



Newsletter



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Dear Parents

School Council Voting

A reminder to all parents that we have extended the voting period for School Council until Monday 20 March at 4:00pm.

This extension is due to the late arrival of ballot papers. Most families did not receive their ballot papers until last Friday. This delay was caused by Australia Post who no longer guarantee next day delivery.

Lateness

It has come to my attention that many students are continually late and do not arrive in class up to 15 minutes after the start of the day.

This means students can miss the initial parts of lessons, enter specialist classes late and more importantly miss valuable learning time.

Could you please help us ensure that all students are in class and ready to learn by 9.00am each day.

Parent Teacher Meetings

These important meetings will take place next week and we expect that all parents will make a meeting time with their teacher. This meeting will focus on sharing information about your child and areas for future learning.

The online booking system was opened on Tuesday morning. Please ensure you book your time so you do not miss out next week. There is an attached flyer with the instructions.

Planning Week

Planning week will take place in the last week of term. During planning week our teachers spend the day together completing detailed planning for Term 2 to make sure we meet the needs of your child.

To facilitate planning day your child's specialist classes will take place on the same day.

Planning Days will be as follows:

- Monday 27 March : Grades 5&6
- Tuesday 28 March : Prep
- Wednesday 29 March : Grades 1 & 2
- Thursday 30 March : Grades 3 & 4
- Friday 31 March : Specialist

Rob Csoti

Prep and Year 1 Parent Reading Session

On Tuesday 14 March over 60 parents attended our reading workshops held in the staffroom.



We discussed how we teach reading in the classroom and broke down the strategies that we use to get kids excited about being readers.

The highlight was when Nicole read with Winnie (1D) and Leonard (1K) to show how to support your own child when reading books at home.

The two students were absolutely amazing and read confidently, even showing off their knowledge of punctuation including ellipses!

The feedback from parents has been fantastic and more parent workshops will be offered in maths and writing later this year.

Thanks to all that came along, it truly is a partnership between home and school.

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CALENDAR

Thursday 16 March
7.15pm School Council

Friday 17 March
Grade 5 & 6 Sport

Monday 20 March
3.00pm Assembly with
Grade 2 choir performing

Wednesday 22 March
Summer Sport Round Robin
for Grades 5 & 6

Thursday 23 March
Fire Ed - Prep
Parent/Teacher Interviews
(flyer attached)

Friday 24 March
Try & Pick Grade 5 & 6 Sport

Thursday 30 March
Bookstore visit - 5S

Friday 31 March
Try & Pick Grade 5 & 6 Sport

End of Term 1
Early finish at 2.30pm

Monday 17 April
Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Tuesday 18 April
Term 2 Resumes

Friday 21 April
Grade 5 & 6 Sport Practice

Monday 24 April
3.00pm Assembly - Orchestra
performing

Friday 31 March
End of Term 1
Assembly 2.15pm
Early finish 2.30pm

The biggest take home message was to help build confident, happy readers through your attitudes and building a routine for home reading that works for your family.

See you at the next workshop.

Sara Walsh

Elwood Swimming Team 2017

I would like to congratulate all of the students who tried out for the swimming this year.

There were 67 students trying out and from those students, we had 28 represent Elwood Primary School and compete against other schools in the Balaclava District. All of the swimmers were amazing and we were runners up by only one point to Elsternwick PS.

There were 20 students who then progressed through to the Beachside Division Carnival. Unfortunately, even though our students tried their best, no-one made it through to the Regionals.

Congratulations again to all of the students who participated in any of the swimming events and also a big thank you to our wonderful parent community for volunteering and supporting us along the way.



To view the gallery from our District Carnival, click on the following link:

<http://www.elwoodpspe.com/district-swimming-carnival.html>

Sam Casey

You Can Do It

This fortnight we will be focusing on: Taking turns

Almost every day at school we need to take our turn. Sometimes it is in the classroom and other times, outside in the yard. In the classroom we may need to wait for our turn to see the teacher or to use some equipment. In games, we need to take our turn to bat or bowl and all sorts of play.

When turn taking, it is important to wait patiently, allow others to finish and give others a chance to have their go too.

You Can Do It!

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a Centrelink, Pensioner Concession or a Veteran Affairs Gold card you may be eligible to apply. You must also be a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government primary or secondary school. Please see the office for details.

Manners Matter

Almost every day at school there are people who help us and who we help too.

In the classroom we can help our friends and our teachers and outside in the playground, we often help out students from other classrooms and especially some of the younger students at our school.

Hopefully when we help out our friends, teachers, parents or people around us, they will usually respond with "thank you."

A polite way to respond to someone saying thanks; is to say - "You're welcome."

Other ways of saying "you're welcome" can include, "no worries" or "no problems." For example, a friend might say, "Thanks for helping me with my work" and we can respond with, "No problems" because it is informal and we know each other well.



If an adult such a teacher or parent says "Thank you for helping me," we should respond with "You're welcome".

Thank you and "You're welcome" is another way to show people around us that we are kind, caring and considerate Elwood Primary Kids.

