Euston Public School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7 03-09-2026



Principal's Report

It has been another busy and positive fortnight at Euston Public School, with plenty happening across our classrooms and wider school community. It has been great to see our students engaged in their learning, our staff continuing to strengthen teaching practice, and our families and community supporting the many opportunities we provide for our students.

Father's Day Breakfast & Footy

We look forward to welcoming our dads, grandfathers and special people tomorrow for our Father's Day Breakfast from 8:45am, followed by our dads and kids Footy Clinic, K–2 from 9:30–10:00am and Years 3–6 from 10:00–11:00am.

We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their favourite footy colours.

A big thank you to our P&C, particularly Tayla Zaffina and Rachele Taylor, for organising and running our Father's Day Stall this week. We appreciate their time and continued support of our school.

Barrier Athletics

Congratulations to all our students who represented Euston Public School at the Barrier Athletics Carnival last week. We are very proud of the way you represented our school and the effort you put into your events.

Ribbons will be presented at Monday Muster at 3:00pm, and families are welcome to join us as we recognise our students' achievements.

Principal's Report continued.....

Playground Upgrade

We are incredibly grateful to Euston Club for their generous $50,000 contribution through ClubGRANTS towards our playground upgrade. This significant support will help us create an improved space for our students to play, connect and be active.

We sincerely thank Euston Club for their continued investment in our school and local community and look forward to sharing updates as the project progresses.

ClubGRANTS is a shared NSW State Government-Club Industry program, funded through a 2.25% gaming machine tax rebate provided by the State Government to registered clubs with gaming machine profits exceeding $1 million per annum.

SASS Recognition Week

This week we celebrated SASS Recognition Week and the important contribution our support staff make each day. A big thank you to our wonderful SASS team for everything you do to support our students, staff and families.

Family Movie Night

We are looking forward to our Family Movie Night on Friday, 18th September from 5:30-8:30pm. This will be a great opportunity for our families to come together, enjoy an evening at school and connect as a community. We hope to see plenty of our students and families there! Tickets can be purchased online @ www.trybooking.com/DPCNB or the school office.

Teaching & Learning

Our numeracy focus continues across the school, with Number Talks supporting students to explain their mathematical thinking, share strategies and build strong number sense. It has been great to visit classrooms this week and see this work in action.

Students in Years 3-6 have also completed their Check-in assessments, providing our teachers with valuable information to guide future teaching and learning.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for continuing to make Euston Public School such a positive place to learn and grow.

Kind regards,

Mr. Troy Westcott
Relieving Principal

Office News

Term 3 Calendar

- Friday 4th September - Father's Day breakfast and Footy Clinic
- Friday 4th September - Book Club due back
- Wednesday 16th September - Kindergarten Excursion to Immersion Centre Gol Gol
- Friday 18th September - Kindergarten to host assembly
- Friday 18th September - Movie Night

Term 4 Calendar

- Wed 14th to Fri 16th October- Year 3/4 Lake Cullulleraine Excursion
- Friday 23rd October - Grandparent's Day

swop it
everyday in the lunchbox

Cool lunchboxes

An insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12°C cooler and the lunchbox foods safe.

Try adding a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Plain milk popper*
- Yoghurt*



Frozen water bottle



Frozen yoghurt tub*



Frozen ice brick



Frozen plain milk popper*



Yoghurt Pouch*

*The Australian Dietary Guidelines recommend low or reduced fat milk, yoghurt and cheese choices for most people two years and over.

