



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2018 school year which will be an exciting and action packed year. This year we will enjoy our biannual Art Show, Grade 6 production, community markets and a host of class activities providing a myriad of opportunities for you to be involved with the education of your child and all of our students. We have a fantastic community that forms the heartbeat of our school.

The LTC will be demolished during the Term 1 break with our four Grade 2's and two Preps moving to relocatable buildings in the senior school before the end of term. The works should be completed before the end of Term 3. Construction work should have a minimal impact on the garden program and market.

A special welcome to our 108 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 to discuss any issue you have or you can catch me in the yard any day before school.

All of our staff 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 1 priority.

2018 will be another big year for our school with a number of focus areas, commencing our new strategic plan with a focus on:

- Enhancing our literacy & numeracy strategies
- Teaching each child at their point of need
- Incorporating high levels of student choice and advocacy
- Developing each member of staff to be the best that they can be

I look forward to seeing you all at the market this week, at our upcoming information nights and in the yard before or after school.

Rob Csoti

**1 February 2018
No. 1**

CALENDAR

Thursday 1 February

Preps start

Life Ed - Grade 2

Friday 2 February

Life Ed - Grade 2

Saturday 3 February

Community Market

Whole School Rostered

Monday 5 February

Assembly - no performance

Tuesday 6 February

District Swimming Trials

Sub-committees meeting

Wednesday 7 February

Preps don't attend school

Kitchen Garden Info Night

Wednesday 14 February

Preps don't attend school

School Photos (Gr 3-6)

Thursday 15 February

7.00pm School Council

Friday 16 February

Grade 5/6 Sport

Monday 19 February

Level 1 Information Night

Tuesday 20 February

Level 2 Information Night

Wednesday 21 February

Preps don't attend school

Level 3 Information Night

Thursday 22 February

School Photos

Level 4 Information Night

Wednesday 28 February

Preps don't attend school

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 14 February

(Grades 3 to 6)

Thursday 22 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



“Welcome back” and “Welcome to” Junior School 2018

Welcome to all of our Junior School families who started back at school on Wednesday. It was lovely to see the smiling faces everywhere! 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. Our Preps will be in and out of school on Wednesdays for February – meeting their teachers and completing their Prep Assessment. With such a successful time in Ready Set Go last year, 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 gauge 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 2018 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.*

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.

Curriculum Days

The next Curriculum Day (student free) scheduled this year. Please save the following date in your calendar :

- **Monday 30 April** (Term 2) the staff will be working with Deb Sukarna from Writers Workshop to further enhance our writing program.

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 3 February, 2018** (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

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 19 February : Prep - Level 1(7:00–8:15pm)

Tuesday 20 February : Grade 1 & 2–Level 2 (7:00–8:15pm)

Wed 21 February : Grade 3 & 4 7:00-8:30pm)

Thursday 22 February : Grade 5 & 6 (7:00–8:15pm)

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 Rob Csoti, Principal or any of our current councillors.

Student Packs (School Charges)

These will be available shortly in the Senior School foyer outside the art room. A Konnective will be sent when ready. Please then collect your packs, make a payment and return permission forms as soon as possible after collection. Any families experiencing difficulty paying please make an appointment to Rob Csoti, Principal to discuss alternatives.

2018 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 and 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 both families included please email the school at elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au as soon as possible. If you have any questions call the school on 9531 2762.

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 first meeting for 2018 is scheduled for Monday 12th February and it would be great to have all reps present.

The following grades still need 1 or 2 people :

Prep C, Prep J, Prep M & Prep R

2S

3A, 3C, 3N, 3R & 3V

4C & 4T

5C, 5G, 5N & 5S

6R & 6T

Visit <https://www.volunteersignup.org/XRC39> to register. If you have any questions, contact me at saralevene@hotmail.com. Thank you for volunteering!

Sara Levene

2nd Hand Uniform Shop Opening Hours

- * Monday & Wednesday (February only)
8.45am - 9.15am
- * Wednesday only (rest of year)
8.45am - 9.15am

All items are \$5.00 cash only please. We are located in the corridor behind the main school office.

QKR

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.

Nominations for a State Schools Sports Team

These trials are strictly for Grade 6 students currently competing at an ELITE LEVEL in their sport. If you would like to nominate your child, please go to our PE website for information and guidelines for nomination:

<http://www.elwoodpspe.com/ssv-selection-trials.html>

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Sam Casey ... PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

Music Lessons

Instrumental lessons are beginning for 2018 and will be celebrated at the Mid-Year Soiree on Thursday 21 June in the JLC.

Liam our new Ukulele teacher will be back teaching in the Hall and please enrol soon so you don't miss out on a spot.

Dean our Woodwind and Brass teacher is filling places too.

Jess our Violin teacher unfortunately is unable to teach at EPS anymore and we'll let you know about a new Violin teacher soon!

Contact the office for info and look out for flyers in the newsletter.

Thanks,
Kaz

You Can Do It

Term 1: Getting Along

Getting Along means working well with teachers and classmates, resolving disagreements peacefully, following the rules of the classroom and making positive contributions to school, home and the community including protecting the rights of others and looking after the environment.



This fortnight with You Can Do It! we will focus on: Smiling.

Our very first You can Do It focus is an easy one to do, but sometimes we forget just how important this one is and how it can make people feel happy, safe and welcomed.

