Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to week 8 of an 11 week term. As our mornings become cooler it’s time to bring out some of your winter school uniform. Please ensure that sloppy joes and jackets are clearly labelled with child’s name and class. These items of warm clothing are often removed as the day heats up. Unnamed clothing will go to our lost property bin and then on to the Uniform Shop for cleaning and resale.

Road Safety.

Thank you to all our parents who are using the pedestrian crossing when dropping off and collecting children. The extra minute this might add to your busy schedules is justified by the excellent example it presents to all our students. Can I ask parents to ensure that their children wear a helmet if they are using bikes or scooters to and from school.

Compulsory School Attendance

Our school has a long standing tradition of high student attendance. We usually rank above State averages for this and generally have low numbers of days lost due to illness, appointments etc.

We share a common understanding that regular and uninterrupted attendance maximises student learning.

We do however have a trend of an unexpectedly high number of unexplained whole day and partial absences. This is a concern.

Education (School) is compulsory for students from the year they turn 6 until they reach 17. It is a requirement by law that clear explanation of absences are provided within 7 days of a student returning to school.

Here are a few ways parents can help to keep our overall attendance data accurate.

- If you know that your child will be away from school for any reason please write a note that provides an explanation prior to their absence.
- Occasionally the nature of the leave requires a certificate of exemption from school from the Principal. (Holidays taken during the school term for example.) This certificate gives parents legal exemption from school for a determined length of time. In these circumstances please write to the Principal prior to leaving to apply for the exemption certificate.
- Try to be in the habit of a written explanation addressed to the teacher on the same day of your child’s return. The reason you give determines the way we are required to fill out the Roll. Often teachers are left to interpret the reason if the note fails to describe the nature of the absence. (Common cold, nausea, diarrhoea etc. are more acceptable than ‘sick’ - especially if ‘sick’ becomes a trend across a period of time). The roll is a legal document that accounts for each child’s right to uninterrupted learning.

When arriving late or leaving early or collecting your child for an appointment throughout the school day, please provide an explanation at the front office. This needs to be done even if it’s only 10 minutes before the end of day or 10 minutes after the day has commenced. These are entered as partial absences. Partial absences are to be avoided as much as possible as they can be very disruptive to a child’s routines and learning at school.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to maintain accurate attendance records and provide uninterrupted learning for our students.

P.T.O.
VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL POLICY

Eglinton Public School has a strong tradition of parent volunteer assistance and contribution to the ongoing and daily routines that support the well-being and learning opportunities for our students. Through our P&C we have significant initiatives that operate each week which require volunteers. There’s something for everyone:

The Clothing Pool Co-ordinator – Denise Chapman (0409335118)
The Canteen Co-ordinator – Amanda Lewis (0429951665)
The School Banking Co-ordinator – Carolyn Halsey (0418 269 205)
The Band Program Co-ordinator – Lisa Davis (0402809480)
The Gardening Club – Tracey Neville (0427317494)
The Country Fair – Emma Grabham (0409288554)

P&C President – Natalie Cole (0421911404)

- We also have a very successful Home Reading Program that requires daily support from parent volunteers. To support home reading speak to your child's teacher or Leanne Dransfield.
- Each classroom teacher may also have a range of weekly activities where additional support from parents is encouraged. Parents can approach their child's teacher to find out how they can help out.
- Our sports program frequently requires additional support with coaching, transport and help on carnival days.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As we are a school and working in an environment where student learning and welfare are the top priorities, there are very specific guidelines and a code of practice for adult conduct in this setting. Please review the points below:

- Neat and clean attire.
- A calm and friendly manner, free of aggressive tone or swearing.
- Personal issues, community squabbles or negative discussion about other children or members of the community must not be brought into the school unless in direct discussion with the Principal or classroom teacher.
- A volunteer must never feel the need to discipline or reprimand a child. We request that any student behaviour observed as concerning or inappropriate, be raised directly with the classroom teacher or Principal. If you’re working with a small group of children and some are behaving inappropriately, please send them directly to the teacher in charge.
- Please sign on at the front office and wear the Volunteer badge provided.
- All volunteers need to have signed the ‘Working with Children and Young People Declaration’ also provided at the front office.

