



Term 1, Week 1 2026

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Week 6 | AFL MAX Leadership Excursion Room 14 and 16 Tuesday 3rd March |
| Week 6 | Festival of Music Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 4th March |
| Week 6 | PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 6th March |
| Week 7 | PUBLIC HOLIDAY Adelaide Cup Day Monday 9 March |
| Week 8 | Harmony Day Friday 20 March |
| Week 10 | Swimming Year 3 – 5 |
| Week 10 | PUBLIC HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY Friday 3 April |
| Week 11 | PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY Monday 6 April |
| Week 11 | Last day of Term 1 Friday 10 April 2:05 Early Finish |

School Fees

If you are not eligible for a school card, fees of \$100 per student are now overdue unless you have a school card application pending or an arranged payment plan.

Please see Kerry in the front office if you require any assistance.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we reach the midpoint of Term 1, the weeks seem to be passing quickly. Unfortunately, we are continuing to experience significant waves of illness in our community, including gastroenteritis, colds, and COVID. To help prevent the spread, please ensure your children remain at home if they are unwell.

Acquaintance Night and Reverse Interviews

Thank you to everyone who attended our Acquaintance Night or booked in for a Reverse Interview. Building strong partnerships with families is essential for supporting every child's learning journey. If you haven't had a chance to meet with your child's teacher yet, please contact us to arrange a conversation, either in person or by phone.

School Improvement 2026

Each year, we set goals to refine teaching practice and enhance student outcomes. Our key areas for improvement in 2026 include writing, mathematics, student engagement, and strengthening community connections. We are using Explicit Direct Instruction to focus and enrich teaching and learning, and have introduced a new mathematics teaching approach in our Reception to Year 3/4 classes.

Pupil Free Day – Friday, 6 March

On the upcoming pupil-free day, staff will analyse early literacy and numeracy data and plan targeted interventions for students. Support staff will continue with training in Trauma Informed Practice and student regulation strategies. As the following Monday is a public holiday, students will enjoy a longer weekend—an opportunity to recharge mid-term.

NAPLAN 2026

NAPLAN assessments for Year 3 and Year 5 students will take place in Weeks 7 and 8. Both year levels will complete practice tests to familiarise themselves with the format. If you have concerns about your child's participation in NAPLAN, please contact your class teacher.

Community Calendar

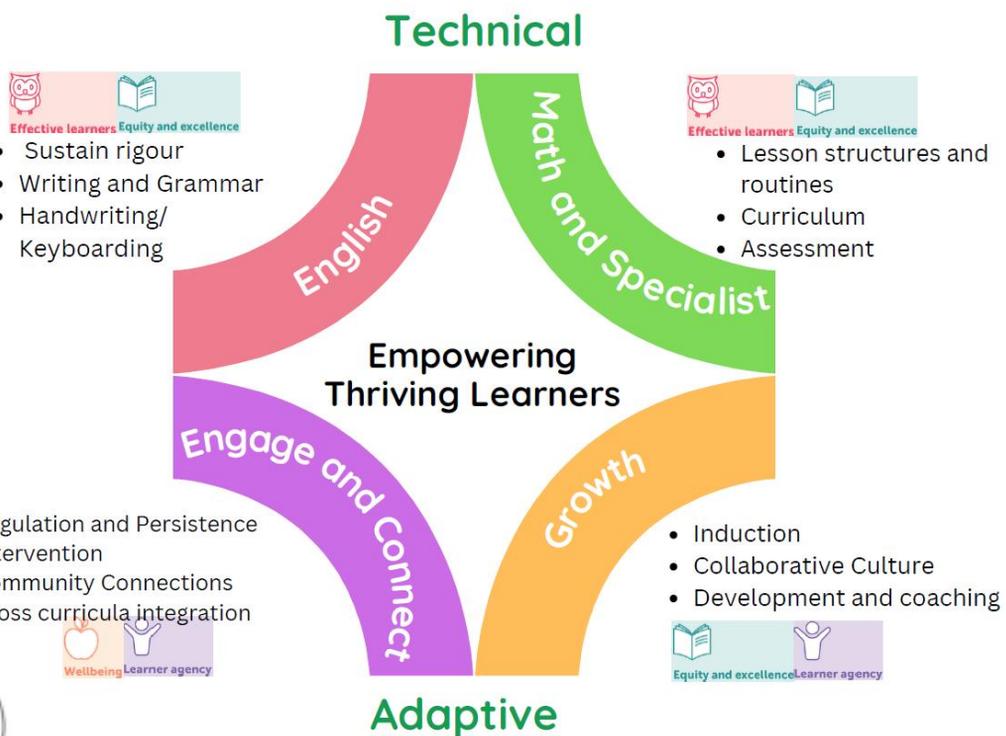
Our Community Calendar is updated throughout the year. A copy will be sent home each term, and important dates are also included in every newsletter. We will be holding school assemblies in Weeks 8 and 11 this term—please refer to the calendar for details.

Kind regards,
Julie Brown
School Principal



Our 2026 Site Learning Plan for School Improvement

Elizabeth Grove Primary School Site Learning Plan



Changes to our Personal Electronic Devices Policy in 2026

Children bringing personal electronic devices from home

Due to safety and security risks parents and children are requested not to bring children's digital devices from home including phones, smart watches and air tags. If these are brought to school, they will be stored in a locked cupboard for the entire school day and returned at the end of the day. If a student refuses to provide their device to be locked away, parents will be called to collect it.