As everyone returns for the new school year, or new students, families and teachers are welcomed for the first time to Elwood Primary School - a welcoming, happy smile will make all the difference.

Smiling is such a wonderful, friendly thing to do. It is fun and contagious and a smile is always returned with another.

When greeting old friends, trying to make new ones or just passing along the feeling of friendship and happiness - smile!

You Can Do It!

Manners Matter

This fortnight with Manners Matter, we will focus on: Saying Hello!

Manners Matter at Elwood Primary School and along with a bright smile, a welcoming "Hello" shows that you are a friendly and polite Elwood Primary School kid. You can make a new person in the playground or in your classroom feel less alone with a happy "Hello" and a smile.

There are many different greetings from "Hello", "Good morning" and "Good afternoon" to "Hi" and "G'Day!" You might even know some other languages to say "hello" to someone.

Give it a go in the school and watch the happiness, smiles and friendships pass on to each other and make our school an even better one!

Remember, Manners Matter.

Nicole Richards ... Assistant Principal

Lunch Order Menu

A copy of the 2018 Lunch Order Menu is attached. This menu replaces all previous ones and is effective immediately.

School Camp Dates

Grade 3 : 8 - 10 October

Grade 4 : 28 - 30 November

Grade 5: 6 - 8 June

Grade 6 : 4 - 6 June

2018 Term Dates

Term 1 finish : Thursday 29 March

Term 2 : 16 April to 30 June

Term 3 : 16 July to 22 September

Term 4 : 8 October to 21 December

Attachment :

2018 Lunch Order Menu

Team Holiday

Separate Attachment :

Extra-curricular activities at EPS

2018 Bakery Lunch Order Menu

House of Bread & Pastries, 162 Tennyson St, Elwood Phone: 9531 6966

Please Note: Separate bags are required when ordering from both The Bakery and Sushi

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 \$6.00
- ½ Chicken schnitzel \$3.80
- ½ Chicken schnitzel & salad \$6.00

Extra (sandwiches & rolls)

(specify for NO butter)

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

Hot Food

(specify for sauce – 2nd sauce 20c)

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

Fruit

- Fruit Salad \$4.00

Sweets

- Gingerbread \$2.60
- Cupcake (not iced) \$2.00
- Muffin \$3.00 (choc, blueberry or apple)
(second option required for chocolate)



Please write the Lunch Order clearly on a paper bag and include the student name & class, payment amount (correct money if possible), any allergies & the school (EPS)

**** For students safety – NO staples ****

SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS

Available EVERY Wednesday

Tempura Japanese Café

213 Glenhuntly Road Elsternwick

Please note : Separate bags are required when ordering both from bakery and Sushi.

MENU

- 1) Cooked Tuna and Cucumber Roll \$2.60**
Canned Tuna with Mayonnaise, cucumber and a small amount of chopped onion
- 2) Teriyaki Chicken Roll \$2.60**
Grilled chicken breast in teriyaki sauce with lettuce and cucumber
- 3) Crispy Chicken Roll \$2.80**
Deep Fried Crumbed Chicken with Mayonnaise, Tonkatsu Sauce, lettuce and cucumber
- 4) California Roll \$2.60**
Steamed crabstick with Mayonnaise and avocado
- 5) Avocado & Cucumber Roll \$2.60**
- 6) Crispy Tofu Roll \$2.60**
Deep Fried crispy tofu with Mayonnaise, Tonkatsu Sauce, lettuce and cucumber
- 7) Tofu pocket (Plain Inari) \$2.00**
 - a. White Rice
 - b. Brown Rice





Team Holiday Elwood: Program Update

Welcome back! We hope you are as excited as we are to begin the 2018 school year. We welcome all of the new families to EPS and encourage you to register for Team Holiday, this can be done through our website or by calling our customer service team at head office. If you have any questions or want to just see the space we use please come past the hall and Liz will be happy to answer any of your questions.

The team and children had a blast on the school holiday program and we would like to thank you for your attendance and support over the Summer Holidays, it was one of our biggest holiday programs yet! .

Please remember to book in for your sessions this term and children will need to bring a hat each session for outside play.

As we say at Team Holiday 'Let the Fun begin!'

Clubs for the next fortnight

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Games/Sport	TH Club: Epic Games	TH Club: Super Sports		TH Club: Super Sports	TH Club: Epic Games
Craft/Cooking	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Junior Chefs	
Imaginative play			TH Club: Dancing/ Gymnastics		TH Club: STEAM

The Team:

*Director of Service: Liz
Coordinator: Emily
Educators: Andrew,
Nikita, Fi, Lewis, David,
Sally and Shaun*



Meet Liz!

I have worked as a performing arts teacher for 3 years. I've been in the OSHC industry for 4 years and the last 6 months as the Director of Service at Elwood Team Holiday. I love to dance and cook and share these passions with the children at our service. I am excited to spend another year at Elwood!

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Fees and Times

Program	Times	Full Fee	Out Of Pocket
Before School	7:15 am - 9:00 am	\$19.50	\$6.78 to \$9.75
After School	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	\$25.95	\$8.74 to \$12.98

Important Info:

Dear families, please remember that you will need to enrol and book you child/ren into Before and After school. To find out how, please go to our website:

www.teamholiday.com.au