



ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Grapevine

Term 3 week 2

Dear families,

It is wonderful to see everyone back from the holidays. I've had many happy and uplifting conversations with our students about being excited for Term 3 and we all share that excitement with them. We have lots of great learning and fun activities planned for Term 3 and I look forward to sharing these experiences with each and every one in our school community. We are focusing on high expectations for all our school community to continuously support student growth and wellbeing.

Jo Fair
Principal

School gates locked

To ensure all students remain safely within the school, the gates will be locked from 9:20am until 2:50pm. If you require access to the school during the day, please call the office on 9824 7111 and someone will meet you at the gate.

We thank you for your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Education Week

On Thursday 3rd August we will be celebrating Education Week. Parents and caregivers are invited to come to school and spend time in their child's classroom and view our Student Art Gallery in the Hall at lunch. Families are also invited to have a picnic lunch on our playground. As part of their fundraising efforts, Year 6 will be holding a sausage sizzle for all K-6 students and family members. Classrooms will be open from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

Attendance

The school has been busy sending emails to parents whose children have unexplained absences for Semester One. Thank you to the parents who have already responded to these emails. If you have not yet responded, please do so, as you will continue to receive these autogenerated emails until we receive your explanations.

Please remember to explain any days your child is away from school as soon as they return. This can be done via a phone call, letter to the class teacher, email to the school or a message on the Audiri app (formerly known as the Skool Bag app). If your child is absent for three days a medical certificate will need to be presented to the school. Holidays need to be taken during school holidays.

Stage 3 Camp Payments

This is a reminder to Stage 3 parents, you can start paying off camp money either weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

P & C Mufti Day

When: Wednesday 16th August 2023

Cost: \$2

Due to the increase in the cost of purchasing gifts for the Father's Day stall, the P&C decided that instead of increasing the cost of the gifts they would host a Mufti Day to help cover the cost of supplying the gift bags that are included with each gift purchased. Please support this Mufti Day so we can avoid an increase in gift prices.

Dates for your diary

July

31 – 4 Aug Parent /Teacher Interviews – see details on next page

August

1 Kinder 100 days of school
1 P&C Meeting – 6pm
3 Education Week & Sausage Sizzle 12pm
9 Assemblies..... 9am - K-2 – 2C, 2pm....3-6 – 45G
16 P&C Mufti Day - \$2
23 Assemblies.....9am - K-2 – KN, 2pm...3-6 – 34A
18 2pm -Sports Assembly
25 Gala day
31 Kindergarten - Sydney Zoo Excursion

September

11 Stage 2 - Sydney Zoo Excursion

Dates for our assembly Term 3

K- 2 Assembly 9am
3-6 Assembly 2pm

9 Aug	23 Aug	13 Sept
2C	KN	KG
45G	34A	56S





THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher interviews for Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held during Week 3 - **Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August 2023**. Bookings must be finalised before Sunday 30th July at 9pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, please phone the school on 9824 7111. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Families of students in 3/4A will be having their interviews later in Term 3.

BOOKINGS CLOSE SUNDAY 30th of July at 9pm

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelt your email address correctly**

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 30th July at 9pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9824 7111

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time your school starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Have your say about our draft plan for NSW public education



Have Your Say on Your Child's Education

NSW Department of Education Draft plan

The NSW Department of Education is developing a new plan for NSW public education. We want to hear from our parents, carers, and community on this important work.

Our draft plan for NSW public education outlines how we will create an outstanding and equitable education system and uplift trust and pride in the teaching profession. It has a focus on how public education can transform lives and sets aspirations for every learner.

We invite you to have your say on this important work. You can do this by visiting the department's [draft plan for NSW public education](#).

Here you will find an online engagement platform that can be used to share your feedback. It will take between a few minutes to 10 minutes, depending on the level of feedback you wish to provide.

Consultation will take place between Monday 17 July 2023 and Friday 25 August 2023.

If you have any questions about the draft plan, or the consultation, contact the Department of Education at engageTD@det.nsw.edu.au.

