



NEWSLETTER

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Euroa Primary School

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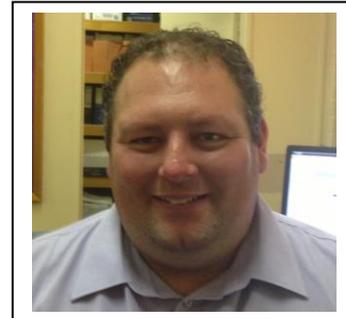
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WELCOME BACK!



It has been great to welcome our returning students back for another great year at Euroa Primary School. A special welcome to our new students across the school and to our Foundations who have settled into school life with ease and confidence. 2016 will be a fantastic year for our school as we “work together” with students, parents, families and the community to provide the best possible education for our children.

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ROSS'S REPORT

Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to our new students and their families. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year Period and I am excited about another great year at our school. It is exciting to watch our students learn and grow as they progress through the year levels at our school.

Our Swimming Program is running smoothly with all year levels participating over the next 2 weeks. It is great to see our students working confidently in the water and improving their skills. It is important that our students acquire water safety skills and we are proud to offer the swimming program free of charge as part of our Health and PE curriculum. Thanks to all the teachers who are assisting with the program and to Mr Clinch for his organisation. Thankyou to all the parents who have been coming down to the pool to offer assistance- it is greatly appreciated.



Thank you to all the parents and family members who assisted with the catering at the Cattle Sale yesterday. We had a lot of support with people baking homemade goods and working at the canteen selling food and drinks. We have the option to continue with this fundraiser for the rest of the year. We will be having a Fundraising Meeting next Wednesday 10th February at 9:30am in the Staff Room to discuss the option of completing the Cattle Sales, and we will also be discussing the Eat 'n' Auction for this year. It would be great if we could get lots of parents along to give their input for the direction for the year. If you are unable to attend, but have some thoughts, please see me at school or send me an email with your ideas.

BOOKS & REQUISITES - Thank you to those families who have already paid for their books and requisites supplied. This cost is \$120.00 per student for the year and can be paid at the Office at any time by cash or cheque. If you would prefer to pay by direct credit our bank details are BSB: 3682 Account Number: 1005 5005 – Euroa Primary School Official Account – please remember to include either your name or your child's name for easy identification. Payments may also be made in instalments.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE – If you are eligible for this allowance please call into the Office to fill out a form. To qualify for this payment you must live 4.8km or more from the school you attend (the distance is measured as the shortest practicable route and does not include driveways) or the nearest bus stop.

NEWSLETTERS – If you would prefer to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter please let us know at the office and a copy can be sent home each Thursday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 10th – EPS Senior Swimming Sports

Wednesday 10th – Fundraising meeting 9:30am in the Staff room

Friday 12th – EPS Junior Swimming Sports

Wednesday 17th – Euroa District Swimming Sports @ Euroa pool

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to the students and their families in the Junior Area of the school. The year started off on Friday with many excited children running into school in a huge down pour of rain. There was no time to feel the first day jitters as children scurried quickly into their new rooms out of the rain. The Foundation children arrived with ease, showing us once again, our transition program from kinder to school is working by getting them ready for Big School.

Celebrating Australia Day

Angela, Megan , Amy and Michael



The Grade 1/2 children celebrated a belated Australia Day on Friday and enjoyed making flags and lamingtons.



Supplies - All children in Grades Foundation, 1 and 2 need to have an Art Shirt, Library Bag, Reading Bag and Head phones. Stationary and books are supplied by the school. Also can each family please supply a box of tissues.

Reading -The children will be using reading bags to take home their nightly reading books. Thank you to the school Council who have supplied new reading bags to all the Foundation children as a welcome gift. If your child is in Grade 1 or 2 you can purchase a school logo reading bag for \$15.00 from the office or continue to use the case they already have. Across the school we are adopting a different approach to reading called 'CAFÉ Reading. We have started by students learning how to fit books to their own reading ability and how to read to someone. This program will be discussed further at information evenings this term. We require the help of parents with our reading program. We ask parents to wait for our swimming program to finish and for our normal specialist program to be in place before we start with parent helpers.

Swimming – Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist with swimming. It makes teaching the beginner swimmers easier and children improve at an increased speed. Please check that your child has all the things they need for swimming – bathers, thongs, towel, goggles and a spare pair of underwear if needed.