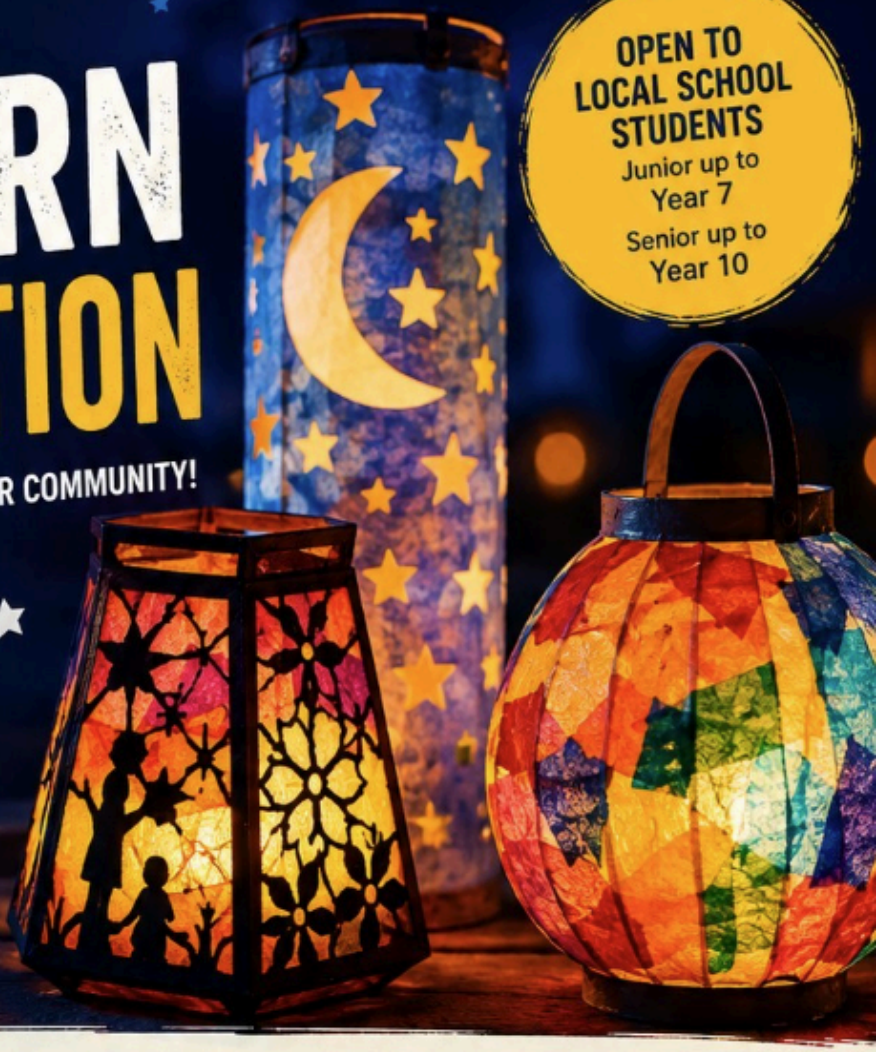

Rotary
Robinvale Euston
Rotary Club
2026
Lantern
Festival
FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
TO BE HELD
PERRIN ST
5:00PM - 9:00PM
COME ALONG AND ENJOY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
ENTER THE LANTERN COMPETITION
MAKE YOUR OWN LANTERN AND ENTER IT IN THE COMPETITION
CASH PRIZES
FOOD AND STATIC STALLS
MULTICULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
A night of lights, colour and community!

Rotary

LANTERN COMPETITION

SHINE YOUR CREATIVITY • LIGHT UP OUR COMMUNITY!

OPEN TO LOCAL SCHOOL STUDENTS
Junior up to Year 7
Senior up to Year 10



DESIGN IT
Let your imagination shine

MAKE IT
Create your own lantern

SHARE IT
Be part of our community celebration

JUNIOR (UP TO YEAR 7)

1ST	$200
2ND	$100
3RD	$50

SENIOR (UP TO YEAR 10)

1ST	$300
2ND	$200
3RD	$100

MORE THAN A PRIZE!

The two 1st place winners will each nominate a worthy community organisation to receive a **$1000** donation from Rotary.

Create. Inspire. Illuminate.

