Market News

What a wonderful day we had for the final Elwood Community Market for 2015 on 5th December. A warm and sunny day greeted thousands of visitors, who came to check out the hundreds of stalls and the entertainment on the stage throughout the day.

Thanks to the Padres for another terrific performance. Your support of the market and the community is greatly appreciated. The Padres were brilliantly supported by the up and coming band Blue Lightning. Well done boys. Thanks also to the dancers from Hunger For Dance for their performances throughout the day.

And a special thanks to Santa, who took time out from his busy schedule to visit our market and hand out treats to all of the boys and girls.

A huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who helped put on such a great market. The Grade 3 classes were rostered on and they fully filled the volunteer roster which helped make it a great day. The market cannot operate without the help of the volunteers, so thanks to everyone who contributed. A special thanks to the Xmas Tree squad who got up extra early to unload the truck and start selling the trees. Thanks also to everyone who baked a cake or donated a delicious treat to the Cake Stall.

A big thanks to all of the local traders who have supported the Elwood Community Market in 2015; Leaf Elwood, Trialto Meats, Foodworks Elwood, Bakers Delight Elwood, Astoria Paper Products and Jerry’s Milk Bar. Your support of our market is greatly appreciated.

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 December market raised over $11,000, bringing the total for the year to $57,000.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Elwood Community Market, either through the Market Committee, by volunteering, or simply by attending. We should all be very proud of the market which continues to be a wonderful part of our community.

We hope you have a relaxing holiday, and a safe and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at the first market for 2016 on Saturday 6 February.

Elwood Community Market Committee
2016 February Market
Thank you for your contribution to the Elwood Primary School Community Market in 2015. Your efforts over recent years have helped to provide interactive whiteboards in classrooms and the beautified central space and stage area.

The next school market is on **Saturday 6 February, 2016**, which is only one week after school starts. The Market Committee would like to fill the February volunteer roster now, before the commencement of the Christmas school holidays.

Can you help for a couple of hours on Saturday February 6? If you can, please select a volunteer activity for the February market at: [www.elwoodmarket.com/volunteer/february](http://www.elwoodmarket.com/volunteer/february)

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 2016 class, please contact Monica King at monica@michaelforbes.org

Andy/Roddy Vargas Soccer School
Andy/Roddy Vargas Soccer School is inviting girls and boys in Grade 3, 4, 5, 6 to learn the skills of soccer. All skill levels welcomed. For more information, please contact patricioandres77@hotmail.com

St. Kilda City Junior Football Club
Do you want to play AFL footy? St Kilda City Junior Football Club welcomes girls and boys for the 2016 season. Register online at [www.stkildacityjfc.com.au](http://www.stkildacityjfc.com.au), or contact the registrar on 0413 455 789.

Catholic Sacramental Program
The 2016 Sacramental Program at the Parish of Sacred Heart (West St Kilda) and St Columba’s (Elwood) will begin early in February. Catholic families who wish their children to be prepared to receive any of the sacraments – Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation are asked to contact Christine Mitchell, Pastoral Worker, on 9531 6120, mobile: 0412 148 658 or email:cmitchell@eskwparish.org for further details.

Be a Guide for a Day
Why not try something new on these school holidays. ‘Be a Guide for a Day’ is back by popular demand.

If you are aged 7 - 10 years, come along on Tuesday 22 December from 8.00am - 6.00pm or 9.00am - 4.00pm to Hampton Guide Hall, 368 Hampton St, Hampton.

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided. For enquiries or bookings, please email campbook@optusnet.com.au or phone 0414 297 443. Applications close on Friday 18 December

Considering options for out of school activities for next year?
Consider Cubs @ 1st Elwood. Why Cubs?
For the fun, adventure and challenges that expand your kids horizons. Cubs and Scouts emphasise learning by doing through games, badge work, individual and small group tasks and camps. These stimulating activities will stretch them, have them laughing and help them become more resourceful and resilient. We get them away from the screens and involved in planning and working through real world situations while having a ball.

Cubs meet weekly on a Thursday evening from 7.00 to 8.30pm in our Ormond Rd hall as well as having typically just the one overnight, day or weekend activity per term. Both in Cubs and as they move through into Scouts your kids will have the opportunity to be involved in camps and activities such as hiking, sailing, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking and attending great state wide and national events such as Cuboree and Jamboree.

1st Elwood currently has places available starting in Feb 2016 for new Cubs aged 7 ½ to 9 years old and also welcome younger kids to be added to our waiting list. Contact us on enquiries.elwood1st@gmail.com to register your interest.

Attachments:
- [2016 Market Flyer](#)
- [Name the Burger](#)

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**Elwood Learning Hub Links**

Poet’s Grove Children’s Centre : [http://www.poetsgrove.com/home](http://www.poetsgrove.com/home)

The Chickens Need Your Help!

During the long summer holiday we rely heavily on helpful families to visit the garden daily to feed and water the chickens. The plants which are not connected to the watering system also benefit from some water. This is organised through a roster on Google Docs. If you would like to help, please email the garden specialist, Kate Bulling, (bulling.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au) and she will give you access to the roster. Thank you to the families who have been doing this job on weekends and holidays throughout the year.

At the moment, the roster is empty for the whole summer break. We desperately need some new volunteers!
NAME THE BURGER

Get creative and name the burger for the chance to **win the ultimate Market brunch**.

Head to the market Facebook page
[facebook.com/elwoodcommunitymarket](http://facebook.com/elwoodcommunitymarket)