



## Message from Monique

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope everyone has been enjoying some sunshine over the last few days. I believe we will have a return to expected winter weather over the weekend, but the sun was lovely while it lasted.

The students most definitely enjoyed the sunshine on Wednesday afternoon during our special Bush School event. A delicious afternoon tea of damper and bush tea was served, and it was lovely to be able to share this experience with some of our visitors. Bush school will continue weekly until the end of this term. In Term 4 we will take a break as we prepare for end of year production and celebrations.

Many of our students have been enjoying playing basketball at playtime. Given this, we have organised Eltham Wildcats to come and visit the school on September 7th during physical education lessons. I am also looking forward to our first session at Jet's Gymnastics next Tuesday, 8th of August – so much to look forward to!

Kind Regards, Monique

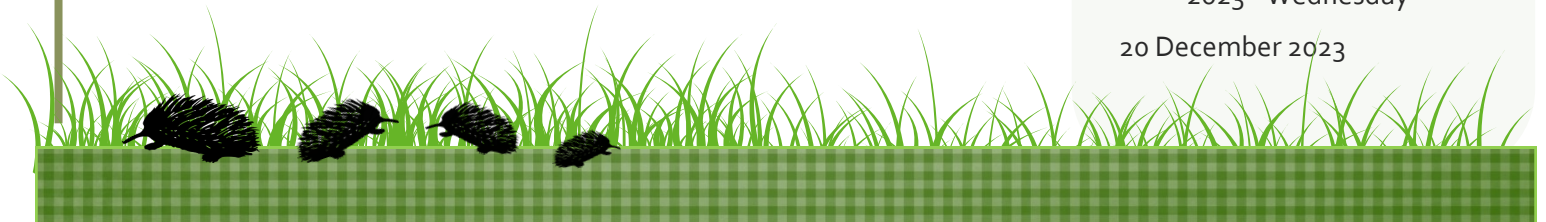
### Term Three 4th August, 2023

#### Important Dates for Term 3

- 8th August - Gymnastics
- 12th—20th August—Science week
- 15th August - Gymnastics
- 19th - 25th August - Book Week
- 23rd August - Book Week Dress Up
- 22nd August - Gymnastics
- 29th August - Gymnastics
- 5th September - Gymnastics
- 12th September - Gymnastics
- 15th September - Last day of Term 3

#### Dates to Remember

- Term 1** - Monday 30 January 2023 - Thursday 6 April 2023
- Term 2** - Monday 24 April 2023 - Friday 23 June 2023
- Term 3** - Monday 10 July 2023 - Friday 15 September 2023
- Term 4** - Monday 2 October 2023 - Wednesday 20 December 2023



A few shout outs...

Thank you to Jane Plunkett and Jane Dempsey for supporting our Quip Quip students while Svetlana has been on leave. Your care, expertise and consideration has been appreciated, thank you!

Thank you to Eco Explorers for running a community Bush School event on Wednesday afternoon, the students enjoyed the session, and it was lovely to have our families be able to participate.

Thank you to Shirley, our cleaner who goes out of her way to do an especially thorough job at Christmas Hills and is always so considerate of the staff and students.

Thank you to Jodie who has been following up on maintenance jobs to ensure the school is safe and welcoming to staff, students and community members.

Thank you to the students and staff who made me feel appreciated on Principals' Day! I am grateful I have been given the opportunity to work in such a connected community, it is very special.

**JETS**  
**GYMNASTICS™**  
*LEARN TO FLY!*

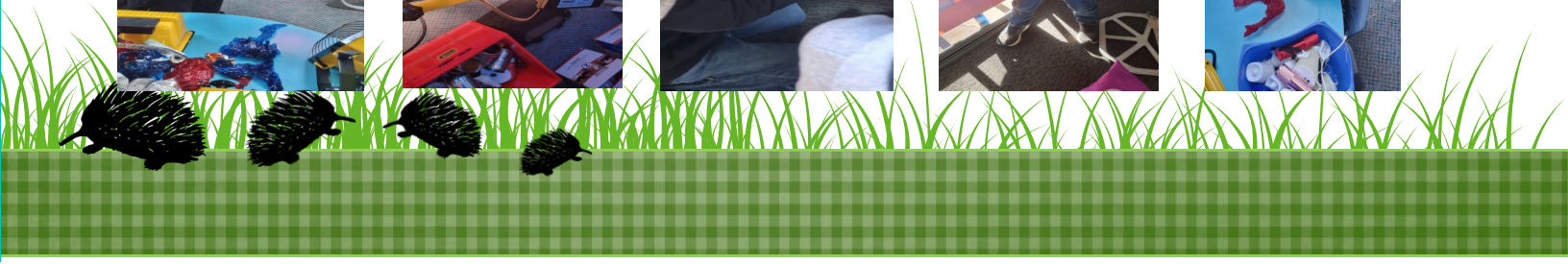
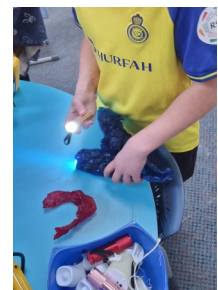
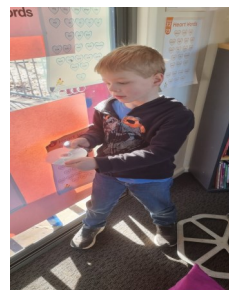
**Gymnastics Excursion**  
**Tuesday's 2:00pm - 3:00 pm**

