Market News

We had a beautiful, sunny and warm Autumn day, which brought thousands of people out to visit the Elwood Community Market. The school grounds were filled with stalls offering fresh produce, new and second-hand goods, toys, and even posh kitchen appliances. The market volunteers cooked up a storm, and by the end of the day, the bacon & egg rolls, Elwood’s best hamburgers and the home-made cakes were all sold out.

The Padres rocked the stage with two sets of classics, and they were brilliantly supported by the Grade 6 DJ’s. Thanks for providing the entertainment that adds so much to the atmosphere at the market.

A huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who helped put on such a great market. The Grade 4 classes, and others from the school community, provided over 100 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.

We also thank the local businesses who continue to generously support our market each month. This month we would like to recognise The Leaf Store, Ormond Road, Elwood, for their ongoing support of 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 the grounds improvements project. The March market raised over $7,000.

We look forward to seeing you at the Elwood Community Market again. The next market is on Saturday 2nd May (Grades 6L, 6J, 6R, 6T rostered).

Elwood Community Market Committee

Trivia Night

The Trivia Night will be held on Friday 17th July this year at the St. Kilda Town Hall. Save the date. More details to follow, but it promises to be a night of laughter and entertainment.
Student School Photos
Student Packs will be sent home to families as soon as they arrive. We have been advised that they should be here at the beginning of Term 2.

Policy Reviews
Our Strategic Planning Committee have made slight amendments to the attached policies in line with our review dates and updates from the Department of Education. These policies are open for your consideration for any suggestions to wording.

If you have any questions or changes for the policies, please contact me by email at richards.nicole.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Once these policies have been open to our Whole School Community, the School Council will ratify them and I will then add them to our Website.

Nicole Richards

District Swimming
The 2015 District and Division Swimming has been our best year yet. We performed extremely well and achieved 3rd place overall. Many of our swimmers were awarded 1st and 2nd place in their events. We had 36 students qualify to be part of the district team and 14 then qualified for Divisions.

Our students displayed wonderful team spirit and had great attitudes. It was an absolute pleasure to spend the two days with them and I am very proud to have them as my team. Well done to all involved and many thanks for all the parent support on the day.

Amy Parsons

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon
17 students from EPS took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at Catani Gardens, St. Kilda on the 8th of March 2015.

Congratulations to the following students who participated: Jessica from 5N, Stella from 6T, Sarah from 3C, Adele from 6L, Zoe from 3C, William from 3L, Will from 4E, Dominic from 6R, Sam from 5N, Kitty from 6L, Cara from 6L, Ben from 6T, Bree from 6L, Keira from 2C, Emily from 5N and Tom from 3L.

Run 4 Kids
Last Sunday Paul Bell, Chris Watt, Bruce Whorlton, Bree from 6L, Keira from 2C and Jay Tucker ran for the Elwood PS team in the ‘Run 4 Kids.’ It was a great event and a great day out.

All participants played a part in raising money for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Well done to the team! Next year we will try and enter an even bigger team from the Elwood community.

Jay Tucker

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

Elwood College:
**Where is Gio now?**

We all know or have heard about Gio and her passion for the Kitchen Garden program at Elwood Primary School. Since leaving EPS, she took on the challenge of running the Elwood College canteen. Now she has opened up her own cafe, Vegilicious. It’s opposite the St Kilda Town Hall at 118 Carlisle Street, St. Kilda and she is doing what she has always loved - cooking for the masses.

Gio comes back to visit us at EPS whenever she can. She cooked up a feast last year for the end of the year Grade 6 Graduation Dinner. She says being at EPS was the most rewarding and best job she has ever had. Past students and their families visit her restaurant and say “thank you for teaching us how to cook.”

**NetSetGo**

NetSetGo is back at St Leonard’s College. It will run on a Tuesday afternoon during Term 2 from 4.00-5.00pm at St. Leonard’s College.

NetSetGo is suitable for participants aged 5-10 years old.

To register or if you have any questions or queries, contact Teagan Collinson 9909 9469 or teagan.collins@stleonards.vic.edu.au

Registrations close 09/04/2015 (midnight)

**Elwood Learning Hub Links**

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

Elwood College:

On Friday the 27th of February, students from Prep (along with their Grade 6 buddies), Grade 1 and Grade 2 participated in Clean up Australia Schools Day.

These students spent a small part of the afternoon picking up rubbish around the school yard. Altogether we collected 3.6kgs of rubbish, 2.3kgs of general rubbish and 1.3kg of recyclable materials. Let's all try and keep our school clean and tidy by placing rubbish and recyclables in the bins provided. Keeping Elwood Primary rubbish free means we are helping to keep the canal and our general community clean and healthy! Well done to all those who participated!
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EXCURSIONS/INCursions
POLICY NO: 10 February 2015

PURPOSE
1. To place excursions/incursions in the context of school programs.
2. To outline expectations of teachers, students and parents in relation to excursions/incursions.
3. To provide all students with the opportunity to participate in all excursions/incursions.

