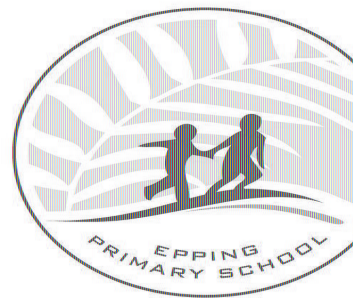


3/4 Term 2 Newsletter, 2025



Message from the classroom

Welcome to Term 2! We hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday break and you are ready for a big term ahead. The students have settled in nicely and are back into classroom routines. We are looking forward to our big event this term, Year 3/4 Camp and know that students will have a fantastic time. Students that do not attend camp will have various fun activities organised for them at school.

Visual Arts

This term, students will be exploring the maps of James Cook and other early explorers and creating a map in the style of these early explorers. We will be using a tea stain to age the map and adding in additional details using fineliners to draw features like settlements, rivers and trees. They will be getting creative with naming their country and features. Students will then be designing and constructing their own 3D ship using a mixture of materials, including recycling materials found around the school.

PE

This term in PE, students will begin to master their kicking skills to allow them to kick a moving ball, dribble around cones and handle/handball a football. Students will be encouraged to think about how these skills look in a game, in offense and defence, and through mini game play, and begin to explore game sense and moving into playing spaces.

Italian

Students will be learning new verbs in Italian through the story 'Giacco e il fagiolo' (Jack and the bean). They will also be expanding their vocabulary naming body parts, recognising different weather and seasons and identifying various pieces of clothing.

STEM

Students will be learning about sustainable packaging, what it is and how it benefits the environment by reducing companies' waste output. Students will be given the task of planning and designing sustainable packaging and presenting their work to the class.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child's school jumpers and jackets are **clearly labelled** with their name.
- Make sure you are signing into **Compass** to get the latest school updates, communicate to the school community, mark students absent, etc.
- Keep up to date with all the activities in our classrooms by checking in on **Seesaw**.
- If you are having any issues with Compass or Seesaw, please make contact with the school at your earliest convenience for assistance.
- All children need to comply with our school uniform policy.

In Our Classrooms



Reading

During Term 2, students will be focusing on a range of comprehension strategies to enhance their understanding when reading. We will begin the term by working on skimming and scanning to efficiently understand what a text is about and to find specific key information. We will continue with our synthetic phonics program and students will work in pairs to improve their reading fluency.

Maths

During Term Two, students will be investigating and utilising addition and subtraction strategies. Students will look at strategies such as counting on/back from the largest number, doubles, near doubles, split strategy and jump strategy. Students will use a variety of concrete materials to support them in building their additive thinking and they will be guided to use the strategies to work out problems in both mental and written form.

SEL

This term in SEL, students are building emotional intelligence, resilience, and a growth mindset to support independent learning. They are learning to recognise emotions, use calming strategies, and build positive relationships. To show respect and help solve problems in everyday situations, they are also exploring personal and cultural strengths.

Writing

During Term 2, students will be focusing on Information texts. We will begin the term by focusing on note taking to support students with searching and gathering information. We will then move to understanding the purpose and structure of an information report. Students will write an information report about various topics such as animals and people (biographies). We will also cover a range of punctuation and grammar strategies to support their understanding of language use.

Important Dates

School Photos: Wednesday May 7th
Mother's Day stall GB: Wednesday May 7th
Mother's Day stall HS: Thursday May 8th
Cyber Safety Project Incursion: Tuesday May 13th
Book Fair: May 13th-20th
Pyjama/Disco fundraiser day: Tuesday May 20th
Year 3/4 Camp: Wed 28th - Fri 30th May
King's Birthday Public holiday: Monday June 9th
Last day of term 2: Friday July 4th