many more students are now riding to school.

Fruit Fly Information

The department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has updated its information about fruit fly restrictions in South Australia. This might change the types of fruit and vegetables your child can bring to school/preschool/childcare.

New colour coded maps show the red outbreak areas, yellow suspension areas, and green areas not affected by fruit fly.

If you live in the **red** outbreak area: If it is home grown leave it home. You can continue to pack lunchboxes with fruit and vegetables purchased from retail shops providing it is secured in a lunchbox and the waste is disposed of correctly at school if located in a red or yellow area. Grated, dried, frozen, cooked or pureed fruit and vegetables of any kind are acceptable.

If you live in the **yellow** suspension area: Home grown fruit can be taken to school as long as your school is also within the yellow area. You can continue to pack lunchboxes with fruit and vegetables purchased from retail shops providing it is secured in a lunchbox and the waste is disposed of correctly at school if located in a red or yellow area. Grated, dried, frozen, cooked or pureed fruit and vegetables of any kind are acceptable.

If you live in the **green** not impacted area: Your child can bring any type of fresh fruit or vegetable to school, preschool or childcare.

Our school is located in the yellow zone.

We appreciate your cooperation as we help protect South Australia from fruit fly.



School Photos

School photos will be taken in Week 2 of Term 2, on Monday 6th May. Forms will be coming home with students soon. Basic photo pack is approximately \$40 per student and \$20 per family picture taken.

Swimming Week

Next week, year 3-5 students will be attending DfE swimming water safety lessons at the Aquadome. Forms must be returned ASAP. Water safety forms and consent forms must be both be returned, or students will not be able to attend or enter the water. If you are unsure if you have returned these, please ask the teacher.

Breakfast Club

Every school day our site hosts breakfast club. Mrs Rigney, along with guests from Kickstart for Kids and social work students, welcome students from 8am until 8:45am in the library kitchen. Students can choose to have toast or cereal for breakfast before they start their learning.

OSHC

Elizabeth Grove OSHC operates on site from 6.30 – 8.30am and 3.05 - 6pm each school day.

Fees payable by each family will vary based on income and Child Care Subsidy received.

Full fees are \$20.00 for before school and \$30.00 for after.

Breakfast and a healthy afternoon snack are included.

Mandy Morris OSHC Director on 82556872 or the **School front office** for an enrolment form.