ENTER • PARTICIPATE • MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We're coming to your community



We're bringing NSW Government services to:

Euston on the 15th of September from 9:30am –3:00pm

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call **13 77 88** or visit **service.nsw.gov.au** to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

Find us at:

Euston Club
10 Nixon Street

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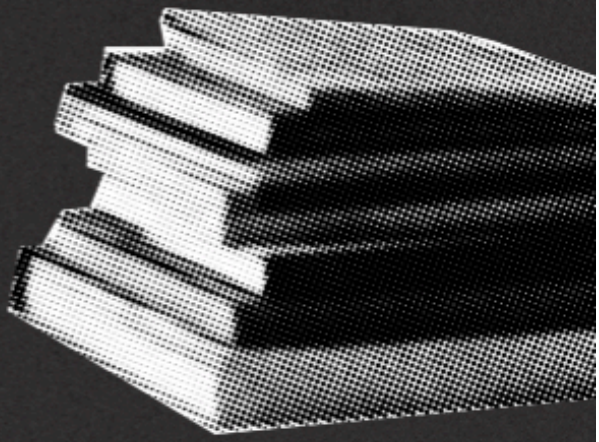
Service NSW

WRITE YOUR OWN AUTOBIOGRAPHY



Everyone is welcome to join our free 8 week program and create your own life story. With supported sessions, helpful questions and prompts to guide you, you'll have the opportunity to reflect on the people, places, memories and experiences that have shaped your life. No writing experience is needed—just bring your stories! Your finished biography will be a wonderful keepsake for you and your family, preserving memories and stories for generations to come.

- STARTS WEDNESDAY 21ST OCT
- WRITING MATERIALS PROVIDED
- BYO DEVICE



EVERY WEDNESDAY 2PM

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Kindergarten News - Page 1

Dear Kinder Grown Ups,

Phonics
Our phonics knowledge continues to grow as we learn more about the different jobs letters can do.

- **oo** as in *book* and **oo** as in *spoon* – the same vowel team can spell two different sounds.
- **-es** – another way we can make words plural, as in bushes or boxes.
- **-ed** – a suffix we add to many verbs to show that something has already happened, as in *jumped* or *looked*.

New heart words: **by, my, put, push** and **bush**.

World Knowledge
Our new text is *Wombat* by Christopher Cheng and Liz Duthie. This beautiful book is particularly interesting because it combines **storytelling with factual information**, giving us a great opportunity to compare texts that entertain with texts that inform.

We will be learning more about wombats, including their features, behaviour, adaptations and the ways humans can affect their environment. Students will use this new knowledge to create their own short informative writing about a living thing. We are also continuing our sentence work with ***but***, which shows a change in direction, and ***because***, which helps us explain why something happens. Some of our wonderful new vocabulary includes *satisfied, stealth, snarl, coarse, sanctuary, sensitive, cautious* and *camouflage*.

There is lots happening in **maths!** We are learning to describe left and right and to identify when something is less than halfway, about halfway or more than halfway along a length. Our number work continues to focus on really understanding numbers to 20. We are comparing numbers using greater than and less than, revising how to form equal groups, and continuing to build automatic recall of our number bonds. We will also explore volume through lots of hands-on experiences, comparing containers and using language such as full, half full and empty.

We have been exploring where our food comes from. We learned how we get milk and other dairy products, and investigated the different parts of plants that we eat — from roots and stems to leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds. We even used data to sort foods according to the part of the plant they come from.

Our kitchen adventures have continued too! We made tabouleh, and nearly everyone was willing to give it a try — with some even heading back for seconds! Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will also have made damper on Thursday.

Next week we will investigate natural fibres and put our design skills to work making suitable nesting boxes for chickens. If you have a small box (shoe box sized) please send these to school to help with our nesting boxes.

In **History**, we are stepping back in time to investigate daily life in the past. We will compare how household chores were once completed with the way we do those same jobs today and consider what has changed and what has stayed the same.

We will also explore toys and games from the past, comparing them with the things children play with today.

We have been skipping our hearts out! Skipping is a surprisingly tricky movement skill because it requires rhythm, balance and coordination. You might like to see whether you can still do it yourself — have a skip around the backyard, park or even on the way to the shops together!