Our Swimming sports will be held on Friday 12th February they will begin at 1.00pm and conclude at 2.30pm.

Information Computer Technology – All children will receive an ICT acceptable agreement form this week. Please read and discuss this form with your child and return to school.

Junior Information Session – We will be holding an information session this term. We are currently discussing a suitable date. Please keep a look out in the newsletter and on Skoolbag app for this event.

Guinea Pigs – Thank you to Verity Hausler for her donation of two guinea pigs to the junior school.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Heather, Jenny, Maddi, Deanne, Deb and Megan K

We begin by saying welcome to a new year with new beginnings. We welcome our newest staff member Miss Tuppen to the 5/6 classroom and our new students who have arrived at Euroa PS.

Congratulations are extended to all our students on how they have settled in and adjusted to the beginning of the year and the swimming program. The senior school swimming sports – grades 3-6 will be held next Wednesday at the Euroa pool. We welcome all spectators to come along and enjoy the day.

To assist with the daily requirements of the classroom, we ask that every student please bring along:

- a box of tissues,
- ear buds or ear phones to use with the netbooks,
- an art shirt,
- a school hat

We provide sunscreen and have it in accessible points around the building. If you prefer your child to wear a particular sunscreen please send it along, we are happy to look after it.

Students who do NOT have a wide brimmed school hat will be expected to play in designated shaded areas at recess and lunch times.

All students have now been issued two important books.

1. Student Diary – which is used to record special classroom happenings and is ideal to use as a form of communication between home and school.
2. Reading journal – which is used to record nightly reading.

Please encourage and support your child to get in the habit of using these two books and ensuring they are always in school bags.

Homework:

All students are expected to be reading nightly and recording it in their reading book.

Other formal homework will commence after the swimming program concludes.

Classroom Helpers:

We invite and welcome parents and family members into our senior building. If you have a spare half an hour and would like to help out, we would be most grateful. Helpers are welcome any time of the day. We have book boxes to label, books to cover and a variety of small jobs that you may be happy to help out with. Don't be shy!

House Captain & SRC voting:

Students from grades 5 & 6 who have nominated themselves as candidates for House Captains will present their speeches to the student body from grades 3-6 tomorrow. Good luck to all those students who have shown '**confidence**' by putting their hand up and stepping out of their comfort zone. House Captains will be announced at Monday morning's assembly.

SRC – Each class from grades 3-6 will elect their SRC representatives next week. Please have a chat to your child over the weekend if they think they may like to have a go at putting their hand up. We will also talk to students here at school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We plan to offer Breaky Club again in 2016. This will hopefully commence in the first week of March. Keep an eye in the School Bag app and the newsletter in the near future.

Welcome back to our co-ordinators, Josh Mosely, Tammy Orchard and Mel Gall who have generously offered their expertise, time and assistance again this year. We are hoping to offer Breaky Club three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Our breakfast club relies on donations of food supplies and money from various local groups and churches. Another way you can support us could be by donating food supplies such as long life juice, spreads for toast (jam, honey and vegemite), snack fruits, milo and long life milk.

We are extremely excited about offering breakfast to our students again this year. This is free to all students and runs from the Multi Purpose Room.

VISUAL ART

Pauline Fraser

Our theme for the next few weeks is *Splish, Splash, Splosh*. Students have brainstormed a big list of words and ideas to help with their creative thought. We looked at a print by a British artist Trevor Price called *Making Rainbows*. It was about swimmers in a pool with extra- large arms and hands splashing water in the air. The light on the water created rainbows.

Students are using thick acrylic paint as well as water colours and drawing materials for the next few weeks. These are just some of the wonderful works being completed by the following students;

Jack Williams- An elephant showering himself

Georgina Belcher- A flamingo in a bath

Ellie Bott- An elephant, fish and surfboard in a washing machine

Amelia Firth- A fishy Fun Park

*Please ensure your child has an Art shirt that properly protects their school uniform. It can be an oversized T-shirt or man's shirt.

FUNDRAISING

A MEETING WILL BE HELD NEXT WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY AT 9:30am IN THE STAFF ROOM. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE

❖ **EUROA SALEYARDS CANTEEN**

❖ **EAT'n AUCTION**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

If you are unable to be there, but have some ideas please see Ross at school or send him an email with your thoughts.

