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Market News

Thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy the Elwood Community market on Saturday 7 November. The skies cleared early in the morning, and once they did a huge crowd turned up to enjoy all the market has on offer.

Silent Disco Dave thrilled kids and parents alike with his unique show. The best coffee in Elwood was running hot, and the egg and bacon rolls were a sell out!

A huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who helped put on such a great market. The Grade 2 classes were rostered on for the November market, and they helped make it a great day. The market cannot operate without the help of the volunteers, so thanks to everyone who contributed.

Thanks also to everyone who baked a cake or donated a delicious treat to the Cake Stall. The Cake Stall relies 100% on the generosity of the school community, so please keep those cakes and treats coming.

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 the grounds improvements project. The November market raised $7,200.

We look forward to seeing you at the Elwood Community Market again. The final market for 2015 is on Saturday 5th December, where The Padres will perform, and Santa will make a special guest appearance. Rostered classes are 3C, 3H, 3K, 3L, 3V.

Elwood Community Market Committee

Student Placement 2016

As per previous newsletter, 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.

Park
The re surfacing of the turf in the park is progressing well and is on track to be ready to use when school commences in 2016.

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Basketball/Netball Court Hire 2016
If you are interested in booking a court for your team training next year, please contact the school office to enquire about court availability. If you currently hire a court, you also need to contact the office to secure your place for 2016. Please do not assume that your current booking will be carried over into next year. ALL bookings for 2016 will need to be made at the school office.

Health Alert - Chicken Pox
There has been a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in Grade 5. 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

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.

Christmas by the Pier
Variety - The Children’s Charity will be hosting a community charity Christmas event on Sunday 13 December at 12.30 - 5.30pm at Spirit Station Pier, 6 Waterfront Place, Port Melbourne.

Come along and enjoy the free entertainment on offer: Mischievous Elves, Heart of Christmas Show, Chill with Santa, Face Painting, Balloon Sculpting, Charity Auction, Fashion Parade, Wine Tasting and so much more.

For more information, go to http://christmasbythepier.eventbrite.com.au

Elwood Learning Hub Links

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

Elwood College :