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Market News
Please note grades 1C, 1D, 1J, 1K, 1P and 1R are rostered on for the market to be held on Saturday 6 August 2016. Class reps are now 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.

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

Chess comes to Elwood PS
The Interschool Chess Tournament will be held at Elwood PS on Monday 8 August. 5 - 6 games will be played by each participant of the EPS Chess team. If your child is interested in playing on the day, please email the school at elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and I will contact you. We have up to 8 more places available for interested players.

Parent Opinion Survey
The annual Parent Opinion Survey will be sent to 100 randomly selected parents early next week. If you have been selected, you should receive your survey by mail on Monday. The survey is returned to school in a sealed envelope and then sent to the Education Department for analysis. We receive the results later in the year and the data forms a big part of our future planning in a range of areas such as behaviour management, reporting, school improvement, approachability, parent input and extra curricular activities, to name a few.

If you receive a survey could you please ensure you fill it out and return it to school by Monday 1 August. In previous years we have received around 45% of completed surveys and we would like to request that all surveys are returned so that we have more reliable data. We value your opinion and the survey helps us to continually grow and become an even better school than we presently are.

Rob Croti
**CHICKEN POX - Health Alert**
There has been a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in 2A. You may be at high risk if you do not have immunity including newborns, pregnant women and those immunosuppressed individuals with haematological malignancies, on chemotherapy, high dose steroids or HIV infection. If you have any concerns contact your local doctor or visit [http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/chicken-pox.asp](http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/chicken-pox.asp)

Due to Immunisation, many cases of the disease present with few symptoms, however the disease is still highly contagious and should be reported to the school. Chicken Pox is a notifiable disease and is reported to the Department of Health for better health management in future. A visit to your doctor is recommended.

**Curriculum Day with Camp Australia**
Camp Australia have decided to open their care program on the Curriculum Day for students to attend on Thursday 21 July.

The Curriculum Day is pupil free, with staff working through the maths priority for the day. If you would like your child to attend the day with Camp Australia at school, please visit their portal.

The program needs 18 students or more to be viable, so please register your child's attendance now.

**Big Night Out**
The Big Night Out is fast approaching! Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for this ‘not to be missed ’ parent event to be held on Friday 29 July.

Please see the flyer attached for all the details.

**ARTea Art School**
ARTea Art School is offering an exciting new course this term - Fashion Designing.

Join artist Ruby on this 8 week course on a Thursday from 5.00 - 6.15pm in the JLC art room. Students will learn how to create a mood board, draw figures and design clothes, create a collection portfolio, sewing techniques and work with fabrics and accessories. The course is aimed at students aged 7/8+. Cost $180 for the term.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Helen at [www.artea.com.au](http://www.artea.com.au)

**Calling Girls interested in Netball**
The Caulfield Netball Club are looking for girls who are interested in playing netball and would like to join their Under 11’s team.

Games are held on Fridays at the Duncan McKinnon Reserve around 5.00pm and training is held at 3.30pm on Wednesdays at Elwood PS.

If you are interested, please contact Mandy Cookson on 0439 941 482 or mandy@pierlot.com.au

**Step Up Pilot Program**
The Step Up pilot program commences today for the first time at EPS. Step Up is a free program designed especially for Grade 6 students transitioning into Year 7. If the program is successful, it may be offered in Term 4 also.

The program will focus on identifying and growing key inner strengths in the students. It will pay particular attention to growing three key personal strengths: Kindness, Gratitude and Mindfulness.

If you would like more information, please contact Sara at saralevene@hotmail.com or stepuppilot@gmail.com

**Elwood Learning Hub Links**
Poet’s Grove Children’s Centre :  
[http://www.poetsgrove.com/home](http://www.poetsgrove.com/home)

Elwood College :  
Elwood Primary School proudly presents

THE BIG NIGHT OUT

CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA

7PM FRIDAY 29 JULY ST KILDA TOWN HALL

Tickets on sale WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE

Early Bird Special (before 24 June) $40 pp $30 concession
After 24 June: $45 pp & $35 concession

Food & entertainment included. Drinks at bar prices.

for more info visit: elwoodprimary.vic.edu.au

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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.)