



# Community Link

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**Volume 16-17**  
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## Please Note!

**Friday 3 November**  
Summer Sport - Grade 5/6

**Monday 6 November**  
3.00pm Assembly - EPS Orchestra  
performing

**Tuesday 7 November**  
Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup Day

**Wed 8 - Friday 10 November**  
Grade 3 Lady Northcote Camp

**Thursday 9 November**  
Grade 6 Art Show

**Friday 10 November**  
Summer Sport - Grade 5/6  
Ready Set Go for 2018 Preps

**Monday 13 November**  
Bike Ed - Grade 4

**Tuesday 14 November**  
Ripponlea - Grade 1  
Werribee Zoo - Grade 2  
Bike Ed - Grade 4

**Wednesday 15 November**  
Ripponlea - Grade 1  
Bike Ed - Grade 4  
2018 Prep Parent Information Night

**Thursday 16 November**  
7.15pm School Council

**Friday 17 November**  
Ripponlea - Grade 1  
Summer Sport - Grade 5/6

**Monday 20 November**  
3.00pm Assembly - Grade 1 Choir

**Tuesday 7 November**  
**Melbourne Cup Day**  
**Public Holiday**

## Elwood Community Market 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - the Greatest Market in 100 Years

It was Elwood Primary School's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and the Elwood Community Market coincided with the school's birthday celebrations and Open Day. What a fantastic day it was. The school grounds were filled to the brim with stallholders, selling an array of wonderful goods. There were thousands of visitors throughout the day, checking out the stalls, grabbing a coffee and a spinach & ricotta roll, and then perusing the school's memorabilia from the past 100 years.

The latest edition of the Elwood Centenary Anchor went on sale on Saturday, featuring stories about the Dad's Band, the origins of the Market, and lovely tales from some of the school's longest serving teachers.

The cake stall went into overdrive. Never have we seen so many cakes, slices, and yummy treats. There were heaps of cakes donated to the cake stall. A big thanks to everyone who baked for the market. A special mention goes to former Elwood Market Committee Member Jude who whipped up a batch of her famous lemon tarts to mark the special occasion - wow, they are good!

A huge thanks to our resident performers who entertained us throughout the day...The Elwood Community Choir, Henry Parkinson, Lily Paloma, Kayla Skafta, Randal McDonnell and of course, the Padres (featuring Kez). We were also fortunate to have many of the school orchestra, teacher's band and choirs perform for us throughout the afternoon.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put on such a great market given that the October market ran all day, we needed over 100 volunteers to fill the roster. True to Elwood Community form, the roster was completely filled. We thank all the passionate and enthusiastic volunteers 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 contributed to the market.

Money raised from the Elwood Community Market funds projects at Elwood Primary School that the whole community benefits from. This year, market funds will go towards improvements of

the school grounds. The October market raised \$13,500, which is a record result!

We look forward to seeing you at the final Elwood Community Market for 2017, on Saturday 2 December (Grade 2 rostered). And remember that you can purchase your Xmas Tree at this market, so get there early to choose the best one.

**2017 Elwood Community Market Dates:  
2 Dec - Grade 2 rostered**

*Elwood Community Market Committee*

## Centenary Market

What a fantastic day was had by all on Saturday. The school was packed with community members, staff, students and parents both past and present from 9:00am until 4:30pm. There was excitement catching up with old friends and a buzz that is quite unique to our school for the whole day.

We all felt very lucky to be part of a significant day in the life of EPS.

A big, big thank you to Paula Russell who did so much leading up to the day (12 months in fact) and throughout the day. The EPS history was beautifully displayed and viewed by thousands. The JLC was indeed a beautiful museum of memories.

To the teachers who had their rooms open for the day, we thank you; your rooms were beautifully displayed and showcased all of us.

Many thanks to all of our staff who gave up the time to look after rooms, go on stalls, support others and make sure the day ran smoothly.

To everyone at EPS for making our school look so fantastic; rooms, corridors and every space in the school looked just great!

To the Yard Duty Birds, fantastic once again and such role models to our students.

To our office staff, thanks for listening to the 100's of past student who have visited; collecting, receipting and organising so many things from t-shirts to badges and bricks.

To our 100 year Committee, thank you for all of your efforts in making the year and day such a success and

To the Market Committee for organising a super extravaganza that is the Elwood Community Market -

a big job on any day, but even bigger in this 100th year!

