Please Note!

- **Thursday 29 October**
  Prep - Fire Ed: Session 1

- **Monday 2 November**
  Normal School Day
  3.00pm Assembly - Grade 2 Performing

- **Tuesday 3 November**
  Melbourne Cup Day
  Public Holiday

- **Wednesday 4 November**
  7.00 - 8.00pm Investigations / ERP
  Parent Info Night in the JLC

- **Thursday 5 November**
  Prep - Fire Ed: Session 2
  3.30 - 6.00pm Year 6 Art Show
  in Art Room

- **Friday 6 November**
  Grade 5 & 6 Summer Sport
  Ready Set Go: Session 6

- **Saturday 7 November**
  Community Market
  2A, 2C, 2K, 2R, 2S rostered

- **Sunday 8 November**
  Remembrance Day Service
  Senior Choir - Selected Students performing

- **Monday 9 November**
  Grade 2 - Werribee Zoo
  Grade 3 Camp

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**Market News**

Please note grades 2A, 2C, 2K, 2R & 2S are rostered on for the market to be held on Saturday 7 November 2015. 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.

**Elwood Community Market Committee**
Heather Michaluk  0404 090 366

**Student Placement 2016**

Teachers will begin the complicated and time consuming task of working out grades for 2016 shortly. Our aim is to produce the best possible combinations of students to encourage maximum learning and teaching in each classroom.

This is the process that teachers will follow:

- Students will be asked to list 4 students they would like to be with in 2016. From this list we guarantee each student 1 friend.
- Teachers then compile grades that have an even spread of abilities, personalities and take into account which students work well together and which don't.
- These lists are then read by the previous grade level coordinator to check that students have been placed correctly.

Lists are then finally checked by Nicole, Jay and myself. This process will take most of the next month with students finding out their new grades and teachers on transition day Tuesday 8th December. Our staff spend many hours working out the best possible grade combinations and are very focussed on producing the best student combinations.

If you have any concerns about the placement of your child, they need to be placed in writing with an appointment made to discuss them with Jay, Nicole or myself. These need to be based on Educational or Emotional grounds and brought to our attention with a meeting no later than Monday 23 November. Emails or letters without an appointment will not be considered.

Requests for particular teachers because you would prefer them will not be entertained.
State Chess Championships
Our Chess team had a great day on Monday 26 October and did Elwood PS proud playing amongst the top 208 primary school competitors from all over the State. They finished 21st in the state which is was great effort.

Congratulations to Dom, Jensen, Josh, Marco, Max and Tom.

Rob Csoti

Community Safety Forum
Join a panel of Victorian Police representatives to hear about:

- Crime and alcohol-related issues currently impacting the suburbs in the Port Phillip Municipality boundary.
- Initiatives to improve safety on your streets.
- Steps that you can take to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime.

To be held on Wednesday 2 December from 7 - 8.30pm in the St. Kilda Town Hall Auditorium, Corner of Carlisle Street and Brighton Road, St. Kilda.

Members of the community who would like to ask a question of Victoria Police that may require research are welcome to submit their questions via email to portphillip-policefeedback-mgr@police.vic.gov.au

Halloween Festival
This Halloween, dress to thrill in your scariest costume and head down to Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda for a spooky good time and free entertainment.

There will be make up artists, face painters, roving stilt walkers, carriage rides and circus performers and will finish off with a Thriller Flash Mob at 7pm outside 1 Fitzroy Street. This spooky event will of course be held on Saturday 31 October from 4 - 8pm.

Kids Learn to Sail with Tackers
Come along this summer and Learn to Sail. Tackers is a Yachting Australia program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing. Each program includes 20 hours of tuition from qualified instructors, and lots of fun on and off the water.

The program will be run at three separate venues: The Boatshed Albert Park, Elwood Yacht Club and Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

For more information please contact:
The Boatshed - Chelsey Taylor
Ph: 9686 2571 or info@theboatshed.net.au
Elwood Sailing Club - Alistair Hart
Ph: 9531 4743 or training@elwoodsc.com
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron - Leigh Brennan-Smith
Ph: 0412 196 301 or training@rmys.com.au

RSL Poppy Appeal
Give something back to those who have given so much for us.

The Caulfield RSL have dropped off a selection of poppies and badges at the school office for anyone who would like to make a donation. Buy a Poppy and remember this November.

For more information go to poppyappeal.com.au

Community Christmas Fair
Come along and join in the fun at the Community Christmas Fair.

The Padres will be performing and there will be fun and entertainment for the kids, with a Christmas market, rides, farm animals and lots of activities and stalls.

To be held on Saturday 21 November from 3 - 8pm at St. Columba’s Primary School, 24 Glenhuntly Rd, Elwood.

For more information, go to stcolumbasevents.org

Elwood Learning Hub Links
Poet’s Grove Children’s Centre:
http://www.poetsgrove.com/home

Elwood College: