



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Trivia Night

Our Trivia Night is this Friday with lots of fun to be had. Brian Nankervis will be the host for the evening and will keep the questions coming to see who will end up the winning table. There will be three tables of teachers who will match their wits with the 30 or so parent tables.

The silent auction and auction is full of great prizes with all money raised going towards the upgrading of interactive whiteboards in the Grade 5 & 6 area. An enormous amount of preparation has gone into the evening by the organising committee of Barb Dight, Kate Allen, Nicole Nabout, Pip Feferkranz, Tania Smith and Julie Rovis to make the night a success. I look forward to seeing you all at the St. Kilda Town Hall on Friday night.

Maths Night

The second of our curriculum evenings for parents is on next Tuesday night.

The focus of the evening will be:

- What numeracy teaching looks like at EPS
- Where our curriculum come from
- What we teach
- Maths homework
- Planning documents
- Lesson structure
- Proficiency in maths – tables, automatic response

The evening will be in the JLC commencing at 7:00pm. It will be an informative and practical night that will further explain how we deliver one of our key learning focuses.

Leadership Conference

Our school leadership team of Nicole Richards, Jay Tucker, Kimberley Scott,

Amy Wilson, Amy Parsons, Louisa Dretzke, Ange Dawson, Ariana Peters and myself will be on two day conference next Sunday and Monday. The two days will focus on their leadership development, school learning and teaching strategies and goals for the rest of the year. The conference will be facilitated by myself and is a significant part of our school leaders learning.

School Concert

The school is abuzz with concert fever. Our whole school concert will take place on September at the Palais Theatre. Each grade will practice three times per week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There will be no music or performing arts classes during Term 3. All grades have adjusted their timetables to maintain our Literacy and Numeracy focus as well as concert practice to make sure all students continue their learning journey in Literacy and Numeracy and that we put on a fantastic concert for our community.

A notice explaining all the finer details of the concert as well as ticket prices and how you can purchase tickets will be sent home shortly

Uniform

A reminder to all parents that all students must be in full school uniform at all times. Footwear must be either school shoes or runners that are suitable for PE sessions. Boots, converse shoes, skate shoes or lace up boots are not permitted. Tights must be blue and leggings need to be worn with a dress or skorts.

Lateness

Please make every effort to have your children at school on time every day. There are many students who arrive after 9:00am which is disruptive for their learning, the classroom teacher

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CALENDAR

Thursday 16 July
State Cross Country

Friday 17 July
Gr 4-6 : Athletics Practice
7.00pm Elwood Pursuit at St Kilda
Town Hall for parents

Monday 20 July
Gr 6 : Being Real Being True
Being You Incursion

Tuesday 21 July
7.00pm Parent Evening in JLC:
Numeracy at EPS

Wednesday 22 July
Parents & Friends Meeting

Friday 24 July
Gr 4 -6 : Athletics Practice

Monday 27 July
Prep : 100 Days of School
Gr 6 : Health Incursion
3.00pm Assembly - Orchestra

Tuesday 28 July
Curriculum Day - Student Free

Wednesday 29 July
Family Life Parent Session
(cost involved)
Gr 1 & 2 : 6.30-7.30pm
Gr 3 & 4 : 7.45-8.45pm

Friday 31 July
Gr 4 -6 : Athletics Practice

Tuesday 28 July
Curriculum Day
Student Free

Enrolment for Prep
in 2016 close on
Friday 7 August

and the grade. Late students miss the first part of the day which includes settling in for the day, organising themselves and learning instructions.

Baby News

Congratulations to our staff members who have recently added to their growing families :

- * Ryan Murphy : Asher
- * Sarah Galbraith : Lachie
- * James Dixon : Curtis
- * Tim Ghys : Gwendolyn
- * Suzie Knorr : Maggie
- * Brooke Crawford : Jack
- * Ellie Dodd : Albi



Rob Esoti

You Can Do It

Respecting differences

There are many things we have in common and share at Elwood PS. But there are many ways in which we differ too.

Some of us like football, where others prefer netball. Some like maths, others prefer reading books. Some people like to listen to CDs and music, others like to play on the computer. Some of us are tall, some of us are short. Some are strong and some are fast. In some way or another, we are all different and that makes us all the more interesting.

It would be pretty boring if everyone went around doing exactly the same thing – we would all be like robots. Thankfully we are not robots, we are human and we are all different. Even in the same family, we are different from our Mums and Dads, different from our brothers and sisters.

Rather than worrying about these differences, we need to accept and respect them and also to celebrate them.

It is good that we are all different from each other and all special and unique!

Respecting differences shows everyone that we are thoughtful, considerate and friendly children. All part of being an Elwood Kid - **You Can Do It.**

Manners Matter

Listening

Listening is a very important social skill to develop as it allows us to access learning, recalling information, shows we care about others, models good conversational skills and allows us to interact in social situations.



Part of being interested is showing interest in what others have to say. You show interest and courtesy mainly by: Listening and Asking good questions

Listening Do's and Don't s

- *DO look at the person who is talking
- *DO stand or sit still when you're listening

- *DO pay attentions & think about what is being said.
- *DO show that you have been listening by asking a good question based on what the person has said.

- *DON'T look at the ground or other things around

- *DON'T fidget

- *DON'T let your mind wander

- *DON'T just concentrate on what you want to say

- *DON'T ask questions that change the topic

Good listening shows others that you are thoughtful and considerate. All part of being an Elwood Kid.

Our Global Calendar

Our Global calendar is a way to celebrate significant cultural and environmental events and is a terrific springboard for conversations at home! What's on in the coming weeks?

18th July: Nelson Mandela International Day

The UN and the Nelson Mandela Foundation call on people across the world to devote 67 minutes of their time to helping people on Nelson Mandela International Day - one minute for each year Nelson Mandela devoted his life to serving humanity.

18th July: Eid al Fitr (Islam)

During the month of Ramadan Eid al-Fitr is a time of charitable giving, peace-making and spiritual renewal.

24th July: Stress Down Day

Stress Down Day is a fundraising event to help cover the cost of running Lifeline's 24 hour telephone counseling line - 13 11 14. Workplaces participate by enjoying a day of stress reducing activities, including wearing casual dress to work, in exchange for a donation to the cause.

26th July: National Stepfamily Awareness Day

The last Sunday in July has been designated as 'National Stepfamily Awareness Day'. A day dedicated to the stepfamily, it provides an opportunity to acknowledge, promote and celebrate the great work that stepfamilies do.

30th July: International Day of Friendship

The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.

Enjoy your upcoming weeks and whatever you may be celebrating!

Nicole Richards ... Assistant Principal

Attachments :

- Specialist Overview for Term 3
- Maths Information Night
- Information Nights
- Camp Australia
- Extra Curricular Activities at EPS

Specialist Overview for Term 3 in 2015

LOTE Program ... Kirsteen Reid

Grade 2: This term students will be learning the vocabulary and language structures associated with the topics of Days of the Week, Months and the Seasons. Students will identify key vocabulary and learn to construct basic sentences that describe their weekly activities, birthdays and their favourite seasons.

Grade 3 & 4: This term students will be learning the vocabulary and language structures associated with family and personal descriptions. The students will create wonderful family booklets that introduce and describe members of their immediate and extended family.

Grade 5 & 6: This term students will explore the vocabulary and language structures associated with clothing and personal descriptions. Students will create fashion profiles on famous people and describe what they are wearing and what they look like. The students will also participate in a fashion catwalk role play where they will introduce and describe the clothing of a classmate.

Music & Performing Art ... Kaz Sieger & Paula Russell

This term's focus is Production, Production, Production - titled 'Forever Young' this is a 60's rock inspired show featuring dancing and singing from all students in every grade and supported by our in-house parent band providing live music.

Prep: Will be exploring ways to make performance fun and learning their beach themed songs and moves. Dance leaders will guide students on the night.

Grade 1 & 2: Gr 1 will be performing songs by Australian artists and Gr 2 performing TV/Movie themes. They will be dancing and singing in a variety of fun ways plus interact with the main feature characters.

Grade 3 & 4: Grade 3 will be performing classic rock songs from the 60's with the Grade 4's performing some of The Beatle classics.

Grade 5 & 6: Students will be dancing, singing, performing main roles, backing vocals, working back stage and singing solo. Auditions have been held and the main roles cast. Their items will reflect different aspects of life in the 60's with Grade 5 as hippies and Grade 6 will be famous people.

Library/ICT ... Ange Dawson

Prep: Students will continue to enjoy shared stories in the library and will use illustrations to assist their reading. During ICT, students will become familiar with the different parts of a computer and the different and unique functions of each.

Grade 1: Students will be further developing their skills at choosing appropriate 'just right' books to borrow from all areas of the library. During ICT, Students will use web search engines to collect pictures of different types of animals and then explore ways in which those pictures can be organised.

Grade 2: Students will be finding specific information in factual texts in the library and will be using different parts of the text to access the information, eg title page, contents page and glossary. During ICT, students will familiarise themselves with their individual computer logins so that they can save their work in a place that only they have access to.

Grade 3: Students will be utilising our library search system 'Olly' for locating resources. During ICT, students will be working towards a clearer understanding of the implications of what is shared online. They will also select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) to collect, analyse, evaluate and present data and information.

Grade 4: Students will be continuing to choose appropriate books to borrow, as well as opening their minds and trying new titles, authors and genres. During ICT, they will be introduced to "Computational Thinking" - a method of problem-solving that helps computer scientists prepare real-world problems for digital representation.

