



THE UPDATE

A school that values Community, Confidence, Ambition and Respect.

Term 4, Week 10 dates

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- Step Up Day
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Planning for 2022

Please ensure your Prep 2022 enrolment form is handed in immediately as we have almost completed planning for next year.

Also, if you are considering alternative school arrangements or moving on in 2022 (except for our current Year 6's) please inform the school office as soon as possible.

See last page for upcoming dates

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Principal's Passage

Mr Patrick Walsh

Thank you

This is my final newsletter at Research Primary School. It has certainly been an interesting, almost full year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Research Primary School and want to thank the staff, students and families for making me feel so welcome. I will take with me some very fond memories and I will always remember this wonderful school community. It has been an absolute privilege to have been here.

There have been some challenging moments over the past week or so, but I am extremely grateful for the response by the staff, students and families.

There are some more exciting times coming for the school with Ms Vale's return. I know that she has been 'chomping at the bit' to get back here and re-orientate herself before launching into another big year of learning.

2022

As mentioned in the previous Update, we have grown to a 7th grade next year. We are still in the process of selecting a new teacher. The below is being provided to you with the understanding that depending on the strengths and skills of the new teacher, it may change. The staffing structure is (as of the 3/12):

Prep: Avril

Prep: Andrea

Grade 1/2: Mr O'Halloran

Grade 1/2: To be confirmed

Grade 3/4 Ms Koroneos

Grade 4/5: Ms Owen (4 days), TBC (1 day)

Grade 5/6: Ms Watts

Student support: Mandy and Michelle

Ms Vale will be in contact with you as updates occur.

Principal's Passage (continued)

Parent Volunteers and Vaccination Status

The Department of Education and Training, under the direction of the Victorian government, continues to make changes to the vaccination requirements of visitors to school. You can access the most up to date version here:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/covid-19-vaccinations-visitors-volunteers/policy>

Vaccination requirements for parents, carers and other visitors not performing work

All parents, carers and other visitors attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code and schools must sight vaccination information, but do not need to collect, record or hold the information.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer
- when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.


Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work need to show evidence of vaccination when entering a school building. This would include activities such as tours and kindergarten transition.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors attending school sites for drop-off and pick-up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors attending a gathering at school, such as a fete, school play or graduation ceremony, whether indoors or outdoors, need to show evidence of vaccination on arrival.

When parents and carers do not meet vaccination requirements, the school should hold meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) virtually.

Parents and carers who need to access an early childhood education and care service (including Outside School Hours Care) via the main entrance of a government school building need to check-in using the QR code, but do not need to show their vaccination status.

Schools should advise external providers who use or hire school facilities outside of school hours that they are responsible for ensuring the use aligns with the [Open Premises Directions](#)  including vaccination requirements.

Principal's Passage (continued)

Help needed!

Do you or someone you know in the local area work in or near Moorabbin? We have a number of items (will fit into a mid-size car) that need to be returned to a business there on the morning of Friday 10th December following the Grade 6 Graduation ceremony. These items can be delivered to your house on Thursday evening around 8:30-9pm. Please send Ms Watts a message via the office on 9437 1917 or research.ps@education.vic.gov.au

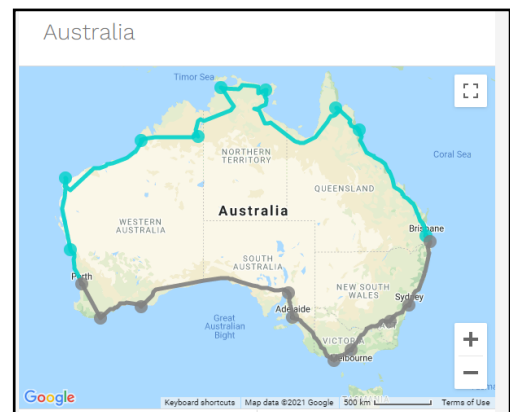
Face Masks

Just a reminder that, as of the time of writing, face masks are required indoors for everyone Year 3 and above (unless an exemption applies). Please ensure your child (year 3 and above) has their own mask with them each day.

Spring Into Spring Physical Activity Challenge

Have you joined our physical activity challenge yet? The members of the group have so far walked from Brisbane, past Darwin and into Western Australia (we can only dream of being WA in person at the moment). The group, which includes families and individuals, has taken a collective 13,846,000 steps just over 22 million required to make it back to Brisbane.

