



Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome to a very special year for Elwood PS. It is our 100th birthday and there will be a number of exciting events throughout the year to mark the occasion. It is also a school review year with an analysis of the last four years and a new Strategic Plan developed as a guide for the next four years.

A special welcome to our 138 new Preps and their families who are starting their learning journey at Elwood PS. I look forward to working with you all throughout the year to ensure your child's academic and social development thrives. My door is always open or you can catch me in the yard any day before school.

Your teachers have been working very hard over the last few weeks; creating lovely learning environments, planning for the terms to come and developing explicit and interesting learning tasks for your children so that they can have the best year possible. Please take the opportunity to visit your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher at the start of the year.

Our commitment to helping each child reach their academic potential will continue and is our number one priority.

2017 will be another big year for our school with a number of focus areas for us :

- * Further embedding our Literacy and Numeracy strategies
- * Refining and evolving all aspects of the curriculum to make sure they are challenging, engaging and accessible to all students
- * Maintaining our focus on high expectations for our students in all aspects of the school

Please join us at our first assembly to launch our 100th year celebration. There will be a Welcome to Country by Arweet Carolyn Briggs and a Smoking Ceremony conducted by Jaeden Williams. This is to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land, the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung people upon which our school meets. Each student will also get a commemorative 100 year badge early next week to wear during the year.

Kitchen Garden Position Vacancy

Over the holidays, Kate Bulling resigned from the Stephanie Alexander garden position. Kate has done an amazing job over a number of years with the garden looking magnificent and producing an abundance of produce. The job has been advertised and we hope to fill the position in early

1 February 2017 No. 1

CALENDAR

Thursday 2 February
Preps start

Saturday 4 February
Community Market
Whole School Rostered

Monday 6 February
District Swimming Trials for
some Grade 4 - 6
3.00pm Assembly

Tuesday 7 February
Sub-committees meeting

Wednesday 8 February
Preps don't attend school

Thursday 9 February
Orchestra practice
6.00pm Kitchen Garden Volunteer
Information Session

Monday 13 February
Kitchen Garden Program starts
for Grades 3 & 4

Wednesday 15 February
Preps don't attend school
School Photos (Gr 3-6)

Thursday 16 February
Gr 6/Prep Buddies Picnic
7.00pm School Council

Monday 20 February
Learning by Doing - Grade 1
3.00pm Assembly
Level 1 Information Night

Tuesday 21 February
Level 2 Information Night

Wednesday 22 February
Level 3 Information Night

Thursday 23 February
School Photos

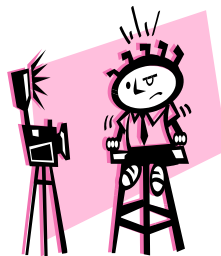
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 15 February
(Grades 3 to 6)

Thursday 23 February
(Prep, Grades 1 & 2)

School uniform must be worn both days

Family and extra Student Envelopes will be available from the school office shortly. Note : Family photos will be taken on both days



Term 1. If you are interested in the position please contact the office and we will forward you all the relevant information. The position will close on Monday 6 February.

Staffing

Welcome to Olivia Waller who has joined us from Black Rock PS and will be taking 2O. Welcome back to Caroline Heath 4C, Laura Collins joining Brooke in 5C, Suzie Knorr joining Sarah G in Prep S and Rebecca Hoban joining Tara in 1RT.

Student Packs (School Charges)

These will be available from Wednesday 8 February until Friday 10 February (next week) in the foyer outside the art room. Please collect your packs and make your payment and return permission forms as soon as possible. Any families experiencing difficulty paying please make an appointment to see me to discuss alternatives.

Information Nights

Please keep the following dates free so you can attend our Information Nights. These nights are very informative providing an outline of the curriculum, homework, expectations, parent involvement, grade level events and specialist areas. They are all held in the Junior Learning Centre (JLC). The night will finish with a visit to your child’s classroom.

- Monday 20 February** : Prep (7:00–8:15pm)
- Tuesday 21 February** : Grade 1 & 2 (7:00–8:15pm)
- Wed 22 February** : Grade 3 & 4 7:00-8:30pm)
- Thursday 23 February** : Grade 5 & 6 (7:00–8:15pm)

School Uniform

A reminder to all parents that students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. Uniform is available from PSW at the shop on North Road Ormond. Hats must be worn in Term 1 and are available from the office as well as the PSW shop.

School Council

School Council elections will take place during Term 1 with more details shortly. If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor feel free to have a chat with me or any of our current councillors.