MOBILEYES



OPTOMETRY

mobile optometry services

FULLY BULK-BILLED MOBILE OPTOMETRY

MobilEyes Optometry comes to **you!**

Vision opens access to education.

Eye coordination and eye focusing disorders can cause struggles with reading despite learning intervention.

Children do not know how they are meant to see the world, so they may not complain.

They may show us that they have a problem through behaviour changes and poor school performance.

We offer full comprehensive eye examinations whilst school screenings may miss developmental visual issues such as eye coordination, tracking and focusing.

Does your child:

- get easily distracted
- not complete homework
- loses place while reading; skips lines or rereads lines
- rub their eyes
- blink excessively
- says that they do not like reading

We can help optimise the visual skills to promote learning.

Please scan this QR code
to access the consent form



For further information please call or email Andrea Eliastam info@mobileyes.com.au | 0424 097 559.

Please fill in the consent form found at <https://www.mobileyes.com.au/parent-guardian-consent> or scan the QR code above.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school is pleased to announce that it will be running a healthcare initiative called the **Student Eye care Program**. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a comprehensive eye examination.

Parents will receive a report regarding their child's eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. Suggestions will be made for spectacles with options to access very affordable frame and lens packages. Alternatively free glasses can be obtained through Vision Australia- Criteria apply.

The program's aim is to detect visual problems that may interfere with a student's learning abilities and subsequently hinder their academic potential. A significant number of students have visual problems that go undetected; these are mainly inadequate focusing and eye teaming abilities that could lead to symptoms such as poor concentration, fatigue, headaches and unwillingness to read.

This eye health service is available to all students and is covered by Medicare Australia – so there is no cost to the students with a valid Medicare number. Those students with no Medicare card who wish to be tested, will need to pre-pay \$50.00 to Mobileyes Commonwealth Bank BSB: 062 124 account: 11750716 (Use your Child's name as the reference) prior to the testing day.

The form that follows is to be completed by the parent or guardian. Please feel free to browse the MOBILEYES website (www.mobileyes.com.au) for further information about the eye check and our personnel.

Please contact the Mobileyes Optometrist on 0424 097 559 Or 0405734321 if you have any queries about this service.

Principal

HT Student Wellbeing

I hereby authorize and consent for **MOBILEYES** and their licensed Optometric staff to conduct a comprehensive eye examination on my child and, if needed, to prescribe and dispense eyewear. I am hereby authorizing **FULL** disclosure of the results of my child's vision exam, provided by MOBILEYES for Life and/or its partners. This information may be shared only with the following parties: **Myself, My child's school.** I give consent to MOBILEYES to see my child.

School Name:	
Year/Grade/Class:	Teacher:
Family Name-(as per medicare card)	First Name-(As per medicare card)
Gender:	Date of birth:
Parent/Guardian:	Contact Number:
Home Address:	

Email Address (Please print clearly):

Please circle all that apply:	Details:
Has your child ever had an eye exam?	Yes No
Does your child wear glasses?	Yes No
Are there any symptoms with his/her vision?	Yes No
Has your child ever injured his/her eyes?	Yes No
Do you give permission for your child to have their photograph taken to select glasses frames if they are required?	Yes No
Does your child suffer from any medical conditions?	Yes No
Does your child take any medication?	Yes No
Is your child struggling to read/learn?	Yes No
Is there a family history of eye disease (e.g. glaucoma or diabetes)	Yes No (Specify)

MEDICARE DETAILS

Medicare Card Number (10 digits):

Child individual Reference No. (single digit alongside child's name)

Expiry Date: _____ / _____

I agree that the above is a true and accurate record. I understand that this service is only free to students with a valid Medicare number. **NOTE:** Students with no Medicare card who wish to be tested will need to pre-pay \$50.00 to MobileyesCommonwealth Bank BSB: 062124Account: 11750716 Please use your Child's name as reference.

Parent/Guardian **SIGNATURE** _____

Parent/Guardian **Printed Name** _____