The Euroa Primary School Senior (Grades 3 - 6) Swimming Sports will be conducted on Wednesday 10th February 2016 at the Euroa Pool, commencing at 12:00pm.



- Students attend school as normal until **11:45am**. (Lunch will be combined with morning recess.)
- Teachers and students will then walk to the Euroa Pool.
- All students should be assembled in their **House** groups at the **Euroa Swimming Pool** by **12:00pm**.
- The program will commence at **12:15pm** and conclude at approx **2:45pm**.
- Students will have their **age group** 8 – 13yr (as at 31/12/2016) marked on the back of their hand.
- Students will select which program (**A, B, C**) they will participate in. (eg. **8B** - Some age groups will be combined during events.)
- Events are for all students in **Grades 3 – 6** and are ability based using their **RLSS Level 1 – 7**.
- Activities will be conducted in the **shallow end** of the main pool (Program A = Level 1 & 2), **deep end** (Program B = Level 3 & 4) and the **50m pool** (Program C = Level 4 – 7).
- Each event is equal to 1 House point, plus a bonus 3 House points (1st), 2 points (2nd), 1 point (3rd).
- A student may change their group with the permission of a teacher. (eg. Compete in Program B for 25m backstroke, breaststroke, and then Program C for the 50m freestyle, but NOT both 25m freestyle and 50m freestyle.)
- Students do not need to pay a Pool **entry** fee.
- **Parents** are encouraged to attend as voluntary helpers or spectators.
- Students must observe **pool rules**.
- The **Senior Swimming Sports** are designed to promote maximum **participation**, with the emphasis on water safety, enjoyment and selection for the District Swimming Sports.
- Only students swimming 50m can **qualify** for the **Euroa District Swimming Sports** on Wednesday 17th February 2016.
- Only students who are being **marshalled** are permitted to be near the pool area, all other children/spectators must remain in the 'designated' areas.
- Children may wrap themselves in a **towel** while they wait for an event. (It is recommended that students bring 2 towels.)
- Teachers and parents should ensure children are **Sunsmart**.
- **Programs A & B** will be approx **12:15 – 1:30pm**, with **Program C 1:40 – 2:40pm**.
- Students not competing in a program must be supervised during the events (or may have a **supervised swim** in an unused area of the pool.)
- **1st, 2nd, 3rd ribbons** will be distributed after each event.
- Students wanting to be dismissed from the pool early **must** be accompanied by a parent and have their name marked off at the recording table.

The **Junior Swimming Sports** are planned for **Friday 12th February (1:00 – 2:30pm)**. More information will be published in next week's newsletter.



**Euroa Junior Football Netball Club Inc.
Football and Netball Registration Day**

**Sunday February 7th
at EuroaSecondary College.**

10am until 12 midday

Fees \$65 per player

\$120 for 2

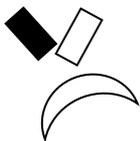
\$180 for 3 or more – includes VNA

Under 12 players must have turned 10 by Jan 1st 2016

This will be the final date for registration

Enquiries: Barb 0488952755

JAM TENNIS



COACHING

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Web: www.jamtennis.com

Mob No: 0417 517 959

Term 1 Tennis Coaching BOOK NOW

Coaching begins this Tuesday 2nd. All children in Euroa are invited to the Euroa Lawn Tennis Club

With your local and fully qualified (Level 2) Club Professional Tennis Australia coach Mick Young.

Experience a local junior player development program fully endorsed by Tennis Australia.

**COME 'N' TRY CUB
SCOUTS**



18TH FEBRUARY

Stringing it Together -Cub Scouts

Cubs is for boys and girls aged between 7-10 years. We meet once a week as well as attend some weekend activities as a pack and as a district. Some of the cool activities that our Cubs will get up to this year include:

Camping, Picnic with King of Sweden at the Melbourne Zoo, Sail on the Enterprise tall Ship, Campfire Cooking, Scavenger Hunt, Bun run Hike and plenty more...

Why wouldn't you want to be involved?