We have also been learning to listen to our bodies and recognise when something doesn't feel safe. Students are revisiting who their trusted adults are and our simple safety message: Say NO, GO away and TELL a trusted adult.

Coming Up – Our Kindergarten Assembly!
On Friday 18th September (Week 9), Kindergarten will be hosting the school assembly. This is a lovely milestone for our class and an opportunity for the children to share some of the incredible learning they have done throughout the year. We would love to see lots of familiar faces in the audience!

Home Reading
Please keep sending home-reading folders to school. Books can be returned on any day, and we will send new books home for students to practise.

Remember, children are encouraged to read the same book more than once. The first read is often about working out the words; rereading helps those words become more automatic so children can concentrate on reading smoothly, with expression and understanding. This repeated practice is an important part of developing reading fluency.

Thank you, as always, for supporting all the learning we do at school and at home!

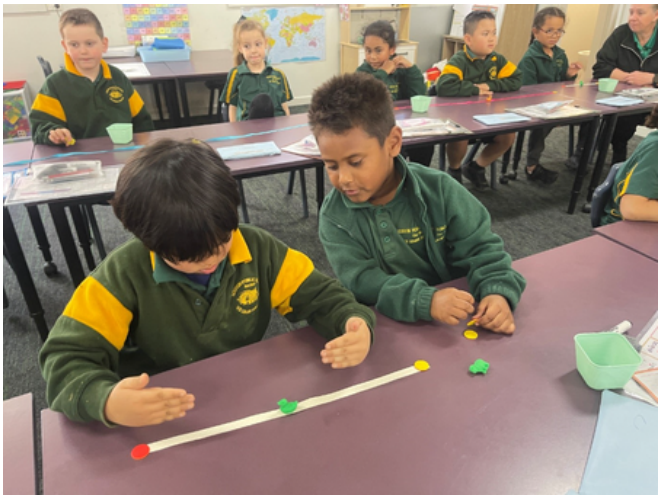
Kind regards,
Anna Phillips.

Kindergarten Photos















Year 1/2 News - Page 1

Hello to all the wonderful families. Spring has certainly sprung. What a glorious time of year.



Wow! I am super proud of all students in the hosting of our school assembly last Friday. I think they all did an amazing job. The delivery of the 'Yogi Bear' song was wonderful. We had a sweet treat in class as a reward for doing a great job. I have agreed that we could watch the Yogi Bear movie close to the end of term. Keep an eye on HERO for a permission note as it is rated PG.



I can see improvements with spelling when we are doing a writing activity. This is due, in part, to our ongoing phonics based spelling program. There are 43 sounds we make in the English language. However, there are many ways to actually write these sounds. For example, the **/ir/** sound has four ways to write it:
B**ir**d, n**ur**se, w**or**ld and f**er**n.

This is where the difficulty lays. As I have explained previously, speech comes naturally and is just learnt. Reading and writing does not naturally occur and must be explicitly taught and learnt. One step at a time students are certainly getting there.

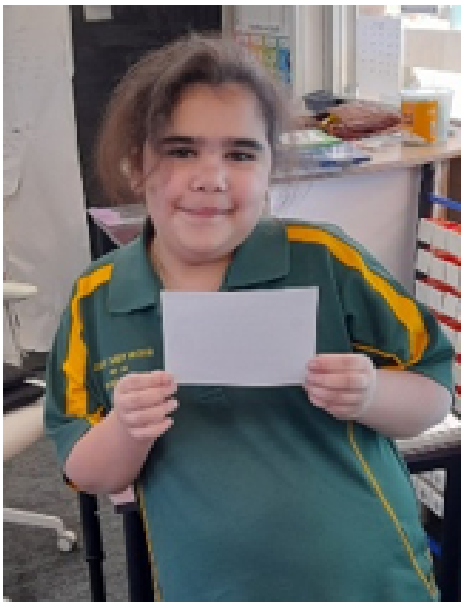


Our basketball clinic has finished for this year. Students put their newly acquired skills into playing a few games of basketball. The competition was fierce, but it was wonderful see everyone having fun and having a go.