Consent from parents to take, use and store images and videos of children

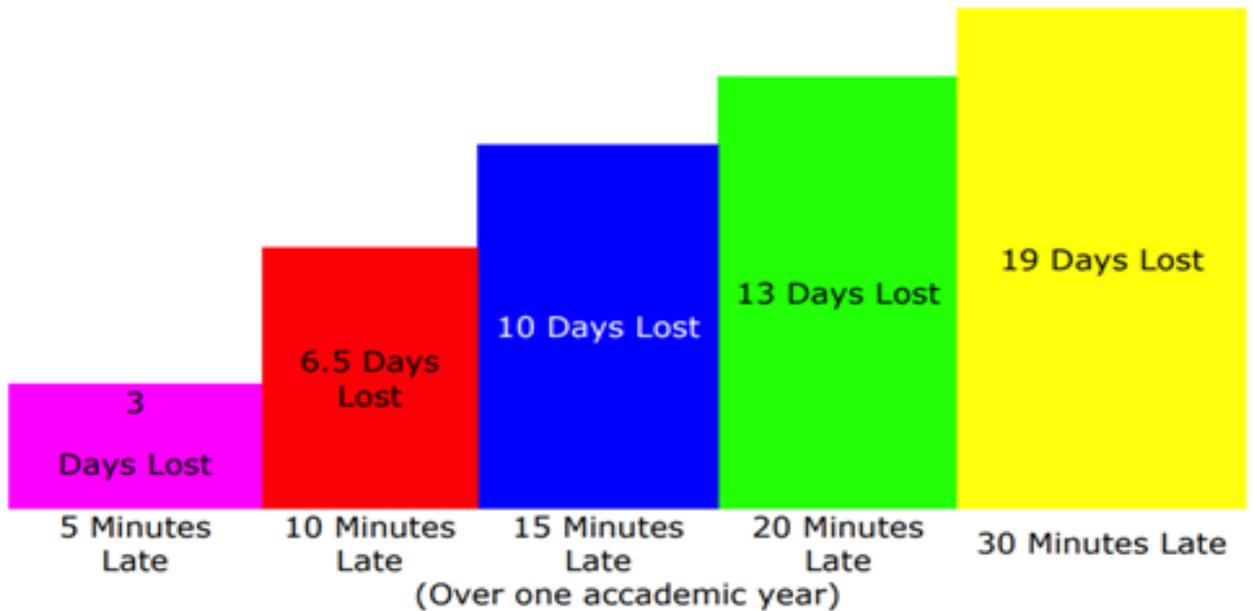
We will obtain parental consent before taking, using, distributing or storing images and videos of their children. At the time of enrolment parents will be asked to complete the [consent to publish media and creative work of children, students and the community](#). The consent forms will be stored with the child's enrolment record and an electronic consent will be stored on EMS in accordance with the departments [Information and records management requirements](#).

If parent permission is revoked, every effort will be made to remove relevant media from distribution, however this may not be possible or practical in some situations.

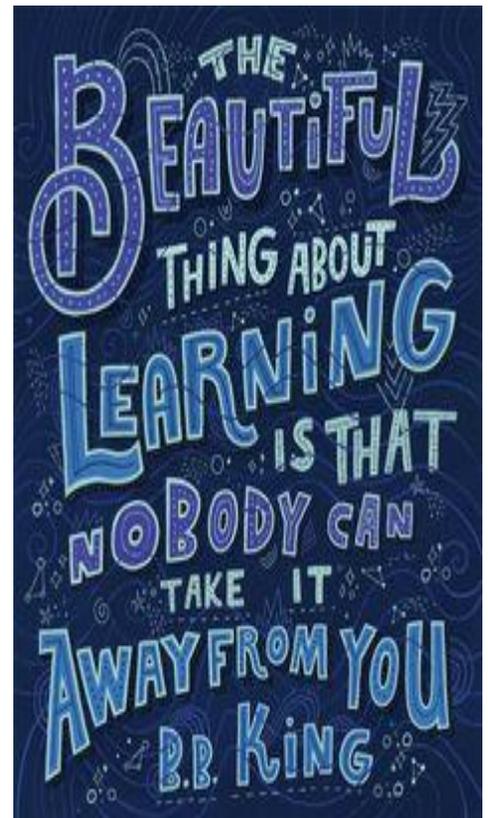
Parents of children enrolled in our service and programs will be discouraged from using their personal electronic device to take images while at the service, noting they will not be prohibited from taking an image of their own child, but must not take images of other children, including where their child is part of a group.

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



GROWTH MINDSET!



The Smith Family

We've Moved – But we are still here for you!

The Smith Family team has a new home! We're excited to share that our office has relocated to Mawson Lakes, and while our address has changed, our commitment to supporting families remains exactly the same.

Whether you need assistance, want to check in, or would like to schedule a catch-up, our doors (and phone lines) are always open.

Please feel free to reach out:

Maddy – 0419 124 502

Lorena – 0403 648 532



The Smith Family

Learn today, change tomorrow.

Hats

A reminder that school hats are a required part of the school uniform all year round.

This policy came into effect at the beginning of the 2021 school year.

If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to spend outside play in the shelter shed, nature play or library.

If you need to purchase a new hat, please see the front office.

Breakfast Club

Every school day our site hosts breakfast club. Granny welcomes students from 8am until 8:45am in the library kitchen. Students can choose to have toast or cereal for breakfast before they start their learning.



Elizabeth Grove OSHC operates on site from 6.30 – 8.30am and 3.05 – 6pm each school day.

Fees payable by each family will vary based on income and Child Care Subsidy received.

Full fees are \$24.00 for before school and \$35.00 for after.

Breakfast and a healthy afternoon snack are included.

Sharni OSHC Director on 0431846281 or the **School front office** for an enrolment form.