By acknowledgement of this code, our Parent Volunteers are supporting the virtues that underpin our Welfare Policy and helping us work towards a school that promotes learning in a happy and safe environment for all.

Graham Small
Principal Eglinton PS
TERM 1 WEEK 7 AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly last Friday.

BANNER: Jessica Kovac

GOLD AWARD: Victoria Barrie, Jane Sheather & Sarah Ryan.


VIRTUE AWARDS: ASSERTIVENESS
Luca Spurgin, Robbie McGrath, Beth Anderson, Naomi Chapman, Emily Soames & Lachlan Taylor.

THIS WEEK’S PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS:
Hayden Weal, Samuel Spliet, Annabelle Morrison, Amelia Taylor, Eliza McGrath, Annabelle Jeffries, Roxy George, Cameron Jackson, Alex Colwell and Liam Kennedy.

CLOTHING POOL

Exciting news…. Clothing pool now has EFTPOS facilities; this is only available when payments are made at the clothing pool, not at the office.

Polar Fleece Orders
It is that time of year again. As they are such an expensive and bulky item, please pay when you collect which will be next term – Price $40.

Please fill out order form and leave it at the school office for me to collect. Final date for orders: 24th March, 2014.

Polar Fleece Jumper Order
ORDERS MUST BE IN BY THIS MONDAY 24TH.

Name: ...........................................................................

Qty: .............. Size:............

Mobile no:............................... See you on Monday
Denise

PLEASE PAY WHEN YOU COLLECT YOUR ORDER.

ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony

Eglinton Public School ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony is quickly approaching.

We are in search of any new families to our school or community members who are ex-service men and women or members who are currently serving in Australia’s Defence Force to participate in our service.

We would be honoured for you to join in our ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony on Friday April 11th at 11:00am, under the school COLA.

If you are an ex-serviceman or woman who is currently serving and wish to attend our ANZAC Day Ceremony, please contact our school office staff on 6337 1205.

Healthy Bites
We are still looking for volunteers for the sports carnival on Tuesday April 8th. If you could spare just 1 hour of your day it would be greatly appreciated.

Roster

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Thanks
Amanda 042 995 1665

Mother’s Day Stall

Donations for the fast approaching Mother’s Day stall are now being collected. Any donations of pre wrapped chocolates, candles, handmade gifts, etc. can be left in the basket located in office. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Any enquiries please call Melissa 0439460497 or Natalie 0421911404
# Autumn Vacation Care Program

**Approval Number:** 3F8470  
**Phone:** 0429 371 205  
**Email:** Eglinton-ossh@bigpond.com

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Parents please ensure that children attending EOOSH are wearing covered footwear and clothing with sleeves, in line with EOOSH health & safety and sun-safe policies. Sandals, thongs and sleeveless tops/dresses are not considered suitable attire. Hats are also required.

**Children require morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea each day. Please ensure your child brings a drink & or a refillable water bottle. We encourage healthy eating at EOOSH.**

Please inform staff if you do not want your child to apply sunscreen.

Bookings for Autumn Vacation Care need to be booked by **Friday 28th March, 2014** to receive the discounted rate of **$45.00 plus extra activity fees listed above.**

Positions booked after this date will be charged at **$53.50 per day plus extra activity fees listed.** Bookings may be cancelled prior to 1 week before the beginning of vacation care. After this there will be a **$20.00 per child/day cancellation fee charged for any days booked but not attended unless a medical certificate is provided. Subject to availability bookings may be swapped.**

Bookings must be in writing on the booking form available from the Coordinator.

Major excursions require a minimum number of 20 children to run if numbers are insufficient, parents will be notified the day before and advised of changes. Activities are subject to change two weeks prior to commencement.

*Please note: Organized excursions during vacation care are **compulsory.** Due to the higher staff:child ratios adhered to for excursions, EOOSH is unable to provide extra staffing to cater to children not attending.*

~ Quality registered care in a rural setting ~