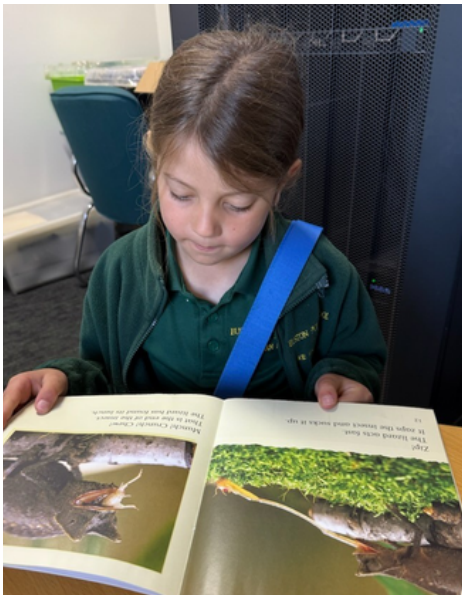
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I am looking forward to seeing dads, uncles, grandads and other role models at our Father's Day breakfast tomorrow. What a great way to start the day, with an egg and bacon roll with your children. Don't forget the footy clinic after. I always enjoy watching the dads get into the footy game. Just remember you are not as young as you used to be gentlemen. 😊

Students can wear their favourite footy colours. So there should be a lot of dark blue and white. **Geelong Cats!!**



A few reminders.
Library is each Wednesday. Please remind your child to pack their library bag. Even if they haven't finished with a book, they can reborrow for another week. Students should have with them each day a **water bottle**, **hat** and '**fruit break**' please. Can parents double check that their child has these in their bag (and all items are labelled).



As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me via the school office on 50263766. I am always happy to have a chat.

Have a great fortnight ahead,
Mr Bonsing.





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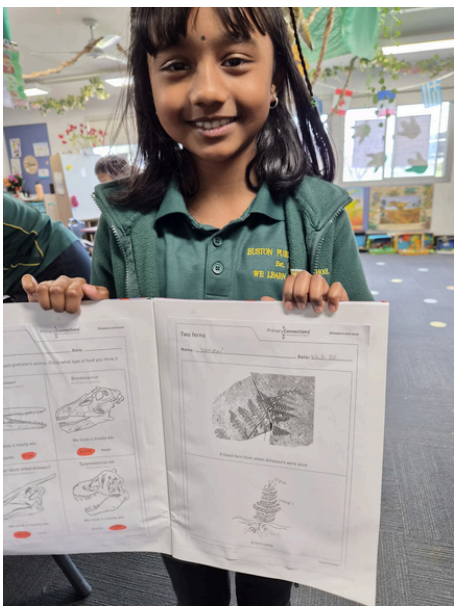
Dear Families,
Spring has truly sprung, and our 2/3 classroom is buzzing with energy and excitement this week!
In **English**, we're well over halfway through *Nim's Island* and completely captivated by Nim's adventurous spirit and independence. Our young authors are busy publishing their fascinating information reports about prehistoric animals of their choice—we're excited to have these on display by the end of the week.



Over in **Maths**, we've been diving into tenths of objects while sharpening our mental maths strategies. Our Year 3 students are powering through their times tables challenges, while Year 2s are building fluency with Ninja challenges. The progress has been fantastic!



This week marked the thrilling finish to our basketball clinics with a lively round-robin competition. The basketball skills we've developed over the past four weeks truly shine on the court! In **PDH**, we've explored both verbal and non-verbal communication, along with important lessons on fire safety and emergencies. A big thank you to families who reviewed emergency information at home—many students returned excited to share what they'd learned!



Homework was due yesterday for families who opted in. Since I've now closed the poll on Hero, if you'd still like your child to participate but missed the survey, please contact the school or email me directly. Homework is due each Wednesday (to make it easier to remember), with new work sent home on Thursdays—please remember those library bags, too!

