



## Respect, Responsibility and Resilience

### Principal's Message



#### Principal's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank our families, staff and students for your support during the severe weather conditions and increased fire risk we experienced on Tuesday. Our students remained safe at school throughout the day and the response of families to support students as conditions deteriorated was excellent. If you didn't receive a text from us on Tuesday, please contact the school to update your contact details.

We are all feeling the disappointment for our Stage 2 students, with the early departure from camp due to extreme fire danger ratings. We are working with Kianinny to determine options for other experiences for our students to make up for the shortened camp this year. I will update families as soon as we know more. I have attached a flyer in our newsletter this week explaining the Department of Education's approach to bush fire risk to hopefully clarify the decision-making process. If you have any ongoing concerns, please feel free to contact our school.

#### Well done, Kindergarten!

Last week, our students in kindergarten performed in front of the whole school and our families. I was so impressed by their confidence and skill on stage and I am very proud of each and every one of our kindergarten students. We were thoroughly entertained and learnt a few magic tricks along the way. An enormous thank you to Ms Radford, Ms Peterson, Julie and Sue for their hard work to pull the performances together and their dedication to our youngest students.



#### Staffing

I will be taking two weeks leave at the start of Term 4. Mr Simon Taylor will be relieving in the principal's position in my absence.

As we come to the end of another busy term, I'd like to congratulate our students for their ongoing positive attitude towards their learning. I would like to wish all our students, staff and families a happy and safe holiday break.

Have a fantastic week.

Kara

Kara Duncan  
Relieving Principal

NSW Department of Education

# Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers

## Factsheet

This factsheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bushfire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be directed by the department to become non-operational at any time based on advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.



### What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit [rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon)

### Fire Danger Rating sign





## When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

### Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



## NSW School Updates app

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools [education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app](https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app)



## What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



## Learn more

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

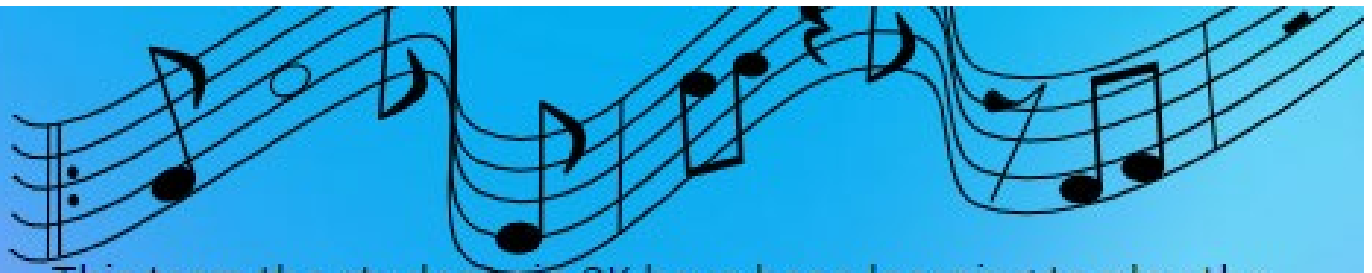
Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS [rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare)

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to [NSW Rural Fire Service rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au/rural-fire-service)

The department's School Safety website [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety) provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.

# 2K Class News!



This term the students in 2K have been learning to play the ukulele under the very skilled and experienced guidance of Miss Lamb. Many of the students have never held or played a ukulele before and learning to play simple chords to the iconic song "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" has required patients, determination and resilience. It is wonderful to see 2K embracing every moment of the journey and persevering despite sore fingers and wronged notes being hit.

Beyond the ukulele, 2K are also delving into the world of percussion, finding their rhythm to the beat of "We Will Rock You." Miss Lamb and myself are communicating to the students' the benefits of music beyond the melodies and rhythms. The students are learning that music helps to strengthen their cognitive abilities, improves memory, and develops discipline. Additionally, the collaborative nature of playing as a group has fostered teamwork and has also provided a wonderful creative outlet for students to express and showcase their hidden talents.





# WHAT'S ON?

## September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Last day of Term 3

## October

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – First day of Term 4

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Jindabyne Excursion Stage 3

### Check-in assessment for Years 3-5

Students in Years 3-5 will be participating in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment. The "check-in" assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3-5 students between October 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

If you have any questions about the "check-in" assessments, please contact Mr Taylor.

### Stage 3 Excursion to Jindabyne

Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

The Stage 3 Jindabyne excursion will be **departing promptly at 7:45am on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>** (first week back in Term 4). **Students are required to be at the Calle Calle St bus stop by 7:30am** and check in with their classroom teacher. A note containing a packing list was sent home yesterday. Students will be returning to the Calle Calle St bus stop at 4pm Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Note: The departure and return times have changed from the original information.**

Simon Taylor  
Assistant Principal Stage 3

### Bus Wrap Competition



Sapphirecoast Buslines are running a "Colour our Coast" Bus Wrap colouring competition. Students can enter a design representing the Sapphire Coast in all its colour and beauty! All entries must be submitted to Eden Public School before Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>, and have the completed application/release form. For further information please contact the front office.