To join, go to www.worldwalking.org and register, and then search for 'Spring into Spring Research PS' or you can find their app in either of the app stores.



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COVID-19 Update

The Victorian government and DET guidelines continue to change quickly—sometimes with little or no warning! The school will continue to provide updates to you as they come to us, primarily through Compass. Please continue to keep your notifications on and read the information carefully. Sometimes errors slip through, please let us know if something is incorrect or not as clear as it could be.

Have a great weekend, and enjoy the Christmas and Festive season!

Patrick

Community News:

COVID COMPLIANT EVENT

Whittlesea Agricultural Society
presents

THE WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY Christmas Tree Extravaganza



December 10th - 23rd. Open daily from 12pm - 9pm. Gold Coin Entry
Administration Building, Gate 1 McPhees Rd, Whittlesea

Have you thought about Brownies or Guides for your daughter?

As we move from 2021 into 2022, give your daughter the chance to meet other girls her age and to learn new & valuable skills!

Now that lockdown restrictions have eased, Eltham Girl Guides are open again for on-site sessions at our Guide Hall on Youth Road (behind the train station, opposite the tennis courts).

If your daughter is aged 7-10, Brownie Guides would be for her. Older girls 10-13 are Girl Guides and there are more groups to join as the girls get older.

We offer three trial sessions before families need to commit. If you would like to learn more, please contact Anna Kelman (Secretary for the Eltham Guides Support Group) on annakelman77@gmail.com



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- ✓ Parents warm up, you can join in too!

**OUTDOORS
NON CONTACT**

Research Eltham Collegians Cricket Club is offering an All-Abilities **cricket program**: Woolworths All-Abilities Junior & Master Blast, **specifically for children with disabilities**.

Children from about age 5-14 learn basic cricket skills of catching, throwing, batting, bowling, and teamwork. The emphasis is giving it a go and having lots of fun!

Sessions run **Sundays 10-11am** at Research Park, Main Rd, Research.

Dates: December 5th & 12th 2021, February 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th 2022

Registration fee is \$99 for the season. Blaster cricket gear included with registration.

Register online <https://play.cricket.com.au/>

1. Select Research Eltham Collegians Cricket Club.
2. Select either 'All Abilities Junior Blast' (1st timer or 2nd yr) or 'All Abilities Master Blast' program (3rd yr). Both Junior & Master blasters run together on Sundays 10am at Research Park.

For further information:

Email: Reccc.general@gmail.com

Ring: 0403 290 481



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Intensive Swimming Program January 2022

**All ages
4 mths –
teenagers,
adults
all standards**




**Fast Track Swimming Lessons
4-Day Intensive Program**

30 minute lessons
Cost: \$60 per program

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

PARENT NAME/S: _____

MOBILE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Program 1
Monday 10th January –
Thursday 13th January 2022

Program 2
Monday 17th January –
Thursday 20th January 2022

Swimmer Name	Date of Birth	Program Request (please circle) \$60 each	Current swimmer at ESS?	New swimmer? Your level? <small>Please check See below</small>
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If you currently attend Eltham Swimming School, we have your Level. For new swimmers, please check our Levels at <https://www.elthamswim.com.au/swimming-lessons/assessment-levels>

To make an enquiry or enrol, email us at enquiries@elthamswim.com.au
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Upcoming dates: **(Covid restrictions permitting)*

December	
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Tuesday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day Step Up Day Canteen open (Counter sales only)
Wednesday 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming
Thursday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Graduation Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming
Friday 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Canteen open (Counter sales only)
Monday 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming (final session) Canteen open (Counter sales only)
Wednesday 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 and Year 4 excursion to Epping Leisure Centre Year 5 and Year 6 excursion to Funfields
Friday 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 4 ends 1:30pm

January 2022	
Friday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers' first day Book Bags to be collected 9am—1pm
Monday 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students first day
February	
Wednesday 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Preps—No school
Wednesday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Preps—No school
Wednesday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Preps—No school
Wednesday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Preps—No school
March	
Wednesday 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Preps—No school
Monday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor Day—no school
April	
Friday 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Term 1. 2:30pm finish
Monday 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANZAC Day—no school
Tuesday 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Term 2