*Nicole Richards*

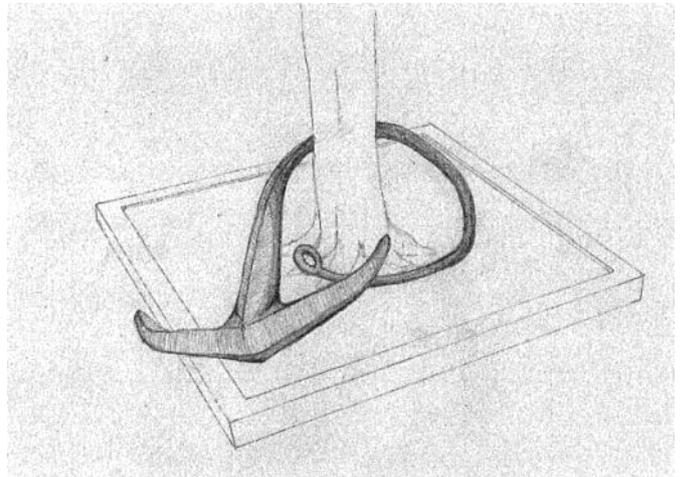
Acting Principal

## Art Sculpture

One of our lasting memories and commemoration of the 100 year anniversary is a sculptural artwork by Laura Woodward. Laura is a Ballarat born, Melbourne based artist. She is well known for her unique sculptural installations.

Our beautiful centenary commissioned sculpture is called "Encircle", incorporating our school's anchor emblem.

The anchor will be curled up with its tail wrapped around the central tree near the stage/turf area between the Junior and Senior School.



Dragon-like, the anchor will sit as if guarding the school, comfortable in its surrounds with its fellow play-mates – all the EPS kids.

The anchor is constructed from 650 triangles in 3mm thick steel, welded together to make a smooth surface and then painted our EPS blue. Our anchor will be over 500kg heavy!

A truly unique Elwood sculpture, right in the grounds of EPS - guarding our time capsule that will be buried next to it.

All will be unveiled on our Family Picnic Night!

If you would like to donate to our commissioned sculpture, please see the ladies in the office.

## 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)

## Student Placement

Teachers will soon begin the complex and time consuming task of working out grades for 2018. 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 four (4) students they work well with (Learning Partners) and would like to be with in 2018. From this list, we guarantee each student one (1) Learning Partner.
- Teachers then compile grades that have an even spread of abilities and personalities and also take into account which students work well together and which don't, along with a gender and number per class balance.
- These lists are then read by the previous grade Level Coordinators and Specialist Teachers to check that students have been placed correctly.

Lists are then finally checked by Jay, Ariana, Sara and myself. This process will take most of the next month, with students finding out their new grades and teachers on Transition Day, Tuesday 12 December.

Our staff spend many, many hours working out the best possible grade combinations and are very focussed on producing the best student combinations for teaching and learning.

No changes to grades will be made after Transition Day on Tuesday 12 December.

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, Ariana, Sara or myself. These need to be based on educational or emotional grounds and brought to our attention with a meeting no later than Friday 17 November (Meetings must be held on or before 17 November).

Our focus will be framed under the Learning Partners context in all situations. Emails or letters without an appointment will not be considered.

Requests for particular teachers because you would prefer them, will not be entertained.

*Nicole Richards*

Acting Principal

## Leaving EPS in 2018

Planning for 2018 is already taking place. It is very important to have an accurate picture of student movement for the upcoming year. Accurate anticipated student numbers has a huge impact on planning for the number of classes we have and our budget. If you know that you will not be at Elwood P S next year please email [elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or call the office on 9531 2762 as soon as possible. Many thanks.

## Congratulations to Kai, Jones and Maisy

Last Monday, Kai (6T), Jones (5J) and Maisy (6T) all competed at the State Athletics Championships.



Kai finished 3rd in his High Jump Event with a personal best 1.55m, Jones ran a great race in the 1500m, placing 2nd with a time of 4:56 and Maisy threw an impressive 10.48m

(personal best) in the Shot Put to take out 2nd place.



I would like to congratulate all 3 of our athletes and wish them all the best for competing at the Nationals in December.