# LIBRARY NEWS!



## Local Published Illustrator Visit

Eden Public School welcomed Rene' Hunter, a published illustrator of the book 'Bella,' to our school library on Thursday 14th September. Our students were respectful and engaged with the artist, asking relevant questions and participating in the writing and colouring activities.

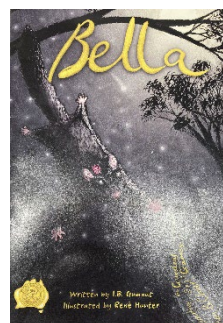
After school, Ms Hunter graciously shared her eye for individuality and use of colour to judge our book week colouring competition entries. It was very hard to pick a winner from each class. We even had a few ties!

Ms Hunter has kindly gifted the school with two copies of her book - one has been accessioned into the library for borrowing and the other will be given as a prize in the book week colouring competition. If anyone in the community would like to buy a copy of the book, it is available on her website:

<https://gumnutentertainment.com/free-bella-book-week-activities/> and she also has resources for teachers available.

Well done EPS on a respectful representation of our school. I was very proud of you. I will let you know if you have won the colouring competition as soon as possible, so that you may come and select your prize(s).

Mrs Roe



## Colouring in Competition

What a difficult task it has been to judge the colouring in competition from Book Week for 2023! Thankfully, Mrs Roe did not have to pick the winners - the visiting illustrator of the book 'Bella', Ms Rene' Hunter, judged for us. Her feedback was that it was a hard job to pick as there were so many talented artists at EPS. She especially liked the originality and brave colour choices.

All students, whether they have won a library prize or not, may enter the national Wildlife Society's Competition next term with these same colouring masterpieces (and two EPS students did win second/third place last year). Well done EPS on another great Book Week colouring competition!

2023 EPS Winners:

Kindergarten: Annabell, Charlotte, & Shelby  
Stage 1: Claire, Ted, Millie, Selene', Aariah B., & Jorja.  
Stage 2: Lakylah, Lola T., & Zara H.  
Stage 3: Charlotte C., Keira H., Myah D., & Tykota



# Community news!

## HOLIDAY CLINICS



**DATE:** 28/9/2023  
**AGE:** 5-12 years  
**TIME:** 10.00am - 1.00pm  
**COST:** \$49  
**WHERE:** George Brown Oval, Eden



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Go4Fun improves health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children who are above a healthy weight.

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks over the school term for children their families. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes and much more!

**Our Term 4, 2023 Go4Fun program will be in Bega.**

**Starting: 14<sup>th</sup> October'23 – 9:30 AM**

**Venue: Tarraganda Hall**

Sign up now or find out more at [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900.



Southern NSW Local Health District



# SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

## For school age children

### Local Ecology Talk - Platypus

Bega Library – Saturday 16 Sep, 10.30

### Mother Goose Musical Storytime

Tura Marrang Library – Tuesday 26 Sep, 10.30am

### Vegetable Piano

Eden Library - Wednesday 27 Sep 10:30am

### Mother Goose Musical Storytime

Bermagui Library - Thursday 28 Sep, 10.30am

### STEM Lego Challenge

Bega Library – Tuesday 3 Oct, 2.00pm

### Magnetic Slime

Tura Marrang Library - Wednesday 4 Oct, 10:30am

### Local Ecology Talk - Koalas

Eden Library - Wednesday 4 Oct, 10.30am

## For younger children

### Teddy Bear's picnic

Bega Library – Tuesday 26 Sep, 10.30am

### Paperdolls Live Puppet Show

Tura Marrang Library – Thursday 28 Sep, 10.30am

### Holiday Rhymetime

Tura Marrang Library – Tuesday 3 Oct, 10.30am

### Spooky Storytime

Eden Library – Friday 6 Oct, 10.30am

## For youth

### Late Night Libraries

Tura Marrang Library - Friday 29 Sep, 5.00pm

### Late Night Libraries

Bega Library – Friday 6 Oct, 5.30pm

### HSC Hustle

Bega Library - Monday 9 Oct, 5.30pm

Book online at  
[begavalley.events.mylibrary.digital](http://begavalley.events.mylibrary.digital)  
Phone the library on 6499 2127





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# Free family fun with the Parliament of NSW

MONDAY 25–  
THURSDAY 28  
SEPTEMBER  
2023 ONLINE



## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN UP TO 12 YEARS

**Meet the people of Parliament**  
Monday 25 September, 9.30–10.15 am

**Virtual guided visit of the Parliament of NSW**  
Tuesday 26 September, 9.30–10.15 am

**Henry Parkes' disastrous document dilemma**  
Wednesday 27 September, 9.30–10.30 am

**Storytelling session with drawing activity**  
Thursday 28 September, 9.30–10.30 am

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament via ZOOM this school holiday for **free** fun educational, activities for children and their families.

We have 4 days of fun events planned including storytelling, a virtual guided chamber tour, a visit from Henry Parkes and an opportunity to meet the people of Parliament, all from the comfort of your home.

Strictly for children aged up to 12 years.



**BOOK NOW**



### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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