It was another lovely Autumn day for the Elwood Community Market on Saturday. Thousands of people flocked to the school to visit the market, grab a cup of Elwood’s best coffee from the espresso stall, a world famous bacon & egg roll, or to buy a delicious treat from the Cake Stall.

There were over a hundred stalls offering fresh fruit and vegetables, new and second-hand goods, clothes, toys and art.

Thanks to the crew from “Hunger For Dance” for their performances on the stage and for entertaining the crowd.

A huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who helped put on such a great market. The Grade 6 classes, and others from the school community, provided over 100 enthusiastic volunteers who donated their time, cooked, served, set up and packed up. The market cannot operate without the help of the volunteers, so thanks to everyone who contributed.

We also thank the local businesses who continue to generously support our market each month. This month we would like to recognise Foodworks Elwood Village, Ormond Road, Elwood, for their ongoing support of the market.

Money raised from the Elwood Community Market funds projects at Elwood Primary School that the whole community benefits from. This year, market funds will go towards the grounds improvements project. The May market raised over $6,600.

We look forward to seeing you at the Elwood Community Market again. The next market is on Saturday 13 June (note the 2nd Saturday of the month) - rostered classes 5B, 5J, 5N, 5S.

Elwood Community Market Committee

Elwood College Building Master Plan

Congratulations to Elwood College who have had their building Master plan fully funded in the State Budget.

The Elwood College Project is to receive $1.620M this year and $8.38M in the 2016. We look forward to a state of the art facility for our students in the near future.
Nepal Earthquake - Gold Coin & Casual Clothes Day
We are having a gold coin donation casual clothes day next Monday 11 May. All proceeds will go to the World Vision Nepal Earthquake appeal. Students are permitted to wear casual clothes. (no dress ups, onesies, sports uniforms or pyjamas.) Help survivors of the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal.

World Vision has mobilised emergency response staff and supplies after the powerful earthquake toppled buildings and triggered avalanches, killing thousands. We are responding to meet the basic, urgent needs of 100,000 people.

For more information follow the link below: http://donate.worldvision.org/nepal-quake

Interschool Chess Tournament
Our Interschool Chess Tournament has been postponed until Friday 5 June. If you have already entered, you will not have to complete a new entry. We hope to have a team of 20 students to compete. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

House chess is about to begin and our large chess pieces are getting plenty of use on our giant board in the courtyard.

ANZAC Day Apology
I would like to formally apologise for Elwood PS not laying a wreath at the Elwood ANZAC Day service.

Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication and I felt most embarrassed that we didn’t have one to show our respect and acknowledgment for this significant day.

Education Week 18 - 22 May
Education week will soon be upon us with an open morning planned for Tuesday 19 May.

There will be many opportunities to see the wonderful things happening at Elwood PS. A full run down of the week will be attached to next week’s newsletter.

VCOP - Big Write
Parent Information Session
The first of our Parent Curriculum Information Nights will be held on Tuesday 26 May. The night will focus on our VCOP - Big Write program which is creating much excitement in every grade. More information will be provided in the newsletter next week.

Rob Csoti

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May. Students will have an opportunity to independently select a little gift for that someone special. All gifts are $5 - there is no obligation to participate. If you would like your child to buy a gift, please return the payment envelope to your classroom teacher by Thursday 7 May.

Additional gifts may be purchased at recess on Friday 8 May if there is remaining stock.

Office Telephone Disruptions
We are currently experiencing some technical faults with our telephone system and apologise if you have experienced any difficulty contacting the school office recently. Please bear with us while the problem is being rectified.

Aspergers Victoria
Do you have a family member with Aspergers or HFA? Come along to the Aspergers Victoria’s southern support group and meet other parents/carers to share information.

The group gathers on the 4th Friday of the month, except on school holidays from 10.00am - 12 noon at the Carnegie Library and Community Centre: Boyd Room, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie.

For more information, contact Christina at southern@aspergersvic.org.au

Elwood Learning Hub Links
Poet’s Grove Children’s Centre :
http://www.poetsgrove.com/home

Elwood College :
Chess InterSchool
Flexing Mental Muscles

Port Phillip Regional Chess Championships
Elwood Primary, Elwood

Friday, 5th June 2015

Full details and entries from: https://eu.tomelo.com/tournaments/port-phillip-1
Jump online to find more zones in close proximity. No geographical restrictions.

✓ A fun, safe, educational and socially inclusive environment.
✓ The Tomelo™ software ensures that all students play against players of a similar standard; we expect beginners and experts of any age to enjoy a fun, learning and social experience.
✓ Jnr Primary (P-3), Primary (P-6), Middle-Years (grades 5-9), Secondary
✓ Assistance and mentoring from Accredited Coaches
✓ No minimum or maximum participation (recommended team size of 14)
✓ All Zone events run from 9:15am-2:00pm (aim to arrive 15min early)
✓ Entry fee $20.00 (inc. GST) per player
✓ Medals and trophy prizes awarded on the day; a certificate for every player
✓ Winning school in each Zone qualifies for State Finals
✓ All players play 7 games (no knock-outs). Jnr Primary play only 5 games.
✓ All equipment provided

Venue: Elwood Primary
Scott St, Elwood

Date: Friday, 5th June 2015

Divisions: Primary

 Reserve your places early so you don't miss out; most zones will end up FULLY BOOKED!

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National Interschool Chess Championships
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