*Sam Casey*  
PE Teacher

## Remembrance Day

Friends of the Elwood RSL (FoERSL) will commemorate Armistice or Remembrance Day by remembering all Australians who have fallen in combat zones at a service on 12 November, at St Columba's Church, Glenhuntly Road, Elwood.

There will be a flag-raising ceremony in St Columba's school yard before Mass at 8.45am, then all will proceed into the 9.00 a.m. Mass. Symbols and wreaths will be placed at the foot of the Cross and anyone who would like to place a wreath are welcome to do so. Children will lead those present in the National Anthem and at the end of the Mass, the convenor of the FoERSL, Gary March will speak, before *The Last Post* is played. The Mass will be followed by a substantial morning tea to which everyone is welcome. If you have any queries, please contact Christine on email: [cmitchell@eskwparish.org](mailto:cmitchell@eskwparish.org)



## Summer Soiree

Students who have lessons with Dean or Jesse or who learn instruments outside school, are invited to perform at the Summer Soiree. It's held in the JLC on Thursday 14 December at 5pm. Students have the opportunity to perform in front of an audience of family and friends.



Please collect a form from the office and liaise with the instrumental teacher before bringing back the form. Well done to all our students for all their hard work this year and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there!

*Kaz Sieger*

## Grade 6 Art Show

Come along and support our budding artists at our Grade 6 Art Show on Thursday 9 November from 3.30 - 7.00pm in the Senior School Art Room. All families are welcome to come and see the works of the our wonderful Grade 6 students.

## “In The Know Parenting”

If you are going to attend one parenting seminar this year – then this is the one.

Youth worker, Luke, is old enough to remember life before the iPhone but still young enough to have his finger on the pulse of social media and pop culture.

In ten years of working with kids it has become clear to Luke that the knowledge gap between parents and their children can grow into a serious void.

“In The Know” can help strengthen home environments by providing information for parents to help navigate this crazy world of Snapchat, Instagram and the Kardashians.

The program is aimed at parents with children from Grade 4 - Grade 6 and will cover topics such as “sexting”, etc.

For more information about Luke visit <http://www.intheknowparenting.com.au/>

When: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Where: The JLC, Elwood Primary School.

Tickets: \$10 each

Purchase via Qkr/School Events/Community Social Events

## Yellow Centenary T-Shirts

We still have the Yellow Centenary t-shirts available for purchase at the office in sizes 6 - 14. Please note there are only a few size 6 and 8's left. If you haven't purchased your t-shirt yet, don't miss out on your piece of memorabilia celebrating our centenary year at EPS.

## Playball Basketball

Playball is now taking registrations from current Prep - Year 3 Boys and Girls to commence training in Term 1, 2018 at MSAC, Albert Park.

40 minute weekly training by Playball coaches prepares children for Friday competition in Terms 2, 3 & 4.

To register go to [www.playballbasketball.com](http://www.playballbasketball.com) or for more information email [info@playballbasketball.com](mailto:info@playballbasketball.com) or call 9585 6123



## Australian Sports Camps

Learn new skills and improve your game! ASC offers quality sports coaching for 6 - 16 year old's with sport camps scheduled over the school holidays. They offer various 3 day camps as well as other specialised sporting programs.

Basketball, cricket, netball, soccer, tennis, futsal, golf, rock climbing are available and there is a full schedule of events available on the website. Book early before 3 December to received a 25% discount. Bookings at [asc.camp/school](http://asc.camp/school) or call 1300 914 368.

## Ripper Twilight Market

Ripponlea Primary School are having their Twilight Market on Friday 10 November from 5.00 - 9.00pm at Ripponlea Primary, Carrington Gve, East St. Kilda (off Orrong Road). [www.facebook.com/ripper.markets](http://www.facebook.com/ripper.markets)

They will have an amazing range of artisan and designer stalls selling jewellery, clothing, handmade gifts and homewares, crafts, produce, alfresco food and bar and more. Come along for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Attachment:

Walk to School Flyer



Come and celebrate the last day of Walk to School Month at the Elwood Primary picnic party.

- \* FREE FRUIT, FRESH TUNES AND FAB STICKERS AVAILABLE FROM 8AM AT THE STAGE!
- \* HOUSE POINTS AWARDED TO ALL THOSE WHO WALK/RIDE/SCOOT/SKATEBOARD/DANCE TO SCHOOL!



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