

**Term 1 Week 7**  
**7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Respect Responsibility Resilience**

## Principal's Message

### Attendance

Attendance continues to be a focus for our school in 2023. The school leadership team meet weekly with the Department's Learning and Wellbeing team to monitor and review all student's attendance.

The school's negotiated attendance target is to;

*Increase in the percentage of students attending school 90% of the time or more.*

### Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

### Keeping our children safe when dropping off and picking up at school.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

### Security Fencing

Our school has recently been nominated for a school security fence. The new fence will be installed over the next couple of months. We are excited about keeping our school safe, as well as ensuring the safety of our students when they are at school. More information about the new fence will be shared as we have more information about the installation timeline.

### NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy over the next 2 weeks.

The best preparation for NAPLAN is teaching and learning the curriculum. Children can be reassured that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and they should simply do the best they can on the day.

Have a wonderful week.

Tanja Vogt



# WHAT'S GOING ON THIS TERM IN PE!

Eden P.S. PDHPE Head Quarters has been out of control



There's **PSSA District and Zone Trial** happening, and a big **CONGRATULATION** goes... out to Ray Arvidson and William Godfredson for making the Sapphire Coast PSSA AFL team. These two students will travel to Goulburn in a few weeks to play in the Regional AFL Trials.



**Stage 2 on Friday's** have been investigating dance cultures and traditions of a variety of cultures this week all students participated in Irish folk dance focused on the importance of timing.



**Cross Country Training** is on again, and students are clocking up their laps weekly in preparation for our school Cross Country run. So, if you see marked dots on your children's hands, these are their lap tallies for the day. Students are fully aware of how many km's their dots add up to and you'll be pleasantly surprised in the distance they are continuously running at school.



This week the **AFL** came to visit and ran a mini gala day, **Maizie, Pippa, Will, Maddi, Talan, Dakota, Ray, Nalanya, Iluka, Andy, Tayla** and **Tegan** put their hands up to coach the infants during a 2-hour skills and games session. These students got an opportunity to use movement, self-management and interpersonal skills during their coaching time. A huge thank you to all students involved in making infant students experience in their area FUN...



**4B** have been the **PE Class Cup winners** for a while now and during this time, **Laim, Jayden, Oscar** and **Harlen** decided to set up our new soccer nets ready for all students to use during lunch and recess play. These boys are definitely displaying responsibility every day and assisting in bringing all our soccer players together for matches on the oval.





Clean



Up



Day



2023



## Photo Day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Envelopes can be returned to the office on or before the photo day. Sibling envelopes collect at office.

## Dates for the diary!

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Stage 2 Gala Day Pambula  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
Regional swimming Dapto  
Whole school assembly  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
School Photo's



RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESELIENCE

**University of New South Wales Competitions 2023**

**Exciting News** → UNSW is now offering their competitions to students in Year 2 in the following areas: Mathematics, English, Spelling, Digital Technologies and Science.

The University of NSW (UNSW) competitions are offered internationally to all students as an academic competition. Students who compete receive a graded certificate of achievement (high distinction, distinction, credit, participation, etc). Competitions are offered in a range of subjects. If you are interested please complete the entry form below and return it, with payment to the front office.

**\*\*\* All entries must be returned with payment by March 31st \*\*\***

**University of New South Wales Competitions Entry Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enter the following UNSW competitions:  
(please circle)

Science	(August 21-25)	\$17.50	(Grades 2-6)
Writing	(August 7-11)	\$21.50	(Grades 3-6)
Digital Technologies	(August 7-11)	\$17.50	(Grades 2-6)
English	(August 14-18)	\$17.50	(Grades 2-6)
Spelling	(August 21-25)	\$17.50	(Grades 2-6)
Maths	(August 28-September 1)	\$17.50	(Grades 2-6)

Total Competitions \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# NAPLAN 2023

Between March 15<sup>th</sup> –27<sup>th</sup>, our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help school's make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

## NAPLAN Online 2023

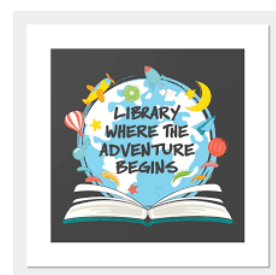
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Between February 13<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup> (practice) and March 15<sup>th</sup> –27<sup>th</sup> (actual), our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

*For more info:*

- [How to support your child during NAPLAN](#)
- [Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)
- [Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)



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'Scholastic book orders are due before 20/3/23 this term. Order online using the newspapers that were sent home this week with students. Please contact Mrs Roe if there are any questions. Happy Reading! EPS Library'

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all travelling well. We welcome your generosity with supporting the Wednesday raffles. The roster for the next three weeks is as follows;

