

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

DENESE LEE RETIREMENT

Dear School community, as the Principal of ESPS I feel a great deal of privilege in being able to write some words for our school with regards to the retirement of Mrs. Denese Lee. So I hope that my words carry a sense of respect from the current staff, children and community of ESPS, but also for all of those of the years prior to my appointment as Principal at ESPS.

It has been clear over the number of years I have been at ESPS that Denese has lived our values of respect, responsibility and resilience. Denese has taught many different year levels over her time at ESPS and she has formed very positive bonds with children of all ages. She has always shown a high level of patience when supporting children with their learning and their wellbeing. It has always been rewarding to see children run excitedly over to Mrs Lee, when Denese has arrived at school. Clearly demonstrating the positive connection and bonds that have been formed. Denese has set standards for the children she has taught based around being a good learner and school community person.

Denese has also been a professional colleague, always willing to support others when they may have needed a hand. She has also carried out her responsibilities with her duties to the highest standard. Denese has most recently taken on leadership with not only classroom duties but initiatives from the Department of Education around inclusion. Just one example of Denese's ability to manage multiple tasks efficiently and productively.

Denese's calm, caring and professional manner has helped nurture and grow our school community for many years and we are very thankful. So, on behalf of all those who have benefitted from Denese's over her time at ESPS, I would like to say, 'Thank you' to Denese. I would also like to wish Denese all of the best for her retirement and hope she spends her days (post ESPS) pursuing the activities that give her joy and fulfilment.

The staff of Elizabeth Street Primary School will be acknowledging Denese with a staff morning tea on Tuesday, 6th May, 2025. This will be from 10:45am - 11:15am. At 11:15am parent/s are welcome to meet Denese in the school staffroom to say their goodbyes. Kind Regards

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

30th April Grade 5/6 Lowanna Open Day

1st May Parent's & Friends Meeting 2pm

8th May Mother's Day Stall

Special Persons' Afternoon Tea

9th May Cross Country

12th May National Walk to School Day

13th May

Cuppa, cake & catch up 2-3pm Multipurpose Room All Welcome!

We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria and pay our respect to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and future.



Congratulations to our award winners this week: Liianah for her respect; Ahleah, Ayden, Riley, Zach and Connor for being responsible learners; Kahlanee Zach and Leo for being resilient. Tai had a birthday over the holidays.







Anzac day march and service Well done to those students who took part in the Anzac Day march and service. A wreath was laid on behalf of ESPS by Aaron and Olivia. You all did our school proud!



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SCHOOL REPORTS THIS SEMESTER (FIRST HALF YEAR)

This semester we will be updating our report booking process for parent/s to choose times for their parent/teacher interviews which will be held in the last week of Term 2. Instead of a paper based process we will be using Compass as the format for parent/s to book times. This is our first attempt at using an electronic format and we believe it will be a better process as parent/s can access the times using the internet and Compass from home. If you have already accessed Compass then the Parent/Teacher interview booking portal will be

If you have already accessed Compass then the Parent/Teacher interview booking portal will be available to you when it is opened by the school within the next two weeks. The school community will be notified of the exact date and time when the portal will be opened in the near future. If you have not accessed Compass, in order for you as a parent to do this, you will need to download the Compass app on either your phone or a computer. Once you have done this please contact the school so that we can provide you with password details for you to access Compass. If you would like support with this process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

AFLX Last week grade 5/6R took part in the AFLX program held in Moe.

















Join us for a cuppa, cake and catch up.

Who: All parents and carers of ESPS

When: Tuesday 13th of May from 2-3pm

Where: Breakfast club room

Why: Connect with others in school community.

What: Drink, eat and chat about:

- Sharing family favourite recipes with each other (Bring along a written or printed copy)
- Preparing for, "Cooking on a budget"
- What does success look like for our students?





VACCA presents: Tuning in to Kids™

Deadly Connections

Are you looking to strengthen your relationship with your child?

Would you like to better understand your child and their emotions?

Would you like practical ways to help with strong feelings in your home?

Caregivers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teens, aged between 3 – 10 years are invited to participate in 6-7 sessions which build on existing skills to better understand our children.

This program will be run in a group setting so that caregivers can connect with others in similar situations.

1 to 1 delivery is also an option for families.

Please note this is an adult only program.

For more details please contact: Cas Wilson p. 0458 926 313 e. Cassandraw@vacca.org Sally Derham p. 0448 902 041 e. SallyD@vacca.org





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VICTORIAN ABORIGIN



Enrol your child in free kinder for 2026

If your child turns three or four years of age before 30 April 2026. Both three-year-old and four-year-old kinder is 15 hours per week and kinder is free

OPEN DAYS Tuesday 29 April, 3pm to 5.30pm Tuesday 3 June, 3pm to 5.30pm ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION Thurday 15 May 2025, 4:30pm and 6:30pm



Enrolments open on 1 May and close 30 June 2025 Enrolments received after 30 June will be offered in order of received

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VACCA and Berry Street are running 6 sessions to help carers/parents build on existing skills to better understand our children.

It will run for approx. 2 hours during the day and could be held at our school, depending on the number of people interested.

Please let Sharon at the office, Carol or Marien know before next Friday the 9th of May.



If you get the opportunity to pop into Block B to check out the thoughts of the grade 5/6 students around their knowledge of what ANZAC means to them, it will be well worth it.



We all need help from time to time.

Available 8am to midnight, 7 days a week including public holidays

Did you know that LCHS offer a free dental service here in Moe? They can be contacted on 1800 242 696, select 4 when prompted. See below for the link to their website.





13YARN is run by Aboriginal and **Torres Strait Islander people**



available 24/7 from any mobile or pay phone

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters to yarn to

https://kidshelpline.com.au/

https://www.13yarn.org.au/

https://www.lchs.com.au/services/general-health/dental/



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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5	6	7	8 Mother's Day Stall & Special Persons' Afternoon Tea	9 Cross Country
12 National Walk to School Day	13 Cuppa, cake & catch up 2-3pm Multipurpose Room	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

School Terms 2025:

Term I: January 30th– April 4th Term 2: April 22nd– July 4th Term 3: July 21st— September 19th Term 4: October 6th— December 19th