



# Community Link

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## Please Note!

**Thursday 23 February**  
School Photos (Prep-2)  
Level 4 Information Night

**Friday 24 February**  
Curriculum Day  
Student Free Day

**Wednesday 1 March**  
Fancy Feathers Incursion - Gr 2

**Thursday 2 March**  
District Swimming Carnival for  
qualifying students

**Saturday 4 March**  
Community Market  
Grade 6 rostered

**Monday 6 March**  
3.00pm Assembly - 3/4 Choir  
Performing

**Wednesday 8 March**  
Chess Competition

**Friday 10 March**  
5/6 Sport  
Division Swimming Sports  
qualifying students only

**Monday 13 March**  
Labour Day Public Holiday  
No school

**Friday 17 March**  
5/6 Sport

**Friday 24 February**  
**Curriculum Day**  
**Student Free Day**

Dear Parents

This is a reminder of the School Council details, which was published in last weeks newsletter.

### School Council 2017

Our School Council comprises of parents, DET employees and community members who meet monthly to partner together to ensure our school provides a quality education for all students. Parents on School Council do not need to have special skills, just a commitment to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

As a parent you can nominate or second a nomination for other parents to be on School Council for the next two years. It is a fantastic way to be deeply involved in the school.

**If you would like to stand for School Council or nominate a parent to stand please collect a nomination form and return it to the office before 4.00pm Wednesday 1 March**

The following School Council members have completed their two year term or are retiring/retired: Ralf Huempel, Michael Newton & Glen McCann. They can choose to renominate if they choose.

If there are more than three nominations an election will need to be held. The following teachers have completed their School Council terms: Jay Tucker, Nicole Richards and Poeta Hope who resigned in 2016. If there are more than two teacher nominations an election will also need to be held in this category.

### Timeline for School Council Elections:

Wednesday 15 February : Nominations called for School Council

Wednesday 1 March : Nominations closed.

*Note : A list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed (if there are more nominations than vacancies)*

Monday 6 March : Distribute ballot papers if required

Monday 13 March : Close of ballot. (4:00pm)

Monday 13 March : Count votes and declare the poll

Thursday 16 March : New council is able to meet

# Market News

Please note Grades 6J, 6L, 6R, and 6T are rostered on for the market to be held on Saturday 4 March.

Class reps have been 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 volunteer at the market, and/or by producing cakes and other goods for the cake stall.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to <http://www.elwoodmarket.com/volunteer/market>

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Elwood Community Market Committee*



## Garden Specialist Role

We would like to congratulate Kathy Beckwith and welcome her as our new Garden Specialist, in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

Kathy will commence her role next week in the program and our Grade 3 & 4 students can look forward to their garden classes commencing next week.

*Rob Crotti*

## Health Alert WHOOPING COUGH

There has been a confirmed case of Pertussis or Whooping Cough in Grade 1. This is a highly contagious respiratory infection. The disease begins like a cold and then the characteristic cough develops and may last for an extended period. The whoop is not always obvious and vomiting after coughing is common. Babies under 12 months of age are particularly at risk. Medical diagnosis and treatment is required.

If you have any concerns contact your local doctor or visit <http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/> for more information.

## QKR Student Updates

If you are using the QKR app to make school payments, you need to update your child's information so they are attached to their correct grades. This will ensure that your payment gets allocated to the correct student on our system.



## Student Packs

Thank you for collecting your packs at our school office. Please ensure that all permission forms are returned to our office as soon as possible. These forms need to be completed and signed to ensure that your child can attend school incursions and excursions throughout the term.

## State Schools Spectacular

Last year, Elwood Primary School had sixteen Grade 6 students perform in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. It was a huge event and a wonderful professional performance opportunity. Congratulations to Millie and Lily (now in Year 7) who were successful in their individual auditions for this year's spectacular. Millie and Lily will be singing backing vocals for the event. They have many songs to learn and rehearsals to attend. Congratulations and best of luck!

*Paula Russell*

*Performing Arts Specialist*

## Parent Workshop

As part of Family Life, Heartworks is a new social enterprise providing relationship education and counselling services in the local area. They will be running a number of workshops focusing on parenting and communication. The workshops runs across three Wednesday evenings on Wednesday 15, 22 and 29 March from 7.00 - 9.00pm and focuses on improving communication with your pre-teen or teen and is aimed at parents and carers of children aged 10 - 17 years. To book or for more info, visit [heartworks.com.au](http://heartworks.com.au) or email [heartworks@familylife.com.au](mailto:heartworks@familylife.com.au) or call 8599 5488

## Auskick

AFL Auskick 2017 is coming soon!

All girls and boys aged 5 - 12 years are welcome to join the Auskick group. Elsternwick Auskick meets at VAFA Ground—Elsternwick Park located at 162 Glenhuntly Road, Elwood, at 9.15 - 10.45am on Saturdays commencing on 22 April 2017. Register at [aflauskick.com.au](http://aflauskick.com.au) or for more information, contact Deborah O'Reilly on 0407 513 908 or email her on [deborah.oreilly@pmi.com](mailto:deborah.oreilly@pmi.com)

## Attachments :

Maths Challenge  
Calling All Bakers

## Elwood Learning Hub Links

Poet's Grove Children's Centre :

<http://www.poetsgrove.com/home> and follow link to newsletter

Elwood College :

[http://elwood.vic.edu.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=113&Itemid=117](http://elwood.vic.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=113&Itemid=117)

# MATHS CHALLENGE



CREATE A PATTERN THAT WILL STUMP YOUR TEACHER?

YOU CAN USE NUMBERS, SHAPES OR OBJECTS.

Above is the first in a series of mathematical challenges that will be included in newsletters and or Community Links throughout the year.

For those who want to take up the challenge you can submit your solutions in a box which will be housed outside 2L (in the LTC) and in foyer outside the grade 3 and 2 rooms in the Senior School. Entries will be open until week 7. Random entries will then be drawn with the winning entries being awarded a special certificate at an assembly towards the end of term 1.

CAN YOU WORK OUT COREY'S PATTERN?

9, 19, 37, 75, 149, 299, \_?\_, \_?\_

# Elwood Community Market

'calling all CAKE BAKERS...'



THANK YOU so much to everyone who has baked for our market in the past. What an amazing sight it is, to see such a beautiful display of cakes and sweet treats (home made by family and friends) at the Elwood Community Market on Saturday mornings. So please, we need your best cakes, slices, biscuits, cupcakes, and more, again this market!!

Barbara (market committee) has created some fabulous allergy free goodies. Children with allergies won't miss out on something yummy this market. If you want tips for allergy free baking, contact Barbara on 0417 388 318 or visit her blog at <http://queenbeeallergyfree.blogspot.com/>

Wrapping and tags available from outside the kitchen on Friday's before Market. (No nuts, unless goods are already wrapped and labelled before delivery.)