Hot Weather

With a hot February looming we are well equipped to continue school as normal. We are lucky enough to have all teaching spaces air conditioned with funds coming from the market and Building Fund.

Students must also wear a hat in line with our SunSmart Policy and students do not go out to recess or lunch play if the temperature is over 35 degrees. We call this a ‘sweat day’ and students remain in class as per ‘wet days’.

Rob Csoti

“Welcome back” & “Welcome to” Junior School 2017

Welcome to all of our Junior School families who started back at school on Wednesday. There were smiling faces everywhere and great excitement, enthusiasm and eagerness from all, including our parents and teachers. Amidst all the excitement, it was a very calm and settled first day.

We look forward to welcoming all our Preps and their families to their first day on Thursday. Many of our 2017 Preps have been in and out of school today – meeting their teachers and completing their Prep Assessment. Such confident, positive and happy little people! I am sure they will take day 1 in their stride!

The first few weeks are a big step on the journey towards growing up and being part of a school community, particularly for our Prep Students. It was very pleasing and exciting to see and hear all of our Junior School Students being keen to make new friends, learn new things and being happy to be here!

A reminder to our Prep Families that you will need to book in a time with your Prep Teacher for testing on one of the Wednesday GAP days during February. If you haven’t done so yet, please see your classroom teacher or just pop your name on the GAP day testing list found in each room. The “test” is a very casual, one on one time for your Prep child and their teacher to get to know each other and for the Prep Teachers to gage the students’ Literacy and Numeracy development thus far. This is done through reading together, games, rhymes and play. This is all just a part of getting to know your child the best we can and then help them along their learning journey that they have begun with you at home and kinder. If you have any questions, please see your Prep Teacher.

A few tips for our Junior School and the beginning of a new year:

- * A sound night’s sleep is vital in giving our Junior School students energy for the new day
- * A relaxed start to the school day goes a long way towards making it a good day
- * *Check school bags each evening for letters, notices and messages from school or your classroom teacher
- * Encourage a good breakfast and give time for them to eat without rushing

It is important that your child arrives at school on time. They like to have a few minutes before the day starts to do things like catch up with friends.

Again. Welcome to and welcome back to 2017 at Elwood Primary School!

Enjoy!
Nicole Richards, Assistant Principal

Children at Risk of Anaphylaxis

There are a number of students in our school who have severe allergic reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction which can be life threatening, however with your help and careful management any risks can be substantially reduced.

The school has a number of strategies in place to support students at risk of anaphylaxis, one of which is ensuring that our community and our students are aware of, and sensitive to, the needs of these students. Consequently your child's class will participate in a workshop (conducted by Katie, our school nurse) which is intended to raise their awareness of allergic reactions, what might trigger one, what a reaction might look like, and how they can support each other in ensuring that exposure to allergens which might result in an anaphylactic reaction is significantly reduced.

It is our policy at school to minimise the risk of allergic reactions during class time by:

- Asking that you avoid sending your child to school with food that might in some way, through accidental contact, cause such an allergic reaction
- Ensuring that children do not share food at any time and that they wash their hands after eating
- Ensuring that children always eat in a supervised environment
- Regularly cleaning spaces where children eat
- Promoting an awareness of anaphylaxis, allergens, reactions and what they can do to help should the need arise.

As we are sure you can appreciate, parents of a child at risk of anaphylaxis often worry about their children when they are at school, out of their care and relying on others to ensure their safety. We need your support to reduce the risks and thank you for your care in ensuring our learning environments are safe for everyone. *If your child is in a class with a child at risk of anaphylaxis you will already have received a letter advising you of their allergy and what triggers a reaction. Please make sure you check your child's bag for any notices sent home from school.*

Curriculum Days

There are two further Curriculum Days (student free) scheduled this year. Please save the following dates in your calendar :

- **Friday 24 February** (Term 1) our staff will be working on our school review documentation
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- **Thursday 1 June** (Term 2) our staff will be working with Dr George Otero on our school philosophy and core values.

February Market

What makes Elwood such a great school is our community and your contribution to the Elwood Primary School Community Market. This year an outside art/music space as part of the completion of our front garden area will be funded from your efforts. Over recent years interactive whiteboards, new gardens at the front of the school including the stage in the courtyard were some of the projects completed.

What an amazing sight it is to see a beautiful display of home-made cakes and sweet treats. So please, if you can, we need the whole school baking your best cakes, slices, biscuits, cupcakes and more for this market.