Grade 5: Students will use prior knowledge to connect to and form personal meaning from Fiction, Non-Fiction and multimedia works. During ICT, Students will be developing basic Excel skills. They will understand what a spreadsheet is, what they are for and what they can do. They will use formulae to perform simple and complex calculations and use spreadsheets to create graphs of their data.

Grade 6: Students will select resources and seek information related to academic and personal interests in variety of genres and formats. During ICT, Students will be introduced to the concept of binary to illustrate how a computer codes data that will be stored and transmitted as a series of zeros and ones.

Visual Arts ... Leyna, Andrea and Jo

Prep: The focus is creating arts works in response to picture storybooks. Preps will explore a variety of painting and collaging techniques.

Grade 1: The focus is for students to enhance their skills in constructing a model based on the city. They will also use Book Week themes to inspire them to make drawings and paintings.

Grade 2: Student will be creating a model based on a Book Week Theme. Students will also be creating drawings and paintings based on picture storybooks.

Grade 3: The focus is creating arts works using a variety of printing techniques.

Grade 4: Students will be using a variety of techniques and skills to construct a 3D model. Through this process students will learn about a variety of popular art styles.

Grade 5 & 6: Students are continuing to plan and create their own projects based on their interests.

PE & Sport ... Amy Parsons & Tara Devers

Prep:

- ✓ Understanding the rules and boundaries of more complex games.
- ✓ Rotating round hand eye co-ordination stations & Primary Motor Skills Programme
- ✓ Applying throwing and catching skills to minor games.
- ✓ Developing kicking skills and moving with a ball (dribbling) and Passing and stopping.
- ✓ Develop the understanding of how different games work
- ✓ Build understanding of Athletics activities; throwing, jumping, running and multi skill movements.

Grade 1 & 2:

- ✓ Applying throwing, catching and bouncing skills to small sided games.
- ✓ Investigating how these skills can be used in invasion games.
- ✓ Developing kicking and dribbling skills and applying this within similar games.
- ✓ Develop understanding of how we work in a team environment.
- ✓ To be able to apply throwing as catching skills to different games.
- ✓ Learning the rules to different games and being able to apply the skills we have learnt.
- ✓ Build understanding of more complex Athletics activities; throwing, jumping, running and multi skill movements.

Grade 3 & 4:

- ✓ Developing skills for throwing and catching sports, kicking sports and hockey.
- ✓ Making links between invasion games to develop understanding of tactics.
- ✓ Developing knowledge of the rules for each sport
- ✓ Develop an understanding of the similarities between different invasion games. Use this to develop how we play.
- ✓ Be able to observe and improve others and ourselves.
- ✓ Build understanding of more complex Athletics activities; throwing, jumping, running and multi skill movements.

Grade 5 & 6:

- ✓ Developing skills for throwing and catching sports, kicking sports and hockey.
- ✓ Making links between invasion games to develop understanding of tactics.
- ✓ Developing knowledge of the rules for each sport
- ✓ Take on different roles of; positions, umpires and coaches.
- ✓ Develop an understanding of the similarities between different invasion games. Use this to develop how we play.
- ✓ Understand the difference and importance of different roles and why we need them.
- ✓ Be able to observe and improve others and ourselves, using sport specific vocabulary.



MATHS INFORMATION NIGHT



Elwood Primary School's purpose is to continue to develop highly numerate students who are empowered to be productive, numerate members of the community.

TUESDAY 21st JULY in the JLC at 7.00pm

Join Rob, Jay, Nicole, Ariana and other staff to hear about what Numeracy teaching looks like from Prep to Grade 6 at Elwood Primary School.

The evening's program will including our:

- * curriculum
- * agreed strategies and approaches
- * planning
- * assessment program
- * lesson structure
- * and how to help at home/homework





Information Nights

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**VCOP & Big Write : Tuesday 26th May 7.00pm
(completed)**

Numeracy : Tuesday 21st July 7.00pm

Literacy : Wednesday 12th August 7.00pm

Investigations & ERP : Wednesday 28th October 7.00pm

Elwood Primary School's purpose is to continue to develop highly literate and numerate students who are empowered to be productive members of the community.

To best understand how our students achieve and exceed in these areas, our outstanding teachers will continue our Parent Information Nights throughout Semester 2 to inform you about our best practice.

EPS have a number of agreed strategies and approaches used across the school from Prep – 6 from Writing, Spelling, Maths and Inquiry in all classrooms.

These information nights are open to everyone and will cover different aspects of our curriculum so that parents can learn about and therefore play a better role in their child's schooling.

