School Council Elections 2015

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 Friday 27 February.

The following parents have completed their two year term and can choose to retire or renominate for school council: John Richardson, Kirsty Cleland, Ralf Huempel, Gary March and Anna Marinovich.

If there are more than five nominations, an election will need to be held and you will be informed of the election process.

The following teachers have completed their terms: Nicole Richards and Thess Lohman. If there are more than two teacher nominations an election will also need to be held in this category.

Time line for School Council Elections
Thur 12 Feb: Nominations called for School Council
Fri 27 Feb: Nominations closed
A list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed (if there are more nominations than vacancies)
Mon 2 Mar: Distribute ballot papers if required
Tues 10 Mar: Close of ballot. (4:00pm)
Tues 17 Mar: Count votes and declare the poll
Thur 19 Mar: New council is able to meet
Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss anything regarding nominations for School Council.

Information Nights - Please see flyer attached

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SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday 17 February
(Prep, Grade 1 & 2 + Family with a Prep)
Wednesday 25 February
(Grade 3 to 6 + the rest of Families)
School uniform must be worn both days
Family and extra Student Envelopes are available from the school office
**Market News**

What a great way to end the first full week of school for the year, with a warm and sunny day, and thousands of people coming along to enjoy the Elwood Community Market. The school grounds were overflowing with stalls, featuring arts and crafts, fresh food and delicacies, and plenty of bargains.

A huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who helped put on such a great market. Even though no classes were allocated, we still had over 100 enthusiastic volunteers from the school community 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 helped out on the day.

We also thank the local businesses who continue to generously support our market each month. This month we would like to recognise Jerry’s Milk Bar for their ongoing support of the coffee stall.

Money raised from the Elwood Community Market is allocated to projects at Elwood Primary School that the whole community benefits from. The Elwood Community Market raised $45,000 last year. The February market raised over $6,000.

We look forward to seeing you at the Elwood Community Market again. The next market is on Saturday 14 March (Grades 4A, 4E, 4J, 4N, 4T rostered)

**Elwood Community Market Committee**

**Staff News**

Congratulations to Ryan Murphy 6R and his partner Liz on the safe arrival of baby Asher.

Happy Announcements:

Tim Ghys 6T and his partner Janelle, and James Dixon PJ and his partner Cassie are very excited to announce that they are having a baby in 2015.

Congratulations to Kate O’Connor 1K and her partner Bill on their Wedding during the holidays.

**Curriculum Days**

Please make note of the following Curriculum Days at EPS, Tuesday 24 February & Tuesday 28 July.

**Friends of Kitchen Garden**

It’s summer time and the garden is full of produce

Thank you to the following families who visited the garden during the holidays to care for the chickens or the lizards and to water some sections not covered by the watering system: Thomas, Anson, Jones, Delic, Blom, Dunn, Langridge and Grining families. The program couldn’t run without community involvement such as this.

The roster is now open for chicken carers over the coming weekends and holidays.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Kate (bulling.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au)

If you have any lemons to spare, the kitchen program would love to use them in their recipes.

**Kate, Janet & Catherine**

**2015 Class Representatives**

The following classes are still seeking Class Reps: 1J, 2C, 2S, 3K, 4E & 4N. If you are interested, please contact Michael Gulliver on 0412 240 081 or email michael@gulliver.name

**Music News**

Hi everyone and thank you for a wonderful start to 2015.

**Assemblies**

Students from Grade 1 and 2 are learning songs in music class to perform at assembly. The first performance will be from students in Grade 2 on Monday 16 February. We hope to see you there!

**School Production - Tues 8 Sept at The Palais**

The School Production planning is underway and we are looking for parents or volunteers to help with preparing for the show. The extravaganza will hopefully feature live music and singing, amazing costumes and groovy backdrops. If you have skills or are interested in these areas and can spare your valuable time, please let myself or our Performing Arts teacher, Paula Russell know. The production rehearsals will be in Term 3 and any help would be greatly appreciated.

**Elwood Learning Hub Links**

Poet’s Grove Children’s Centre:
http://www.poetsgrove.com/home

Elwood College:
Orchestra
Please consider joining the School Orchestra which will begin rehearsing this week Thursday 12 February, at 3:45pm in the Music Room. The orchestra is open to students in Grade 3 - 6 and is a fun way to improve as a musician. Performances will include the School Production and assemblies. Students are welcome to come and try out for one rehearsal with your instrument and decide whether they would like to join.

