Market News

After a wet and slow start, the Elwood Community Market really kicked into gear on Saturday. The weather stayed fine throughout the day, enabling thousands to come and enjoy the market stalls, food and entertainment.

Thanks to The Padres for their wonderful performance. Live music is great for the atmosphere at the market, and as usual The Padres were in fine form. We would also like to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit the Elwood Community Market. The kids were thrilled to see Santa and to get a chance to talk to him and receive a treat.

Thanks also to Shred On Site for organising the Community Shred Day. Many people took the opportunity to shred their unwanted confidential documents, with all proceeds going to Elwood Primary School.

A huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers (from 2K, 2A, 1M, 1J, 4T, 4E) and the market committee members who help make this market so great. There were over 100 enthusiastic volunteers from the school community who donated their time for the market. The market cannot operate without the help of the volunteers, so thanks to everyone who helped out on the day, and also to the more than 400 people who volunteered their time for the market throughout the year. A big thanks also to the Christmas Tree crew who got up early to unload the truck, and to sell and deliver the trees.

As this is the last market for the year, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the local businesses who continue to generously support our market each month: The Leaf Store; Bakers Delight Elwood; Trialto Meats; Elwood Village Foodworks and; Jerry’s Milk Bar.

Money raised from the Elwood Community Market funds projects at Elwood Primary School that the whole community benefits from, such as the synthetic turf between the junior and senior school, and the new basketball rings which were installed last year. The Elwood Community Market raised $45,000 this year. The December market raised $8,000.

We look forward to seeing you at the Elwood Community Market again next year. The first market for 2015 is on Saturday 7 February. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Elwood Community Market Committee
Staffing for 2015
Transition Day went very smoothly yesterday.

Below is the staffing composition for 2015. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new staff joining our team in 2015: Jay Tucker, Kaz Sieger, Nick D’Amelio, Ryan Bouy, Poeta Hope & Dianna Du

Principal: Rob
Assistant Principals: Nicole and Jay Tucker
Prep: Suzie, James, Amy, Lauren K, Kristy and Sam
Grade 1: Kate O, Jess F, Rosie, Dianna Du
Grade 2: Kimberley, Rick, Corey, Adele and Sarah G
Grade 3: Lauren T, Valerie, Chloe, Caroline and Kathryn
Grade 4: Alison, Ellie, Jess S, Thess and Nicola
Grade 5: Brooke, Sarah C, Julie and Nick D’Amelio
Grade 6: Jad/Jenny, Louisa, Ryan and Tim
L/T Coach: Ariana
PE: Amy and Tara
Art: Leyna, Jo and Andrea
Music: Kaz Sieger
Performing Arts: TBA (part time)
ICT/Library: Angela, Debbie P and Daniel
LOTE: Kirsteen and Made
RR: Marianne
School Support: Heather, Ryan Bouy & Poeta Hope

Rob Csoti

Community Market
A fantastic market was held last Saturday. We were blessed with good weather and the crowds came to enjoy the day. The coffee machine was going non-stop and all food sold out. The Christmas trees which all sold by 10.00am.

On behalf of our community I would like to personally thank Michael Feferkranz and the Market Committee for the selfless job they do all year in raising funds for our school. All funds raised this year have gone directly into our new Library/Information Resource Centre. Most importantly however the Market Committee help connect our past, present and future school communities. Only two months until the next Market on Saturday 7th February 2015, where the whole school is invited to volunteer.

Shred On Site
A big thank you to Shred on Site (Andrew and Ariane Vincent) who were at the market last Saturday. They estimated that over 60 people delivered documents to be shredded. People came from Carnegie, Brighton, Port Melbourne, Middle Park, Albert Park, Sandringham, Mentone and Beaumaris - many didn’t know the market was on and stayed to enjoy what was on offer. Shred on Site kindly donated the proceeds of $530 to the Elwood PS.

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Class Representatives
Class Reps are invaluable to our school and community. Our programs would not be successful without them. If you are interested in being a Class Rep for your child’s 2015 class, please contact Michael Gulliver at michael@gulliver.name

Friends of Kitchen Garden
Thank you to all our lovely volunteers who have made such an enormous contribution to our Kitchen Garden program at Elwood PS. A huge thanks also to our Class Representatives. We appreciate your all your hard work and support. We have had a very productive and busy Term 4. We are so impressed with all of the children in Grade 3 and 4. They have become very competent and capable in the kitchen.

All the recipes are on the school website so if you are looking for ideas for Christmas, either sweet or savoury, have a look. We wish you all a happy Christmas and thank you again for your invaluable support. It has been a joy to have your children in the Kitchen and Garden.

All the best wishes
Janet, Catherine, Kate and Kathryn

Elwood Learning Hub Links
Poet’s Grove Children’s Centre:
http://www.poetsgrove.com/home
Elwood College:
Uniform Shop Volunteers
The Uniform Shop is looking for volunteers to help. Parents and grandparents are very welcome. You would be working with a fun and fantastic team of people while assisting the school in selling school uniforms. If you are interested, please contact Terri Boyle at boyle.terri.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

Overdue Library Books
We are so pleased that the students at Elwood PS enjoy borrowing books from their bright new library.