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This week, we're shining a spotlight on the amazing support staff in our school. Our 2/3 students are so grateful for Ash, Mandy, and Nerilee, who go above and beyond to help every learner in our classroom. We also thank Mrs Leslie and Jacqui for their incredible behind-the-scenes work that keeps everything running smoothly.



Big congratulations to Patrick, Arli, Ada and Tyler for reaching 10 Dojo points—Patrick chose an outdoor game as his reward, while Arli, Tyler and Ada enjoyed end-of-day games. Way to go, everyone!

We also send warm birthday wishes to Ada, Amelia, Camilla, and Mele, who have all celebrated their 9th birthdays over the past fortnight. We hope your special days were filled with joy!



And finally, a HUUUUGGEE congratulations to Elijah B, who won his 100m race at Barrier Athletics last week and has earned the incredible opportunity to compete at the state carnival in Sydney. Elijah, your 2/3 friends are so proud of your amazing achievement!

Wishing you a wonderfully warm and joyful week ahead,

Mrs Burns.

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Hello Families,
Our Dinosaur Discovery Learning Centre (2/3 classroom) is scattered with prehistoric fossils, unearthed last Friday. After investigating dinosaur fossils, the class learned that a Palaeontologist is, a scientist who studies fossils to learn what life on Earth was like millions of years ago. Students also discovered that a fossil is the preserved remains or traces of a plant or animal that lived long ago, usually buried in rock. Year 2/3 undertook a cut and paste activity that explained how a dinosaur fossil was formed.



This is what they found.

1. A dinosaur died.
2. The flesh rots or is eaten by other animals.
3. The bones are quickly buried by mud.
4. Layers of mud or sand build up over time.
5. Minerals seep into the bones. The layers harden into rock.
6. The rock is eroded, and the fossil is exposed.



The Year 2/3 Palaeontologists then created their very own dinosaur fossils out of clay. It was fun and messy, but the fossils look incredible!

The 'Rawwr-some' times continue over the next fortnight for the 2/3 class. Students will complete their Dinosaur Lapbook research projects. Each student chose a dinosaur, that they would like to research. The Tyrannosaurus Rex was the most popular choice. Followed by the Apatosaurus, Pterodactyl, Triceratops, Sabre Tooth Tiger and finally the Ankylosaurus.



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Dinosaur Science involves the class making 'Fizzy dinosaur Eggs'. This is a fun, hands-on science experiment where students use baking soda, food colouring and vinegar to 'hatch' small toy dinosaurs. So cool! More about this experiment in the next newsletter.



For **Spelling** both years will study 'Syllables'.

Mathematics will involve learning the 12X tables. Year 2 will focus on Angles (Right Angles), while Year 3 centres on prisms, cylinders, pyramids and spheres.



The AFL Tipping Comp has finished. The students have had so much fun predicting the winners of each game this season. Our winners are Ben (1st), Violet (2nd) and Elijha C (3rd). There was only 1 win separating second and third.
Well done everyone!



Happy Father's Day to all the amazing dads, stepdads, grandfathers and father figures this Sunday! We hope you can join us tomorrow, Friday 4th September, at school for a scrumptious breakfast, followed by a fun footy clinic to celebrate.

DINOSAUR JOKE OF THE WEEK
Q. What do you call a sleeping T-Rex?
A. A dino-snore!



Have a dino-mite weekend,
Mrs Turner 😊

Year 4 News - Page 1

Hello Friends,and Family of Year 4,

Week 7 is pretty much over, and I can't believe we are in Spring!

The students of year 4 have been working through some fantastic **maths** at the moment.
We have been focusing on decimals and fractions and their relationships. We have also been looking at *time* and *collum graphs*. We have been reviewing material from earlier this year and looking at past NAPLAN questions to develop our problem solving skills.