We hope to see you at our Information Nights!



we make kids smile

GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



ELWOOD OSHC HIGHLIGHTS

Seeing all of the children return looking refreshed and full of exciting stories about their holiday adventures has kept the aftercare staff intrigued and amused. At the same time, we are glad that everyone enjoyed safe and happy holidays. We held an Asian Celebration along with the school and the final week of term was Electronics week. We also made a goodbye card for Sharlene who has worked at the Elwood OSHC since 2011. She will be missed but we wish her all the best in her new role with Camp Australia.

Taking over the role of co-ordinator is me, myself and I, Soichiro Imamura or more commonly known as So. I have been at Elwood OSHC for the past four years shadowing Sharlene and learning from the best. I have recently completed a Bachelor in Public Relations at Deakin University and am currently working towards a Diploma in School Age Education and Care. I love seeing the children progress through the school and feel honoured to be a part of this process. During the first few days of the school year I especially enjoy watching the new preps saying goodbye to their parents and taking their first steps towards independence.

This term we will continue with the Buddy Leader program where children can apply for a Buddy Leader position. A Buddy Leader sets a good example and is a role model who ensures that everyone in the service is being fair to one another, looks out for other children especially the foundation children and takes on board other leadership tasks.

Congratulations to the Term 3 Buddy Leaders - Jasmine B, Ethan S, Alice S, Louis M.B, Emma C, Charles T, Kiara G.F, Joanna S, Emily Z and Sophie S.

WINTER ACTIVITY DONATIONS

Now we are into the colder, wetter months, we will be spending much more time indoors. There are plenty of activities and resources on offer; however, the program would be enhanced if the children had access to a variety of games/activities. We would love if any families who have board games, foosball tables, mini pool tables or things of this kind that they no longer need consider donating them to OSHC. Please contact me on 0400 085 520 to make arrangements.

So Imamura

Please note : At the bottom of the Elwood Primary School website home page there are icons for most of these activities which will take you directly to their websites for more information and to register

**2015 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (optional/user pays)
By outside providers here at Elwood Primary School**

<p>Chess Kids Chess makes kids smarter – learning while playing! Building Mental Muscles – problem solving, tactical & strategic planning, lateral & logical thinking, memory, visualisation and decision making. Children learn a new strategy, idea or skill at the start of each session. Chess Club meet Thursday lunchtime. Enrol online at www.chesskids.com.au or phone 1300 424 377. Students must be enrolled prior to attending.</p>	<p>Drama Time DRAMA TIME is an exciting and rewarding drama program. Our goal is to help children develop creatively, explore their imagination, build self-confidence and improve communication skills while having great fun! Classes from 1.45-2.25pm on Monday (Grade 3 - 6) and Wednesday (Grade 2).To enrol contact Kelly at kelly@dramatime.com.au or call 9525 9977. For more information visit www.dramatime.com.au.</p>
<p>Ukulele Classes The ukulele is now the preferred introductory instrument in Primary Schools in Australia. Our program makes learning even better. Lots of discounts available for our in school group classes. Enrolments from grades 1- 6 are being taken for 2015 Term 1. Enquire now for fee information, or to enrol your child. Phone: 0418 356 574 Email: info@uke4kids.com View: www.uke4kids.com</p>	<p>Creative Music Program Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar. Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week. Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Tuition costs from \$17.90 per lesson (payable per term). Enrolments are now being accepted for Term 1, 2015. Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 for more information or visit our web page at www.creativemusic.com.au.</p>
<p>Brass & Woodwind Music Program Tuition is available in SAXOPHONE, CLARINET, FLUTE and TRUMPET taught by professional musician and educator, Dean Hilson. Classes are Wednesday during school time. Private or small group lessons are available. If your child is not sure of which instrument to choose, a FREE TRY-OUT session can be arranged where they play on all of the instruments and are assessed as to which may suit them best. For further information or to enrol your child, please contact Dean Hilson deanhilson@optusnet.com.au or 0433 456 455.</p>	<p>Mini Picasso's Develop your Child's Creativity. This class introduces children to a variety of drawing and painting processes. We aim to expose participants to a range of fun yet educational exercises that begin to teach them the elements of seeing and translating both on a visual and an expressive level. Drawing, painting, sculpture, wood, paper mache, murals, public art, tiny canvas - large Canvas, resin, glass, fashion design, mosaic's, guest artists!! Just to name a few of the amazing fun activities for kids to learn and explore. Sessions are coordinated by Helen Pollard - Professional Artist & Project Manager. To enrol mini.picassos.artprogram@gmail.com or call 0415 039 791. Visit www.artea.com.au.</p>
<p>Kelly Sports Programs for Prep to Grade 4 students Basketball: Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00pm Have fun playing with your friends while learning the skills and rules. Great for beginners or even if you have played before. Super Soccer: Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00pm Learn all the basic skills required to play the game in a safe and challenging environment. Contact Pierre 0432 832 466 or email pierre@kellysports.com.au.</p>	<p>Violin Lessons</p>