



NEWSLETTER

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MAREE'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Remote and Flexible Learning Thankyou's

A very big thank you to all students and staff for the work that has taken place during the first full week of remote learning.

Our school staff and leadership team understand the challenges remote learning provides and I would encourage families to maintain regular contact with staff and leadership to assist. 'We Can Do This' is a key mindset that we are encouraging all of our school community members to adopt during these changing and unusual times. By working together and caring and respecting each other we will not only get through these challenging times but also ensure that we continue to deliver positive results to our students.

Health and Wellbeing

As a school community we know and understand that the current situation can have an impact on one's health and wellbeing. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our school community that we have a wonderful and resourceful school Wellbeing Officer here at school, Jenny Jager, who can support students and families when needed.

For most of this year, families have been navigating the ups and downs of a new reality involving remote learning, working from home and lots of family time. Young people may find this second lockdown more challenging than the first with many mental health professionals concerned about an increase in youth anxiety and depression. Parents and carers are encouraged to take the lead by being pro-active in creating a scenario where everyone at home can be less anxious and better organised. As a family, it is important to focus on what worked, and what didn't work, last time.

Parents and carers may see this as an opportunity to teach their kids the skills required to manage uncertainty in order to become more resilient. Communication will be key – finding out what they know, understanding what they need to feel safe and helping them focus on the things they can control.

Please consider, if you or a family member is struggling, consulting a medical professional.

Support is also available through Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 or via the website www.kidshelpline.com.au

Alternatively, contact the Beyond Blue Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service on 1800 51 23 48 or go to the website www.coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au

Parent Survey

Over the next week, I will be sending a link out to parents and asking them to complete a quick survey on Euroa Primary School's Remote and Flexible Learning program. We really do value your feedback, and are continually working to make our remote and flexible learning program the best that it can be.

Curriculum Day

A reminder that next Wednesday the 26th of August is a Curriculum day at Euroa Primary School. This means that there will be no onsite supervision of students, and no daily lessons or work to be completed for students at home either. We hope that all students enjoy this additional day of rest and relaxation next week!

Children Playing around the School Grounds

We have noticed an increase in children playing around the school yard during break times. These are children who are not part of our onsite learning program, and who also may not be students that are enrolled at our school. However, we are asking parents to ensure that their child/ren are not playing around the school site throughout the day, as we cannot supervise children who are not attending our onsite learning program.

Remote Learning Packs

We have changed the way we will be distributing our remote learning packs in Term 3.

Learning packs can now be picked up either on Friday or on Monday for the week ahead, starting from TOMORROW. This is in direct response to parent feedback, and we hope this makes things a little easier for those families who wish to collect the pack on a Friday.

The office will be open from 9am – 2pm on both the Monday and Friday for pack collection.

If you are unable to collect your pack, and would like to have your pack delivered, please contact the office to arrange delivery of your pack.

By creating the packs weekly, teachers are better able to respond to student learning needs. Collection of the packs weekly also allows for students and parents to remain connected to our wonderful school.

Office Hours

Due to staff working from home if and where possible, there will be a change to office hours for the remainder of Term 3. Our office will be staffed every day except for Tuesdays. On Tuesdays, there will be no staff in the office. If you need to get in contact with the school on these days, please call 5795 2212 and if someone does not answer, please leave a message. Otherwise, you can call or text Maree directly on her mobile on 0432 630 689.

Feedback is Always Welcome

Our School Council and Leadership Team is committed to ensuring we are working to meet the needs of our students, staff and the School Community. Your feedback is critical in enabling us to do this. I would encourage you at any stage if you have concerns, require clarification on issues or would like to discuss ways of improving the School to contact the school office to arrange an appointment to meet with me.

Have a great week ahead everyone!

STUDENT WELLBEING – Jenny Jager is available during school hours on 0457 449 880 if parents are concerned about the 'emotional wellbeing' of their child.

FOOD CARE PACKAGES - we have distributed food care packages to families and if you are in need of one please feel free to call the office or Jenny Jager on 0457 449 880.

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School Council Meeting Report

On Tuesday evening the EP school council held our August meeting in a slightly different manner – on Zoom! Quite surprisingly there were only a few minor technical hiccups, and in general I think we managed pretty well, although, there was definitely less chatting and we certainly missed Jaqui's sandwiches! Nevertheless, we made our way through the agenda successfully. Thank you to all the councillors for 'dialling in', let's hope next time we are back meeting in person.

We held discussions around the **review** of the previous **remote learning**, which had been written prior to the knowledge we would be here once again. We discussed the return to remote learning and how we felt the new structure was working for our learners. Feedback was provided, and any future feedback for the school is always welcome.

Maree and Noelene are busy applying for **grants** for school improvement works. We thank them for their efforts and we are keeping everything crossed that we are successful. Watch this space!

Enrolments are well underway for 2021. A school brochure has been circulated and a virtual tour is in progress. If you have the opportunity to promote our school to any potential Foundation parents, then don't hold back! We know how great our school is, so let's spread the word!

During these unprecedented times, **wellbeing** is of the utmost importance. Maree was congratulated by the staff on the council for being there for them through these tough times and for regularly reaching out to each of them. Thank you again Maree, what a first year at EPS it has been for you!! To our EPS community - staff, parents and students alike, if there is anybody who feels totally overwhelmed, or that they simply need to talk, don't hesitate to reach out... after all, we are all in this together!

Finally, we need to put our heads together. Our **Year 6 students** are supposed to be enjoying their final year in Primary School.... leading the school and enjoying privileged opportunities. But, due to the pandemic, their Year 6 has essentially been stolen from them. We want to make their gradation as special as their predecessors have enjoyed. But, of course, it will look very different this year. It is impossible to predict what restrictions may or may not be in place in December. But it's likely that group gatherings will not be permitted. We are going to be brainstorming ideas for their end of year wrap up, and Maree & their teachers, welcome any ideas that parents or students can offer. So, start thinking!

Our next meeting has been postponed to November, so until then, stay safe, stay well.

Rosemary Cameron
School President

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To enrol, please complete an 'application to enrol' form which is available at www.grpsa.com.au

For further information please contact the centre.

Enrolments close on 31st August 2020



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