**Please bring your school uniform  
and water bottle**

# BUSH SCHOOL



This week we looked at light! In the junior grades we explored what light is, how it moves around a space and the shapes it creates. We then had a crack of making a light source produce different shapes using card and manipulating the light of different bulbs. In the senior grades we used our light explorations to understand how reflection and refraction manifest in the world around us then used that knowledge to direct light how we wanted it to move. We then mapped that light using ray diagrams and created plans and designs on how we could use that knowledge to reduce light pollution in the world.



## 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

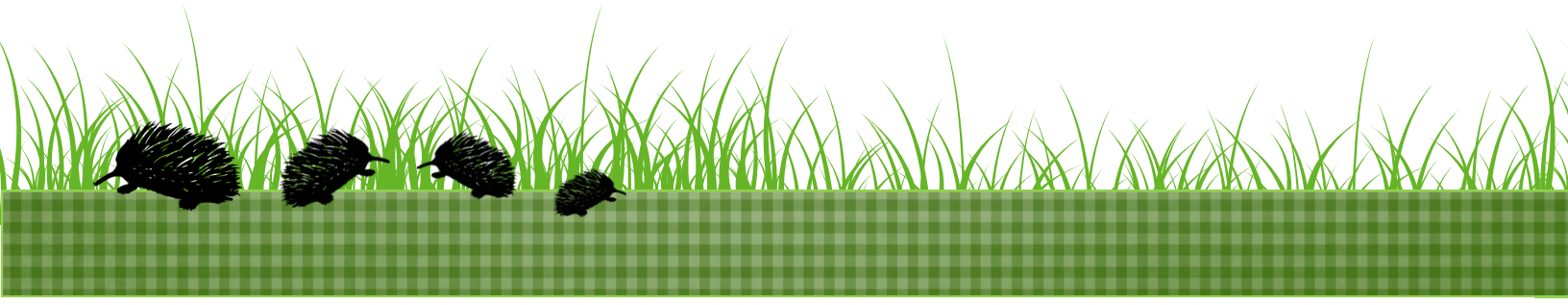
The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

**Please check your email inbox for information regarding your access to the survey.**

Please come and speak to me if you have any questions.

Monique Rankin | Acting Principal



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

## Primary School Attendance

**Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.**

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

### Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

### What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**Day off** – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts. "

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

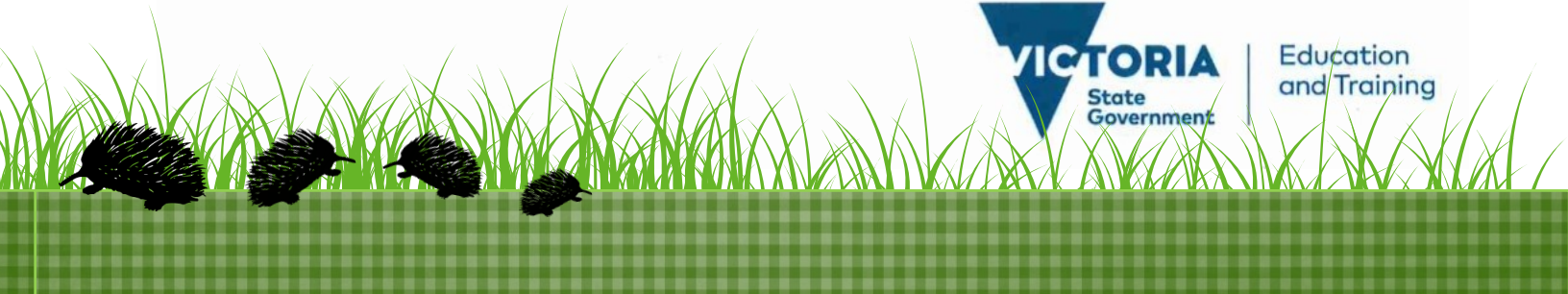
### Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)



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# BOOK WEEK

*Dress Up Day*

**August 23rd**

**Come dressed as your favourite book character**

**Book Week Parade will start at 9:00 am,  
followed by Book Week activities**



CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK®

19 to 25 AUGUST

#CBCA2023



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BOOK COUNCIL  
OF AUSTRALIA

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# We Need Your Help



## SCHOOL CHICKEN EGGS \$6 A DOZEN

We are after more volunteers to help out with checking on the chickens water, food and hay on the weekend.