**08/03**

KP-Belinda Cockburn  
KR-Jess Niezgoda  
1D-Robin Bawden  
1L-Sarah Giggins  
2C-Kylie Watkin  
2K-Belinda Cockburn  
2-3B/4-5M-Robin Bawden  
K-3D/3P-Belinda Cockburn  
3/4K-Belinda Cockburn  
4B-G.McGuinness  
5/6H-Christiane Hughes  
5/6M-Kylie Watkin  
5/6F-Sarah Giggins

**15/03**

KP-Lauren Arvidson  
KR-Sara-Jane Chapman  
1D-Polly Fraser  
1L-Lauren Arvidson  
2C-Jodie Harris  
2C-Natasha Bebonis  
2-3B/4-5M-Carly Doyle  
K-3D/3P-Rochelle Gill  
3/4K-Jemma Bolton  
4B-Lauren Arvidson  
5/6H-Lauren Arvidson  
5/6M-Bridget McGuinness  
5/6F-Rochelle Gill

**22/03**

KP-Abbey Hetherington  
KR-Samarra Clarke  
1D-Tamika Goodwin  
1L-Georgia Wiki  
2C-G.McGuinness  
2C-Samarra Clarke  
2-3B/4-5M-Renee Dunne  
K-3D/3P-Georgia Wiki  
3/4K-Zoe Nicholson  
4B-Donna Beaven  
5/6H-Judith Stewart  
5/6M-Penny Strickland  
5/6F-Phane Cox

Thank you to those volunteers who have undertaken to support extra classes, much appreciated! It would be great to get a few more people on 2C and 2K. Just ring the school office if you can help out.

Quote for the week: Life is like photography. We develop from the negatives.

Thanks again!

Genevieve McGuinness

On behalf of EPS P&C



The poster for the EATen Festival 2023 is set against a blue background with a repeating pattern of the word 'EAT'. It features a large white fork on the left and a knife on the right. The text 'CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF EAT' is at the top left, followed by 'LOCAL CHEFS, LOCAL PRODUCE &amp; LOCAL PRODUCERS'. The main title 'EATen FESTIVAL' is in large, stylized letters, with 'SAPPHIRE COAST NSW' below it. The date 'SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023' and time '10am-2pm' are prominently displayed. The website 'www.eatfestival.com.au' is in the center. A list of activities for '9-12 MARCH - CELEBRATE ALL WEEKEND' includes 'Toast | Small Batch Dinner', 'Merimbula Wharf Restaurant | 3 Chef's Dinner', 'Wheeler's | Long Table Lunch', 'Navigate Expeditions &amp; Broadwater Oysters | Kayak &amp; Shuck Tour', 'EAT Eden Progressive Dinner', 'Fishpen | EAT Merimbula', and 'Kitty's at Club Sapphire | Apres EAT'. On the right, there are four circular images showing festival activities: a chef plating a dish, a group of people at a table, a food stall, and a person holding a sign. Logos for 'Sapphire Coast', 'Bega Valley Shire Council', and 'Bega' are at the bottom. A QR code and a small 'EAT' logo are also present. A small text block at the bottom right states: 'This project has been assisted by the Bega Valley Shire Council Community Grants Program. EAT Festival is a proudly waste-free event, sponsored with a community grant from Bega Valley Shire Council.'

EDEN TIGERS

*Red & White  
Ball*

GREAT SOUTHERN INN

18  
MARCH



5:30  
PM

**\$50 per head | 2 course meal**

**Live band "White Noise"**

Tickets available here - [www.eden-tigers-rlfc.square.site](http://www.eden-tigers-rlfc.square.site)



**Beats By The Beach**

1 APRIL 2023  
2.00 - 7.00 pm  
DISCOVERY PARKS PAMBULA BEACH

**AN EVENT FOR YOUTH BY YOUTH**

Back for the second year in a row is Beats by the Beach! An event for youth, by youth - join headspace Bega's Youth Reference Group in an afternoon showcase of local youth talent.

To register as a performer, head over to @beatsbythebeach2023 and click the link in the bio.

For tickets, please scan QR code or visit <https://events.humanityx.com/beats-by-the-beach-2023>

Logos: headspace Bega, bega valley shire council, Discovery PARKS, Rotary Bega Valley CDAT



## EDEN NETBALL CLUB

If you are between 11 and 14 years of age this year, join us for a junior netball competition. Games are to be held on Thursdays at 5:00pm, 4 x 12 minute quarters. Please get your names into me by Monday 13 March to begin the competition on Thursday 23 March. Registrations will be online however, do not register until we know that we have the numbers to run the competition. Active Kids vouchers will be welcomed.

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ENA Treasurer