Market News - 13 June

Please note ALL Grade 5 classes are rostered on for the next EPS Community Market in June 2015. Normally the market would be held on the first Saturday in June. However as this falls on the Queen’s Birthday long weekend, the market will now be held on Saturday 13 June 2015.

Class reps will soon be making contact with parents in their respective classes to take part in the community spirit and help the school with its fundraising by signing on to work at the market, and/or by producing cakes and other goods for the cake stall. The class reps will provide you with instructions on how to volunteer and the relevant links. If you have any questions please contact your class reps or myself. Your help is vital in bringing the community together and is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the next market.

Elwood Community Market Committee
Heather Michaluk 0404 090 366

Ready Set Go
Registration forms for our Ready Set Go transition program for Preps in 2016 are now available.

The first Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday 21 May at 7.00pm in our Junior Learning Centre and our first Ready Set Go session will be held on Friday 29 May at 2.30pm, meeting in our school hall.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our office on 9531 2762.
Garden Progress
The Senior School garden at the front of our school is progressing well.

Thank you for your donations to the Building Fund, which have funded this landscaping project at the entrance to our school, along with our new deck. It will be a lovely space for our students to enjoy when it is finally completed in the next few weeks.

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Student Updates
An important role in any school is maintaining Student Information. This happens once a year for every student via their year level. Grade 1 & 2 information will be sent home this week. Please return as soon as possible.

Please note your child’s Victorian Student Number (VSN) is printed on the update. You may need this number when applying for secondary schools. The VSN stays with each student through tertiary education up to the age of 25. If you have any queries contact the school office on 9531 2762

Open Morning
As part of the Victorian Education Week, EPS held an Opening Morning on Tuesday this week. It was a great opportunity for parents and friends of our community to experience the wonderful programs and learning going on in our school.

Art Attack
Ripponlea Primary School will be holding their school art event on Saturday 30 May from 10.00am until 3.00pm for kids aged 4-12. Come along to Art Attack and enjoy a day of fun and entertainment. $5.00 entry gives each child access to exciting group art making and play experiences. Adults are free. For more information, go to www.ripponleaps.vic.edu.au/ or call 0407 360 433.

Guitar Duo
Slava and Leonard Grigoryan, the amazing guitar duo, will be performing at 2.00pm on Sunday 24 May at St. Andrew’s Anglican Church, Corner of New & Church Streets, Brighton. For any enquiries, email office@standrewsbrighton.org.au or telephone 9592 1240.

Attachments:
VCOP Parent Information Night
Department of Education: Financial Assistance

Elwood Learning Hub Links
Poet’s Grove Children’s Centre :
http://www.poetsgrove.com/home
Elwood College :
VCOP and Big Write

Parent Information Night

VCOP & Big Write is a literacy program that provides immediate results, whilst addressing the need for long term strategies in delivering a successful writing program across all age and ability levels.

VCOP and Big Write provides us with more differentiated lessons and activities to help increase the current enthusiasm and raise standards in writing, particularly in boys. This program provides a simple, sequential approach that supports teachers and students in developing higher level writing skills.

Tuesday 26th May
7.00pm in the JLC

- Join us to find out more about the philosophy behind the VCOP/ Big Write program.
- Experience a hands on VCOP session and Big Write—just like in the classroom; to see how this program dramatically improves your child’s writing.
- Learn how to help your child get the most out of this program.

What does VCOP stand for?

V = Vocabulary
C = Connectives
O = Openers
P = Punctuation
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**How to Apply**
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**Closing Date**
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.