BROAD GUIDELINES
1. Excursions/incursions enhance school programs.
2. All students are expected to participate as part of programs offered by the school.

IMPLEMENTATION
1. Staff plan a maximum of one excursion and/or incursion per term.
2. Costs to parents are a major consideration in planning excursions/incursions.
3. Students are encouraged to attend excursions and incursions. Parents experiencing financial difficulty, who wish for their children to attend the excursion/incursion, should discuss their individual situation with the teacher or principal. Decisions relating to alternative payment arrangements are made by the Principal on a case-by-case basis.
4. Details of expected excursions/incursions and costs are provided to parents at the beginning of the school year through Term Planners. On occasion, additional excursions/incursions may arise during the term.
5. Written parental permission is essential. No child can participate without this.
6. Parents are required to respond to notices by the due-by date.
7. Students wear full school uniform on all out of school excursions, including hats from September to April in accordance with Sun Smart Policy, unless otherwise notified.
8. Original permission notes are taken on an excursion by teachers. Photocopies are retained in the school office.
9. Students not participating are provided with learning tasks to be undertaken in another grade.
10. Level Leaders are responsible for overseeing excursions/incursions program at their level.
11. Subject to school discretion, parent volunteers are welcome to participate in excursions/incursions to support teaching staff. Attendance must be within the limits of the transport and 1:10 ratio necessary for free entry to venues. Outside these requirements, parents can attend via their own transport and pay appropriate entry costs.
12. Parent volunteers on excursions must have a current Working With Children Check if supervising students outside of the teacher’s purview.

RESOURCES
1. Published excursions/incursions material

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School Uniform

Policy No: 29
March 2015

Purpose
1. To promote the wearing of school uniform to enhance school connectedness and image.
2. To facilitate student safety by easily identifying students when off school grounds during school activities and events.

Broad Guidelines
1. The School Council is responsible for developing, monitoring and reviewing the uniform.
2. Factors in determining school uniform include; cost, durability and suitability for activities.
3. Full school uniform is compulsory. School Sunsmart hats are required to be worn from September until the end of April in line with our Sunsmart policy.
4. Sports uniform, as determined by the school, is compulsory for inter-school sporting activities.

Implementation
1. School uniform and sports uniform requirements are listed on the school website, at the school office and in school documents given to parents each year.
2. Most items of uniform are available for sale at school.
3. The range of uniform items is reviewed by Council, after consultation with the community when required.
4. Only items on the school uniform list are to be worn at school. Parents are informed of this requirement via the Newsletter.
5. Parents have a responsibility to label all items with students’ names.
6. Uniform shop operates at specified times and is staffed by volunteer parents.
7. New and second-hand uniforms are available for sale.
8. Parents who are unable to adhere to the policy due to experiencing financial difficulty, should discuss their individual situation with the teacher or Principal. Decisions relating to alternative payment arrangements are made by the Principal on a case-by-case basis.

Resources
1. School uniform list on Website.
2. Uniform shop and volunteer parents
3. Sunsmart policy

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Two students from last year have shared their future plans - and looked back on what Elwood College meant to them. It is the ultimate reward for us to see students feeling so optimistic and ambitious for their futures - and to know they feel equipped for the challenges ahead.

**Olivia McIvor (Ex Elwood Primary School)**

“2015, for me, will be the first year of an undergraduate arts course at Monash University. I will be studying French, Religion, Art History and Journalism. At this point, I am considering steering myself into a career as a music journalist... perhaps in France, but it’s too soon to say.

Elwood prepared me for life through its realistic and community-centred approach to schooling. My years at Elwood focused not solely on academic endeavours but allowed us to explore and expand on social skills. I look back on Elwood as a fun and inclusive place that set me up for the real world both academically and socially.”

**Nicole Ng (pictured here with mum Anna and ex Elwood Primary School)**

During Year 12, I had already planned what I’d like to do in 10 years’ time. I’m proud to say that I’m studying at the University of Melbourne, doing a Bachelor of Music, majoring in Music Performance. I’m grateful I was offered a place, since for pianists, it is competitive and hard to get in. Then when I finish my Bachelor degree, I will apply to study Education or a Master of Music Therapy. Either way, I know that in the future, I will seek a career that will help people. For instance, teaching, becoming a play therapist, or music therapist.

Elwood College is one special school in my opinion. There’s equality, respect and integrity within our students. There’s no hierarchy, no exclusive groups, just one huge respectful community. I would like to thank my past teachers, our principal Rhonda, and everybody who assisted me through my high school journey. You guys are the best, you are all unique in every way, don’t ever give up on your dreams. Good luck in the future, and thank you for reading this.”