In **English**, we have continued our focus on creating interesting sentences and stories. Students have been practicing using characters speech to drive their narrative and incorporating onomatopoeia into their writing.

In ***Rowan of Rin***, our group of adventurers is down to just 3 members. With each obstacle our characters have faced, we have had some brilliant conversations taking place discussing how the author described the scenes and the different skills she incorporated into her writing.

In **Science**, we have been looking at how food and clothing are produced for space and how we determine what is a *credible source* on the internet.

Looking forward, Miss Ebony's last day is tomorrow before she heads off on Maternity leave. The students have enjoyed creating a card to congratulate her and we have all placed our guesses as to when the baby will be born and whether it is a girl or boy.

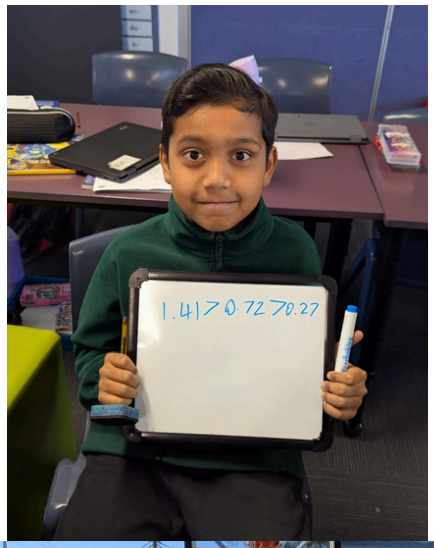
Father's Day Breakfast and Footy clinic is on Friday, which I know our students are very keen for.
Our excursion to Lake Cullulleraine is coming up in the first week of term 4 and information should be going out to families next week.

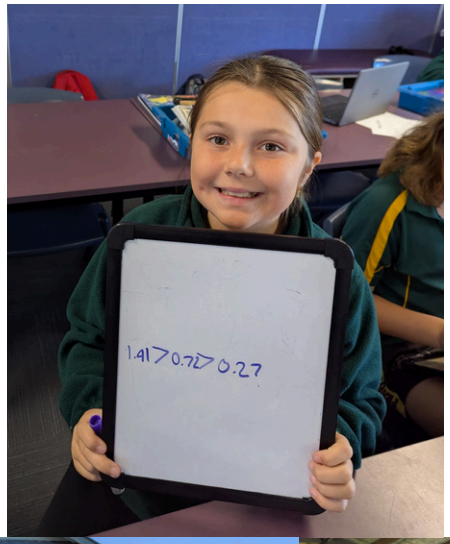
I would like to say a big thank you to parents/carers in supporting your child's attendance. Our class has had amazing attendance this term which really helps with our learning. Students have been able to delve into what we are learning, and I have had other teachers commenting on how engaged they are. Let's keep this up for the rest of the year!

As always, if you ever need to discuss anything in regards to your child, please reach out via the school office on 50263766.

Amelia Battye-Smith

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Year 5/6 News - Page 1

Hi everyone,

It has been a busy couple of weeks for the year 5/6 class. We have had school camp, school transition, sport days and excursions, just to name a few. Although the students have had some great experiences, it has been nice to finally settle back into structured class routines.

Basketball Clinic-Our school was fortunate enough to participate in a basketball clinic every Monday for 4 weeks. The students were extremely excited and enjoyed learning new skills with their basketball instructor Sammy. A huge thanks to Sammy for teaching them to be patient in the development of their skills, to move past their comfort zone to participate in something new and to appreciate how much fun a game of basketball can be when we are inclusive of others.

SPORT-Many of our students have participated in an array of sporting events this year and I am extremely proud of their efforts and what they have accomplished both inside and outside of school. It's great to see them achieve their personal best.

'Film By The Dust' is slowly wrapping up as we finish the last bit of filming for our mini film. We are hoping it all comes together before the final date at the end of this term. Our students, Mandy and myself have been working hard to make this happen, and we hope it comes to life for all of us to enjoy together on opening night. Thank you to all the parents who entrusted us to do most of our filming in the bush down behind the Euston Club. We've all had a great time and enjoyed working on this project together.

