



# Elizabeth Park Schools Newsletter

Term 1, Week 9. 28<sup>th</sup> March



## News from the Principal

How are we almost finished term 1!? What an amazing start to 2024. We have welcomed new families and new staff and the focus on learning has shown us the great things our students are capable of.

Earlier this term we had an External Site Review where a panel of educators from DfE came and met with students, teachers and families to discuss the strengths of the school and look for opportunities to build on these strengths. The findings of the review was extremely positive and were as follows:

The school has a collaborative culture, teachers are encouraged to work together to share practice and ideas.

Teachers collectively analyze student performance evidence in teaching groups to track and monitor student progress.

Teachers demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement and shared responsibility towards improving student outcomes.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning approach fosters supports positive student behaviour across the school. Staff model and unpack the school values, while students learn positive school behaviors and routines, fostering high expectations for behaviour and student engagement in learning.

Families report that the school culture is welcoming, caring and supportive. They discussed a strong sense of community, connection, and respect between staff and families. They believe teachers are committed to continually improving their practice.

Thank you to the families involved for your support and acknowledgement!

Have a wonderful Easter break

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## Important Dates

### Week 9

Good Easter  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
2pm Dismissal

### Week 10

Easter Monday  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### Week 11

End of Term 1  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
2pm Dismissal

### Week 1

Term 2 Begins  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

### Week 3

Pupil Free Day  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May



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**SCHOOL HOURS:** 8:50am-3:00pm

**Recess** 10:40am -11:00am

**Lunch** 12:40pm -1:10pm

## Aboriginal Education

After a fantastic summer some of our Indigenous food garden (Mintirninthi-Yaityanthi-Mai) is in harvest mode. Mr Will and Ms Helen have started using some of our native produce in the Kitchen/Garden Lessons.



## EALD News

What a wonderful **Harmony Day** celebration we had last week. We had two of our Community Liaison Officers visit last Thursday to say hello. Sandar our Burmese CLO and Fariba our Afghani CLO. Students looked fabulous for our dress up last Friday showing off their beautiful cultural clothes as well as wearing orange which is the colour for Harmony! We all belong in Australia and we all belong in our Elizabeth Park Community. ☺ Thank you for joining in on the fun and celebrating diversity together.



## School Zone



School zones have a speed limit of 25 km/h at any time when a child is in the zone, whenever a child is on the road, footpath, median strip, even if they are on a bike.

We have a 25km zone around the perimeter of our school. When driving, please reduce your speed limit to 25km/hour.

All pedestrians should be using our school crossing to cross the road. Bikes and scooters should be walked across the road. Please listen and obey the crossing teachers' instructions.

Please avoid stopping and parking at the crossing or in the taxi and bus zone on Bowman Street.



## Rory's Lunch Orders

Please note that Rory's will not be taking lunch orders for our school from term 2 onwards.

Unfortunately the school was not generating enough orders for this service to continue.

We will look at other options and let you know as soon as possible.



## Harmony Day

The students and teachers have had a lovely week celebrating diversity and coming together in harmony.

We learnt that Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians. Australia is a multicultural country created from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Australia's cultural diversity is one of our nation's strengths and it makes Australia a great place to live.

We have engaged in many fun activities over the week including arts and crafts, dance, puzzles and dressing up in cultural wear or wearing orange.



## State Athletics

Alex, Aaron and Sakara participated in several events in the 2024 Little Athletics State Challenge on Sunday the 17th of March.

Sakara scored second in her 80m hurdles on the day.

Well done to all 3 students on their great efforts.





## Preschool

On the 21<sup>st</sup> March we celebrated 'World Down Syndrome Day'. Last year we met the superstar Felix who enrolled with us and stole our hearts pretty quickly. He is thriving at preschool both academically and socially. Felix was born with Down Syndrome which simply means he has an extra chromosome and needs extra help at times. Felix will be attending Elizabeth Park School in 2025 as a reception student.



World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated by wearing bright and crazy socks. Why Socks? The shape of the socks is similar to the shape of the chromosomes. When you wear bright, crazy socks people might ask you why you are wearing them and you can help spread awareness and understanding in order to work towards a more inclusive