New Ensemble - Recorder Group
A flyer will be sent to everyone in Grades 4 - 6 about a Special Recorder Ensemble that keen recorder players may be interested in joining. Please email me sieger.kaz.k@edumail.vic.gov.au to request an expression of interest form. It may be possible to create a small ensemble featuring the descant, alto and tenor recorders playing renaissance music.

Grade 3 Recorder
Students will once again begin learning recorder during music classes. They will perform for the school community once they have mastered some songs and honed their musical skills. They will need to remember to bring their recorders and books (which will be provided through the Term Planner) to every music class and will be responsible for looking after their new instruments.

Join Girl Guides in 2015
Available to girls from Grades 1 - 5. The activities are designed to suit every type of girl, while helping girls to make new friends, develop leadership skills and grow confidence. A free trial period is available. Scheduled on Mondays or Thursdays at 5.30 - 7.00pm at the Hampton Guide Hall, 368 Hampton Street, Hampton. Contact Emma Birch on 0414 387 833 or email emma.birch@me.com

Net Set Go
Net Set Go is a skill development program which enables children to learn skills and court positions in netball. Caulfield South Netball Club will run two Net Set Go programs in 2015. Each program runs for 15 weeks. The first season will commence 3 March, the second season in July. The program is available to Prep - Grade 3 and will run at Elwood College indoor courts, on Tuesdays from 4 - 5pm. To reserve a spot in the 2015 for Term 1, email your details to: netsetgoelwood@hotmail.com

Kidskick Soccer
Each class is run by qualified instructors. Program runs over 8 Saturdays in Term 1 and commences on 7 Feb 2015. Venue: St. Kilda Primary Oval, Brighton Road, St. Kilda. For registrations and enquiries, phone Dino on 0413 172 136 or email: macmarm@bigpond.net.au

Brighton Soccer Club
Brighton Soccer Club is holding FREE clinics for Under 7 and Under 11 girls. It's a great opportunity to play and meet some new friends too. To be held on Sundays from 4 - 5pm in February and March at Brighton Firbank Grammar School. Register at http://www.brightonsc.org.au
Any queries: miniroosgirls@brightonsc.org.au

Elwood Basketball Association
The Elwood Bobcats, are calling for girls interested in playing basketball. They need two new members to join their team. Training is on at EPS after school on Mondays and games are played on Saturdays at MSAC. For more information, call Larissa Farnan on 0412 622 185.

Council Plan and Budget 2015/16
Have Your Say
City of Port Phillip Councillors will be visiting your neighbourhood in February and March to get your input into the Council Plan and Budget 2015/16. They are on the road with ‘Betsy’, a vintage caravan that’s easy to spot, so please stop by for a chat. Below are the locations and dates:
- Middle Park Beach, Beaconsfield Pde, Middle Park Wednesday 11 February, 4.30 pm - 7 pm
- Ormond Village, Elwood, 26 February, 10 am - 1 pm
- Bay Street, Port Melbourne, 14 February, 9 am - 12 noon
- South Melbourne Market, 27 February, 10 am - 1 pm
- Carlisle Street, Balaclava, 18 February, 10 am - 1 pm
- Elwood Village Festival, Ripponlea Village 20 February, 10 am -12 noon
Visit www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay for further information or contact ASSIST on 03 9209 6777.

Attachments: Information Nights

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Information Nights

Please keep the following dates free so you can attend our Information Nights.

It is a great opportunity to meet all of the teachers in the teams, hear about our curriculum, approaches, strategies, special events and daily routines.

This year, in an effort to tailor the nights around the areas you would most like information on please open the link below and complete the 2 minute survey.

The information we gain from the survey will enable us to spend the most time on the areas that you identify as the most relevant.

We hope to see you on the night(s).

Prep Information Night: Tuesday 17th February
Starting 6:30pm until 7:30pm in the JLC
Please feel free to complete the Prep Survey by clicking on this link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RFBMR27

Grade 1 and 2 Information Night: Tuesday 17th February
Starting 7:45pm until 8:45pm in the JLC
Feel free to complete the Grade 1 and 2 Survey by clicking on this link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RP95J12

Grade 3 and 4 Information Night: Wednesday 18th February
Starting at 7:00pm until 8:30pm in the JLC
Feel free to complete the Grade 3 and 4 Survey by clicking on this link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RYXPB29

Grade 5 and 6 Information Night: Thursday 19th February
Starting at 7:00pm until 8:00pm in the JLC
Feel free to complete the Grade 5 and 6 Survey by clicking on this link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RXR8N5W