The next school market is on **Saturday 4 February, 2017** (this weekend) just after school starts. Can you help for a couple of hours? If you can, please select a volunteer activity for the February market at: www.elwoodmarket.com/volunteer/february

2017 Class Lists

Class Lists are produced from information downloaded from our database and then sent to the class representative for distribution to your class. These lists are private & confidential and are to be only used for school based communication.

This list has the following details The student first name and surname, Adult A name, home phone number, mobile number, Adult B name and Adult A email address. Students with two families who would like the **ALTERNATIVE FAMILY** details included please email me. If you have any questions call the school on 9531 2762.

Sharron Hoggett

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Class Reps still required

A Class Representative is one of the points of contact between the class teacher and parents of the grade. As a Class Rep, you will be required to attend Parents & Friends meetings (one each term), which are fun, brief and informative. The following grades still need someone :

- 1D & 1J
- 2C, 2J, 2L, 2O & 2R
- 3C
- 4C, 4R & 4T
- 5C
- 6R

Visit www.volunteersignup.org/PTTKD to register. If you have any questions, contact me at saralevene@hotmail.com. Thank you for volunteering!

Sara Levene

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A reminder notification has been sent via the App to advise everyone you need to update your child/children's class and year level within your profile settings. If you have any questions please see the office.

Lunch Order Menu

A copy of the 2017 Lunch Order Menu will be included in your Requisite packs. This menu replaces all previous ones and is effective immediately.

Personal Goods

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. It is not advisable to bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

School Camp Dates

Grade 3 : 8 - 10 November at Rowsley
Grade 4 : 6 - 8 Dec at Mt Martha
Grade 5: 20 - 22 September at Warburton
Grade 6 : 18 - 20 September at Warburton

2017 Term Dates

Term 1 finish : Friday 31 March
Term 2 : 18 April to 30 June
Term 3 : 17 July to 22 September
Term 4 : 9 October to 22 December

Attachment :

2017 Lunch Order Menu

Separate Attachment :

Extra-curricular activities at EPS



elwood market
THIS SATURDAY FEB 4TH
9AM - 1PM
MUSIC | FOOD | SHOP | FUN

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2017 Lunch Order Menu

House of Bread and Pastries Elwood

162 Tennyson St, Elwood

Ph: 9531-6966

Sandwiches/Rolls

(Specify white or wholemeal)

Avocado	\$2.50
Butter only	\$1.80
Vegemite	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.50
Salad	\$4.80
Ham	\$3.80
Chicken	\$3.80
Ham & Salad	\$6.00
Chicken & Salad	\$6.00
Cheese & Salad	\$5.00
½ Chick. Schnitzel	\$3.80
½ Schnit. & Salad	\$6.00

Extras (Sandwiches and Rolls)

(specify for no butter)

Avocado	\$1.00
Beetroot	60c
Carrot	60c
Cheese	80c
Cucumber	60c
Lettuce	60c
Mayo	50c
Tomato	60c

Lunch order clearly written on a paper bag.

Please include:

- Name
- Class
- Payment Amount
- School (Elwood Primary or St. Columbus)
- Allergies (if any)
- * FOR STUDENTS SAFETY – NO STAPLES*

CORRECT PAYMENT

*Lunch orders taken directly to the bakery need to be handed in before 10.30am

Hot Food

(Specify for sauce)

Hot Dog	\$2.80
Meat Pie	\$3.50
Spinach Pie	\$4.00
Vegie Pastie	\$3.70
Sausage Roll	\$3.00

(2nd sauce sachet 20c)

Fruit

Fruit Salad	\$4.00
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Sweets

Gingerbread	\$2.60
Cupcake(not iced)	\$2.00
Muffin	\$3.00

(Choc, Blueberry or Apple)

(second option to be written if choc)



SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS

Available EVERY Wednesday

Menu

1. Cooked Tuna Sushi \$2.60

Canned Tuna with mayonnaise and a small amount of finely chopped onion with cucumber

2. Teriyaki Chicken Sushi \$2.60

Pan Fried skinless chicken breast pieces cooked in teriyaki sauce with lettuce and cucumber

3. California Sushi \$2.60

Crab Stick and avocado

4. Avocado & Cucumber Sushi \$2.60

5. Crispy Tofu with mayonnaise, lettuce & cucumber \$2.60

6. Tofu Pocket (plain Inari) \$2.00 each

- a. white rice
- b. brown rice