We currently have approximately 4,000 books that are overdue. If each book costs $20 then the amount of money required to replace them is $80,000.

Please help us to get these books back by looking in your bookshelves, under beds, under the couch, and anywhere else a book might be hiding.

Booklists
After much feedback from parents around the cost, availability and time taken to find booklist items, School Council has decided to do away with our school booklist.

Just a reminder that from 2015, the booklist will be absorbed in our bulk ordering process at school allowing for greater savings for all families. A cost of $40.00 will be added to term planners equating to $10.00 a term to cover this expense.

After School Sacramental Program
In 2015, the Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart and St Columba in West St Kilda and Elwood will be preparing children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation (Grade 3+), First Eucharist (Holy Communion, Grade 4+ ) and Confirmation (Grade 6+).

Interested parents are asked to contact the catechist Co-ordinator, Christine Mitchell on email: cmitchell@eskwparish.org for further information or to enrol.

Attachments:
2105 Extra-Curricular Activities
## 2015 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (optional/user pays)
By outside providers here at Elwood Primary School

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<th>Chess Kids</th>
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<td>Chess makes kids smarter – learning while playing! Building Mental Muscles – problem solving, tactical &amp; strategic planning, lateral &amp; logical thinking, memory, visualisation and decision making. Children learn a new strategy, idea or skill at the start of each session. Chess Club meet Thursday lunchtime. Enrol online at <a href="http://www.chesskids.com.au">www.chesskids.com.au</a> or phone 1300 424 377. Students must be enrolled prior to attending.</td>
<td>DRAMA TIME is an exciting and rewarding drama program. Our goal is to help children develop creatively, explore their imagination, build self-confidence and improve communication skills while having great fun! Classes from 1.45-2.25pm on Monday (Grade 3 - 6) and Wednesday (Grade 2). To enrol contact Freyja at <a href="mailto:freyja@dramatime.com.au">freyja@dramatime.com.au</a> or call 9528 8998. For more information visit <a href="http://www.dramatime.com.au">www.dramatime.com.au</a>.</td>
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<td>The ukulele is now the preferred introductory instrument in Primary Schools in Australia. Our program makes learning even better. Lots of discounts available for our in school group classes. Enrolments from grades 1-6 are being taken for 2015 Term 1. Enquire now for fee information, or to enrol your child.</td>
<td>Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar. Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week. Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Tuition costs from $17.90 per lesson (payable per term). Enrolments are now being accepted for Term 1, 2015. Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 for more information or visit our web page at <a href="http://www.creativemusic.com.au">www.creativemusic.com.au</a>.</td>
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<th>Brass &amp; Woodwind Music Program</th>
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<td>Tuition is available in SAXOPHONE, CLARINET, FLUTE and TRUMPET taught by professional musician and educator, Dean Hilson. Classes are Wednesday during school time. Private or small group lessons are available, if your child is not sure of which instrument to choose, a FREE TRY-OUT session can be arranged where they play on all of the instruments and are assessed as to which may suit them best. For further information or to enrol your child, please contact Dean Hilson <a href="mailto:deanhilson@optusnet.com.au">deanhilson@optusnet.com.au</a> or 0433 456 455.</td>
<td>Develop your child’s Creativity. This class introduces children to a variety of drawing and painting processes. We aim to expose participants to a range of fun yet educational exercises that begin to teach them the elements of seeing and translating both on a visual and an expressive level. Drawing, painting, sculpture, wood, paper mache, murals, public art, tiny canvas - large Canvas, resin, glass, fashion design, mosaic's, guest artists!! Just to name a few of the amazing fun activities for kids to learn and explore. Sessions are coordinated by Helen Pollard - Professional Artist &amp; Project Manager. To enrol <a href="mailto:mini.picassos.artprogram@gmail.com">mini.picassos.artprogram@gmail.com</a> or call 0415 039 791. Visit <a href="http://www.circles-of-art.com.au">www.circles-of-art.com.au</a>.</td>
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<td>Programs for Prep to Grade 4 students</td>
<td>now available at EPS.</td>
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<td>Basketball: Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00pm</td>
<td>Mrs Biana Goldenberg is a 4th generation string player and an experienced teacher, teaching all levels.</td>
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<td>Have fun playing with your friends while learning the skills and rules. Great for beginners or even if you have played before.</td>
<td>Prices range from $22.00 per lesson for paired lessons to $32.00 per lesson for individuals (30 minute lessons). Exciting discounts and offers are available.</td>
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<td>Super Soccer: Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00pm</td>
<td>Contact Biana on 0432 571 407 or email <a href="mailto:ygolden@walla.com">ygolden@walla.com</a>.</td>
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<td>Learn all the basic skills required to play the game in a safe and challenging environment.</td>
<td>Contact Pierre 0432 832 466 or email <a href="mailto:pierre@kellysports.com.au">pierre@kellysports.com.au</a>.</td>
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