COME 'N' TRY
CUB SCOUTS

GAMES, SKILLS &
HANDCRAFT TOY

TECHNOLOGY FREE

BRING A FRIEND
ALONG

CELEBRATING 100
YEARS OF CUBBING

RSVP REQUIRED
16TH FEBRUARY TISH
0427 311 072

1ST KIALLA CUB SCOUTS

Recreation Drive Shepparton
(Off Raffrey Rd)

www.facebook.com/1stKiallaScouts

18/2/16 5:30 - 7pm

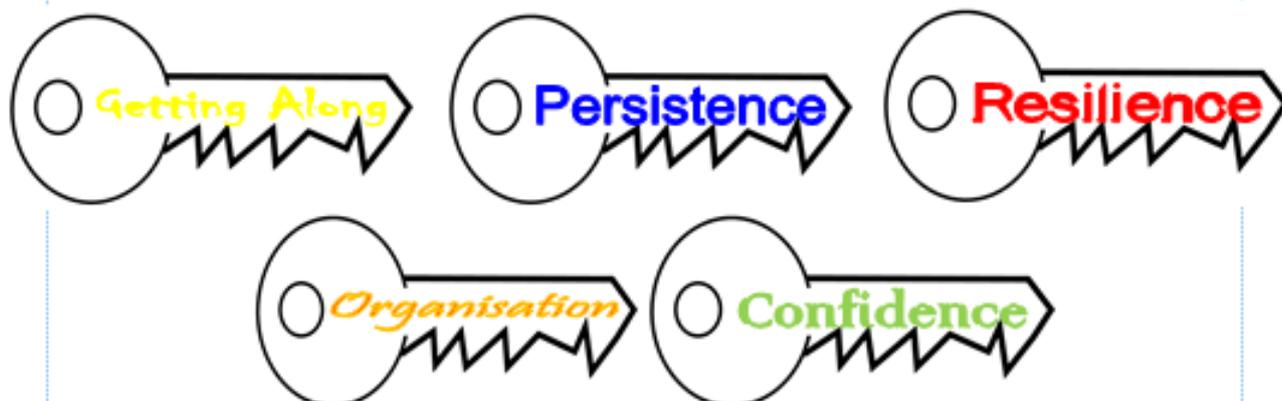
Can't make it?

You are welcome Thursdays
5:30-7pm during school terms



'YOU CAN DO IT'

The 'You Can Do It' focus is to build *social, emotional* and *motivational* potential of young people. The program focuses on **positive aspects** rather than problems or deficits.



It is a structured program whereby lessons are taught in the 'Five Foundations/Keys to Success':

The 'language' of the YCDI program is embedded at Euroa Primary School and used explicitly when talking with students in the classroom and yard.

So here's how the award component works:

- Students whom have demonstrated a You Can Do It key can be rewarded by receiving a YCDI card.
- This card is pasted into the students YCDI book and their name placed 'in the rocket'.
- Students prepare a speech outlining how/why they received their award and provide a tip on how other students can achieve success.
- On our Friday assemblies student YCDI success is celebrated when their names are read out. One child's name is drawn from the rocket, whereby they read their speech.
- When a student receives 4 cards for a particular foundation a pencil is awarded at assembly and success celebrated also.

Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism

Eligibility to participate in this workshop:

- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged 6 – 25 years, who are living at home and diagnosed with Autism
- Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

When: Monday, 28 February 2018 – Wednesday, 2 March 2018

Where: Benalla All Blacks Football & Netball Club, Aokery Ave., Benalla, VIC 3672

Time: 8:30am-2:30pm (9:15am for registration)

Cost: FREE (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided ~ participants to bring own lunch)

Registration: Register via the "Events & Workshops" section of our website www.autismspectrum.org.au

Families participating in this workshop will:

- Develop an understanding of autism and how autism impacts upon learning and behaviour
- Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child's behaviours
- Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child's independence and quality of life

More than 2000 families have participated in Aspect's highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based, three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support workshops.

"I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child's, my own and my family's quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others."

"Very interactive, affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on."

"Best information session on Autism I have been to. Thank you so much."

Enquiries:

Please contact the Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Team on Ph: 03 9377 6600 or Email: aspectvic@autismspectrum.org.au

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Aspect has been funded by the Department of Human Services to provide a state wide Positive Behaviour Support Program in Victoria



**Strathbogie-Euroa
Relay For Life**

Sat 19-Sun 20 March 2016
4pm-10am
Euroa Showgrounds

Register. Participate. Donate.
1300 65 65 85

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Hi all, my name is Kidji and I'm a mum at Euroa Primary School. I'm working on getting Little Aths going in Euroa. If you could like the facebook page "Little Aths Interest Page" or you can contact me on 0405 032 343. I also have a list at the office to show your interest in either having your child participate or if you can assist.