



ESCHOL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Grapevine

Term 1 week 3

Dear families,

Welcome to 2024 at EPPS!!

Welcome back to our existing students and families.

Welcome to our new students and families joining our school community.

We have a very exciting year planned at EPPS and look forward to continuously building a school where every student learns, grows and belongs in an equitable and outstanding school.

Over the holidays we had some cubby houses and mud kitchens built in the K-2 playground. It is such a joy to see how much the children love these new additions. Our ping pong tables have arrived and are being assembled for the 3-6 playground and a static Newcombe ball net is being constructed to provide 3-6 students with a variety of choices on the playground.

Our automated gate is almost complete! We are very excited for this project and can't wait till it is fully operational.

The heavy rains we recently experienced resulted in an awning failing. We also experienced some minor leaks in the wet areas of classrooms too. We have worked with our assets management team to rectify the works.

Have a great beginning of Term 1 and please let us know if we can help in any way.

Jo Fair
Principal

Change to a New System

The Department of Education is decommissioning the software system the school uses for student and student finance management.

The Sentral Parent Portal will give parents the ability to enter attendance explanations, view and pay outstanding accounts, sign permission notes digitally, view newsletters, receive school reports and book parent teacher interviews.

If you have not done so already, please download the Sentral Portal App, search for Parents in your App store. We have sent out an email with an access key. Tell us the email address you would like to use to access the portal. Contact the office if you have changed any contact information.

Email _____

I parent/carer of _____

Agree/disagree to being sent permission documents via the portal and this email address.

Signature Date

Label all belongings - Please ensure you label your child's belongings with their name. This includes wallets, purses, hats, and jumpers. Glasses, jewellery, wallets and other valuables that have been found, are kept in the office.

Hats \$10 – are now available, at the front office.
Cash payments only

Parking – parking inspectors regularly patrol the area in front of the school. In front of the school is 'Drop off only'.

Notes & Money – please put all notes and money in the letterbox in the front office.



Dates for your diary

February

- 12 Bookclub due
- 19 – 23 Meet the teachers See Your Sentral App for appointment times
- 20 6pm – P&C Meeting
- 26 Feb – 1 Mar Swim Scheme Yrs 2 -4

March

- 4 Swimming Carnival for competitors only
- 6 9am – K- 2, 2pm Yrs 3 - 6
- 8 Gala Day – NewcombeBall & AFL
- 12 9am - P&C Meeting

Dates for our assembly Term 1

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

6 Mar	22 Mar
Stage 1	12E
Stage 3	56M

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!

