



# The Essendon Echo

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## The Principals' Print

Incredibly, this will be the final Essendon Echo of this term, ahead of the final week of Spring term next week. The weeks have really flown past and we would like to extend our deepest thanks to the whole school community for making us feel so welcome. It has been wonderful to get to meet you all over the half term and be part of the Essendon community.

It was excellent to see so many of you at the recent parent consultations; the staff team very much enjoyed sharing information about each child's progress and the next steps in their learning. At the end of the next term, pupils will receive their annual school report which will outline the successes and achievements that they have made throughout the school year.

The sun has been shining very brightly in Essendon and we feel so fortunate for the great weather recently. We have been very impressed by the creativity shown by pupils at lunchtime; some had created their own Sushi bar, using grass, twigs and leaves and even managed to orchestrate a team of Deliveroo drivers to send out orders to various members of the school on the playground! One thing that has really stood out to us has been the positive interactions between pupils of different ages and how well everyone is included in various games and activities at lunchtime.

Well done to all pupils who represented Essendon at this week's football tournament. A big thank you to Stanley (our Sports Coach) and Mrs Morton for taking the pupils to this event. There were many successes which we heard about during this morning's Grandstand feature in Going for Gold. It was particularly pleasing to hear about the positive team spirit that our pupils showed to their team mates and opponents. This really is 'respect' in action! Well done.

Wishing you all a wonderful and sunny weekend ahead.

**Mr Lock, Mrs Brennan and Mrs Nesbitt**

### Medicines in Schools

Only prescribed medicine is allowed in school. Non-prescribed medicine is not permitted. Please do not send your child into school with any medication to take themselves.

For all medication held in school, the School Office must have completed an *Administration of Temporary Medication Form*.

For any pupils who are already receiving medication at school, the office will be making contact with parents to complete this form, ready for the next term.

### Easter Service

Next Thursday, we will be hosting an Easter service at the local church. We will be singing a few songs, as well as sharing some of the learning from the classes. Parents and carers are welcome to join us at the church from 9.30am. Please note that school will take photographs and upload onto our website. Due to photo permissions of some pupils, we ask that photos or videos are not taken by visitors.

### Snack: reminder

We are reviewing our snack time provision, ready for next term. Pupils in Pantherswood and Homewood (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) do not need to bring a snack into school as we provide snack for them; however, pupils in Warrenwood and Harefield (Year 3,4,5 and 6) may choose to bring a snack daily.

Snacks will be incorporated into break time, to maximise learning time in the mornings. Snacks will need to be fruit or vegetables rather than crisps, sweets or other packaged and processed foods.

### Allergy Alert

Please note that we are a nut/sesame free school.

Whilst pine nuts are not strictly a nut, we have noticed that many brands of pesto have started to include nuts as an ingredient. It is, therefore, impossible for us to know if the pesto in a child's packed lunch contains nuts or not. As a result, we are asking that you DO NOT include pesto in your child's packed lunch or snacks.



### Key Dates for your Diaries

Friday 4th April 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Spring 2 term ends at 1.15pm

Summer 1 term begins

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