



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Portable Buildings

The first of our three double portables will arrive on site this Friday 16 March. The other portables will arrive on the following Thursday 22 and Friday 23 March. They will all be located on the Senior School basketball court behind our Information Learning Hub. This area will be fenced whilst the buildings are prepared and ready for our six classes from the LTC.

The maze has been removed and the area along the fence will be redeveloped when the building works are completed. It presented some safety issues with the portables and was in disrepair. The white shed will also be demolished to provide truck access during the building works with a temporary container on site for storage whilst works are in progress.

On the mornings when the portables will be delivered before school, Poets Grove **will not be accessible** as large trucks will be transporting the buildings in sections. If you use the "Kiss and Go" drop off zone in Poets Grove, you will need to make alternative arrangements on those mornings.

100 year Named Pavers

Our landscaper will commence work on this project on Thursday 15 March. The pavers will be laid in front of the kitchen windows in the Junior School.

Seating, planting and the pavers should make for a lovely reflective area. The works should be completed over the next two weeks. It will mark the end of our 100 year celebrations and combine with our Anchor sculpture for the next 100 years to mark 2017.

Parent Teacher Meetings

These meetings will take place next week and are an important part of our reporting process to parents. During these meetings our teachers discuss student's learning strengths and areas for future improvement. Teachers will also be asking you to share your knowledge of how your child learns. Any other relevant

information with regards to your child will be discussed at this time.

Our reporting to parent's process is as follows:

- Information nights Term 1
- Parent teacher meetings Term 1
- Written report Term 2
- Parent teacher meetings Term 3
- Written report Term 4
- Parent meetings upon request at any time.

Please make sure you have booked your meeting online through the link provided to you previously via email.

Principal Class Conference

Nicole, Jay and myself will be attending a regional Principal Class conference this Thursday 15 and Friday 16 March. Other members of our leadership team (Ariana, Ange, Lauren and Louisa) will share the acting Principal role over these two days. The conference will focus on "Leading Improvement in your School" and implementing Department of Education initiatives.

Welcome Jo to the Admin Team

Jo Sawdon has joined the Admin Team and will be in the office from Monday to Friday. We are very happy to have Jo join the Elwood PS community. Please say hello when you call into the office.

Rob Csoti

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a Centrelink, Pensioner Concession or a Veteran Affairs Gold card you may be eligible to apply for financial assistance with school fees. You must also be a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government primary school. If you applied last year and there is no change in your circumstances then your application will automatically be processed. If you are new to Elwood Primary school then please see the office for details.

**14 March 2018
No. 4**

CALENDAR

Friday 16 March

Grade 5/6 Sport

Monday 19 March

Responsible Pet Ed - Gr 2
Summer Sport Round Robin -
Grade 5/6

3.00pm Assembly - Grade 2 Choir

Wednesday 21 March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 22 March

7.15pm School Council

Friday 23 March

Grade 5/6 Sport

Thursday 29 March

End of Term 1

2.30pm finish

Friday 31 March

Daylight Savings Ends

Monday 16 April

Term 2 Commences

Friday 20 April

Sport Grade 5/6

Monday 23 April

Anzac Day Assembly

Wednesday 25 April

Anzac Day Public Holiday
No school

**Thursday 29 March
End of Term 1
2.30pm Finish**

Mother's Day Cocktail Lunch

SAVE the date for the annual Mother's Day Cocktail Lunch on Friday 11 May from midday until 3.30pm at the Village Belle Hotel. Tickets \$55.00 are available on QKR. Flyer attached.

If you would like to donate something to the Mother's Day raffle please contact amandab@idcollective.com.au as all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Amanda Booth

National Ride2School Day

Friday 23 March is National Ride2School Day. Active transport is a great way to encourage a healthy lifestyle amongst students and the wider school community. Whether they ride or scoot all the way, or part way, it's a great way for all students to get active, learn new skills and increase their overall confidence and wellbeing.

National Ride2School Day is a fantastic opportunity to encourage active travel within your school community. The day celebrates those who already actively travel to school and encourages those who don't to give it a go.



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!



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.

Global Calendar

Our Global calendar is a way to celebrate significant cultural and environmental events and is a terrific springboard for conversations at home! What's on in the coming weeks?

16 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.



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. Be sure to wish Jo in the office (our newest member of the admin team) a Happy Saint Patrick's Day if you are passing by!



17-25 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: 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: 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.



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!



31 March: Daylight Savings Ends



Nicole Richards ... Assistant Principal

Attachments :

Ladies who Lunch
Financial Assistant Information
Team Holiday

Ladies who Lunch

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ELWOOD PRIMARY'S
MOTHERS DAY COCKTAIL LUNCH.**

When: Friday 11th May.

Where: The Village Belle St Kilda.

Time: Midday until 3.30pm

Dress: Splash of pink

Tickets are \$55 per head and include delicious finger food
and a glass of French bubbles on arrival.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to Breast
Cancer Network Australia.

Drinks at the lunch will be at bar prices.

Be Quick, ticket numbers are limited and we don't want you
to miss out. Buy tickets on Qkr!



Please make payment by QKR under School Events.

If you require any assistance please contact the school office.

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 is 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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

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

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





Team Holiday Elwood: Program Update

We have made a new Team Holiday Club, Homework Helpers. This club is designed for our educators who are all teachers or studying to be teachers, to assist children with their homework in a small group. This may be simply reading their readers with them or helping with assigned Maths/English homework. Please see Liz if you wish your child to participate in this activity, as you would know some children may need extra encouragement to complete their homework.

We have a lot of lost property at Team Holiday, many hats, jumpers and drink bottles. We will be taking this all over to the JLC lost property at the end of the week, please come and see if any of it belongs to your family.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 29/3/18 BSC Smoothies for Parents! Come join us for breakfast, or have smoothie on the run. Children and educators will be making smoothies for parents for their breakfast. We will also have tea and coffee available for you to enjoy.

Thursday 29/3/18 ASC Crazy Hair Birthday Party! We will be celebrating any children that have had a birthday in March. We will be cooking some special treats, face painting and providing crazy hair styles for the children. Please let us know if you do not wish your children to have face paint or coloured hair spray.

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

Team Holiday Clubs for the next fortnight 19/3/18 - 29/3/18

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Games/Sport	TH Club: Super Sports	TH Club: Epic Games	TH Club: Super Sports	TH Club: Epic Games	TH Club: Epic Games
Craft/Cooking	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack
Science/ Homework	TH Club: STEAM			TH Club: Homework Helpers	

The Team:

Director of Service: Liz
 Coordinator: Emily
 Educators: Andrew, Nikita, Fi, David, Mersina, Christine, Blair, Hannah and Shaun

Spirit Awards

Children will be recognized for displaying Team Holiday and Elwood PS values. They will be awarded with a certificate at assembly and have some extra privileges throughout the fortnight at Team Holiday.

Spirit Awards

Bhumisutha Brahma
 For always using her manners and showing kindness to others
Angus Penfold
 For being a fantastic packerupper in After School Care

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Fees and Times

Program	Times	Full Fee	Out Of Pocket
Before School	7:15 am - 8:00 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 enroll and book your child/ren into Before and After school. To find out how, please go to our website: www.elwoodps.com.au