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Why Creativity Matters in School

Gary Bryant, Principal

Ken Robinson in his popular TED Talk made the point that most of the students doing work in classrooms will be entering a job market that no one can visualise.

Learning a specific skill set doesn't have the value in today's world that it once did. Learning how to be more creative and adaptable is what will prepare students for life beyond the classroom.

Creativity can no longer be seen as just for artists and musicians, it's a crucial skill for everyone to master. Introducing creativity into our classrooms and class work can actually make the work much more interesting.

At Eddystone PS we've started to allow more formats in the way students create and learn. They have more opportunities to engage with the work they do and will become more "invested" in it.

In 2017 staff will support students to "talk about their learning" (Visible Learning). As parents, you can help by asking your children: "What did you

learn at school today?" rather than "What did you do today?" This very subtle shift will help students to focus on their learning.

In each of our Class Parent sessions held this week, teachers have been talking about this shift. A visit to any classroom shows how your child's learning is the central focus of all our work.

Eddystone PS has invested heavily in ensuring your children leave us with 21st century skills. These are the skills that we help them to be "work ready" when they move into the work force.

We are finding new ways to help your children to be more invested in their learning and to "take control" of the outcomes (with our expert guidance) of their learning. This requires our staff to ensure they equip themselves well with the most current professional learning possible.

Eddystone PS students will become our future leaders. It stands to reason that Eddystone PS should be at the forefront of this development.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 17 February
Community BBQ
P & C lucky dips &
Popcorn available

Monday 20 February
School Photos

Thursday 23 February
N13 Assembly

Monday 27 February
Cup Cake Day

Friday 3 March
School
Development Day
No Students

P & C ASSOCIATION

We are holding a Cupcake day on 27 February. Cost is a gold coin per treat.

SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEER

We need a parent to volunteer to take over the School Banking one morning a week. If you are able to help, please contact the office for further details.

“REMEMBER”

- On line Canteen - Wednesday's - www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
- Uniforms - Wednesday's - 8:30 - 9:00 - NEW library bags \$15
- School Banking - Thursday before school in the library
- Eddyfit Program - Tuesday's - 7:45 - 8:15
- Recycle your mobile phones and batteries. Please take them to N11

ONLINE CANTEEN

Our online canteen is available every Wednesday. They are super yummy, good value for money and easy to order. Please remember to enter your child's class on the order form.

We need helpers to sort lunches. If you can spare 30 minutes on a Wednesday from 11:15 - 11:45am, please let the office know. Thank you.

COMMUNITY BBQ

Don't forget our Community BBQ this Friday, 17 February at 5:30pm. The P & C will be having Lucky Dips and Icy Poles will be available for sale. Plus free popcorn for the children! Hope to see you all there.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are this Monday, 20 February. Please make sure students are neat and tidy, in their correct uniform and have their completed photo envelope with money enclosed. If you would like a sibling portrait, please collect a form from the office.

Sibling photos will be taken at 8:30am. Please come to the office for directions to where they will be taken.

MATHS BOOKS AND DIARIES

A reminder that Maths books and Diaries are now available at the office. It is expected that all children in mainstream will have the Maths books and Diary in their classroom.

If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, please come to the office and arrangements can be discussed.

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