If you are interested in helping put, please contact the office



# Upcoming Dates Term 3

18th July - Strathewen PS & CFA Incursion  
8th August - Gymnastics  
15th August - Gymnastics  
19th - 25th August - Book Week  
23rd August - Book Week Dress Up  
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## Exciting Activities coming up

Jets Gymnastics - Every Tuesday from week 5 until the end of term

Book Week Dress Up Day and Activities - 23rd August

Lunch orders from Dark Horse are continuing this term.







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# DARK HORSE



## CHPS LUNCH ORDER MENU

Salad Roll \$6.00

Ham and Cheese Toastie \$5.00

Fresh Sandwich \$5.00

Ham and Cheese \$5.00

Vegemite \$5.00

Jam \$5.00

Nuggets and Chips \$6.00

Cheese Burger and Chips \$6.00

Chips \$3.00

Party Pies and Sausage rolls \$1.50 each

Hot Dog with Cheese \$3.50

Hot Dog no Cheese \$3.00

Chocolate or Strawberry Milk \$2.80

Prima Apple juice \$2.50

Water \$2.00

**LUNCH ORDERS EVERY WEDNESDAY**

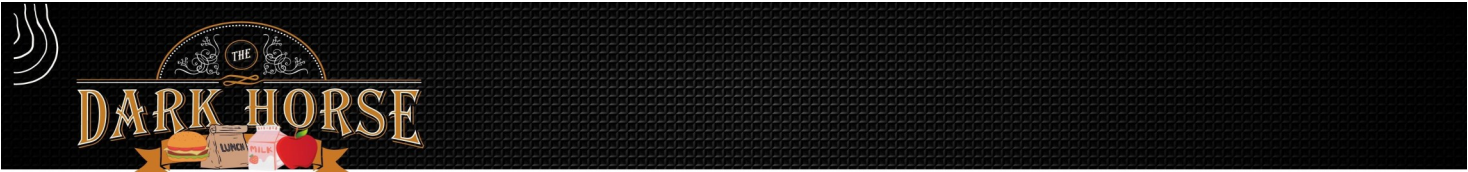
**PLEASE WRITE YOUR ORDER AND CHILD'S NAME ON A BROWN PAPER BAG AND  
ENCLOSE CORRECT MONEY.**

**LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3PM TUESDAYS**



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Child Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Menu

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Salad Roll              | \$6.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ham and Cheese Toastie  | \$5.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fresh Sandwich          | \$5.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ham and Cheese          | \$5.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vegemite                | \$5.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jam                     | \$5.00      |
|                          |                         |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nuggets and Chips       | \$6.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheese Burger and Chips | \$6.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chips                   | \$3.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Party Pies              | \$1.50 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sausage rolls           | \$1.50 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hot Dog with Cheese     | \$3.50      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hot Dog no Cheese       | \$3.00      |
|                          |                         |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chocolate Milk          | \$2.80      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Strawberry Milk         | \$2.80      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prima Apple juice       | \$2.50      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Water                   | \$2.00      |

**Please Enclosed Correct Money**

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Christmas Hills Primary School

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Yard	Transitions	Classes	Toilets	Excursions
Hear calm, polite and friendly voices	Calm, organised	Be mindful of personal space	Good hygiene	Be good role models
See inclusive play with a variety of activities	Enter learning spaces in an orderly manner	Take responsibility for your own learning	Respect others' privacy	Hear calm, polite and friendly voices
See people caring for each other		Respectful listening		Be mindful of the general public
Respect nature				Move in an orderly, calm manner

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



### UNIFORM PRICES

- Polo shirt size 6,8,12,14- \$15
- Polo shirt - Adult S,M, L - \$21.50
- Wide brim hat - \$15
- Communication satchel - \$15
- Child vest - \$17.90 Adult 21.20
- Blue gingham dress- \$18
- Grade six top - \$46



Striving to ensure that  
no child is left behind.

Specialising in dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia, The Ranges Learning Centre provides a highly specialised service for students from 4 years of age up to high school who have dyslexia, dysgraphia or dyscalculia, or who generally need further support in literacy and numeracy.

We have spaces currently available for maths intervention, and a very small number of spaces available for literacy intervention.

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