Our Global Calendar

Each newsletter will inform you of global events and is a way to celebrate significant cultural and environmental events. This section of the newsletter is a terrific springboard for conversations at home! So, what's on in the coming weeks?

17 March: St Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: Lá Fhéile Pádraig, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick"), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385-461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

18 March: National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The theme of the day encourages parents and families to take a stand together with school communities and recognise the important role that everyone plays to stop bullying.

18-26 March: Cultural Diversity Week

Cultural Diversity Week is held annually in March. The Week provides an opportunity for all Victorians to celebrate our cultural, linguistic and religious diversity, with a variety of events and activities taking place across the State. For information and events visit: www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/cultural-diversity-week/blank

20 March: Naw Ruz (New Year) - Baha'i

Naw-Ruz ('New Day') is the Bahá'í and Iranian new year. It occurs on the date of the vernal equinox, and symbolises the new life of spring.

20 March: International Day of Happiness

Do something, big or small, to take part on 20 March and bring happiness to others.

Website: dayofhappiness.net/

21 March: World Down Syndrome Day

Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always been a part of the human condition, exists in all regions across the globe and commonly results in variable effects on learning styles,

physical characteristics or health. Adequate access to health care, to early intervention programs and to inclusive education, as well as appropriate research, are vital to the growth and development of the individual.

21 March: Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.



Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating!

Nicole Richards ... Assistant Principal

Attachments:

- Clean Up Australia
- Book School Interviews Online
- Qkr Promotion
- CSEF Funding

AFTER SCHOOL CARE by Camp Australia
we make kids smile

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities

GREAT FUN

To book, visit:
www.campastralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Introducing our team members: Part 1

What a fun week we had exploring our animals theme where we decorated fish, drew our favourite animals and made a talking money box. This week we will be looking at the different types of sport.

We would like to introduce the Camp Australia team members that run the before and after school care at Elwood Primary. This week we will be looking at our coordinator, Nicole Klaassen. She has a Bachelors Degree in Education and has taught primary school for four years. She recently immigrated to Melbourne from South Africa with her husband. Ensuring children are having fun in a safe and happy environment are her main priorities. Please feel free to pop in and speak to any of our team members.

The Camp Australia Team

Program Details

Before Care: 07:15 – 08:45

After Care: 15:30 – 18:00

To find out more about the program, view fees and to register visit www.campastralia.com.au

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

What a beautiful day to clean up the school yard! A big thank you to all the students from grades Prep, 2 and 6 who participated in the big clean up event on Monday 6 March.

We managed to pick up 7kgs of regular rubbish and 3kgs of recyclables from inside and around the yard.



An extra special thanks to the Grade 2 students who helped sort and weigh the rubbish.

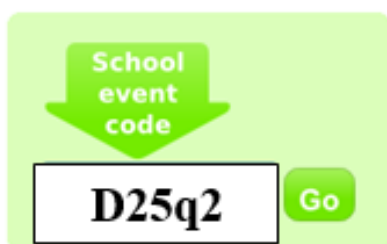




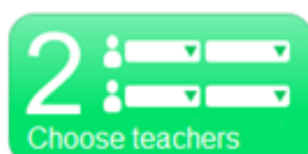
Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on: **Thursday 23rd March from 3:40pm until 7:30pm.**
You can now book interviews at times that suit your family best.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN TUESDAY 14th at 10.00am
BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 17th March at 4:00pm



Go to
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN Tuesday 14th March SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, you can still make bookings by either calling the office or your child's teacher and they can access the times for you.

Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. We understand that for some parents, this date may not be suitable and classroom teachers may be available at other times and days for you, such as before or after school. If this is the case, please check the times of availability on School Interviews Online or contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

If you have more than one child at school and are making bookings across the day for various teachers, please leave time between meetings to allow for moving to the different rooms.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the office or class teacher directly.

If you have any problems, please contact me directly or the office staff and we will endeavour to assist you.

Regards,
Nicole Richards
Assistant Principal

Qkr Promotion



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MasterPass 

Dear Parents

At Elwood Primary School Qkr is our preferred method of payment and the Qkr Team have provided two **Village Family Movie Tickets** to give away. Tickets are for two adults and two children and include four small popcorns, four drinks and four chocolates.

To enter the draw all you need to do is register and use Qkr to make any payment to the school before Thursday 30 March 2017. If you have already used Qkr this year you will automatically be entered in the draw. Winners will be notified by telephone on the last day of term, Friday 31 March.

Qkr (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard is a secure and easy way to pay for items from your phone at a time and place that suits you. For Elwood Primary School Qkr means lower bank fees so more funding can be allocated towards classrooms and grounds for our students.

With Qkr you can:

- pay for school fees, events, sports, Building and Library funds and our 100 year commemorative items, one current event is our 'Mother's Day Cocktail Lunch'
- see your receipts on the app and have them sent by email if required

Step 1. Download Qkr!

On your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users must download iPhone app.

Step 2. Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register. For those already registered please make sure your student profiles are updated to reflect their current grades.

Step 3. Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you are within 10km's of our school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4. Register your child

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child/children. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Step 5. Contact the office if you need help

If you require any assistance, please contact our school office staff who will be happy to help.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