School Value- For the next 4 weeks our school value is 'Leadership'. Our class will be focusing on what is leadership and what it looks like and feels like in our school. We are looking up to our school captains to model leadership qualities and guide fellow students in what should be expected by them as the older students of our school.



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Poetry- Year 5/6 read a poem written by Joshua Bonsing called, ***'The most beautiful thing'*** and this is some of the work produced by our students in response to this poem.



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING

I stood frozen

this was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen

every time I look, I get the feeling.

Some people know it

their jaws drop

their eyes didn't know what they were looking at

black as the night sky.

my room melts away and I forget where I am.

I got sucked into the gaming portal

colourful, interactive and full of characters.

Jonty Zappia inspired by Joshua Bonsing

Blue Mud Bay

Waking up on the ocean in my swag

watching the sun rising over the ocean

fishing in the creek just off the ocean

seeing all the barra in the mangroves

sitting at night eating fresh barra watching the sun go down

just fishing on the beach eating some barbeque shapes

sitting on a rock with my rod in the other hand

going to sleep hearing everyone talking

waking

going fishing in the boat

going to check the crab nets but realising the crocs ate them all

driving on the beach

having a flick for some jewies

By William

Inspired by Josh Bonsing





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The most beautiful thing

Moments,
Some are cheerful,
Some are sad,
But have you ever encountered
the most beautiful moment ever?
They're irreplaceable.
Something you might never witness again.
Its like a river flowing quietly in the wind,
Or the stars glistening in the clear night sky,
That will forever be etched in your memory.

Sometimes you want to jump with joy,
Others, you need to sit back and take it in.
You lose all sense of life,
And never want it to end.
Whether its walking down the street on a clear, quiet night.
Or simply riding a bike,
With the wind gushing leaves around you.
Whatever it is,
Its precious.

The most beautiful thing

Everyone, I know,
Gets one story,
One taste
Of the most delicate thing in their eye.
Not always the same month,
Not always the same love of their life,
But it comes, magically or extortionately,
Like the dust falling off an old book,
Waiting to be read.

Some people have fun.
Their laughter,
Ringing around the room,
The beverages sadly forgotten,
They're still bubbling,
Well after midnight.

They point and say, "Them, That's Them!!"

Most beautiful thing

Every promise that was made,
Gets one moment,
Gets one dash of life,
With the most amazing things you'll ever see,
Not always the same people,
Not always the same spot,
But it comes magically or hardly,
Like the dust falling from the window ledge,
Like a path of my life was taking me on.

Some can see, some cant,
Their mind freezes,
Their mind forgets what they were remembering,
Their heart steps forward,
As if you're looking at your old room,
They stare and say that's it!

Library News

What a huge Term we have had so far in the Library!

In the lead up to Book Week last week students have participated in book reviews, book cover design activities, character creations and book responses. We have had positive feedback from the students around some of the book activities that have been happening in the library. Particularly with the mystery books that can be borrowed, and in the senior area the 'Save the Librarian' puzzles were a hit. Thank you to all families that helped students in preparing for the Book Parade. We all enjoyed the colourful ***'Symphony of Stories'*** that came together in a display of all our Book Week costumes.

Across the whole school, enthusiasm towards reading seems to have improved, with students borrowing more regularly and having a broader range of books borrowed. Keep up the good work with reading at home. Even a couple of minutes a day has proven to aid your child in their learning.

I'm happy to also announce Euston Public School has been chosen to participate in the Dymocks Children's Charity Book Bank program. Students from Year 3-6 will receive 2 books for free that they will be able to take home to create their own mini library at home. These books will be chosen by the students, kept at school for free reading times, then they will participate in book swaps and at the end of the year students will take them home to keep.

Lots of exciting things are happening in the library and I'm excited to see how much the students have created with a more positive attitude towards reading.

Mrs Watson.

