Dear Parents

Market

Our June market is on this Saturday. It would be great to see everyone at the market. Our cake stall has been down on produce at the last few markets. I would like to put out a plea to make the June market cake stall the biggest ever. 100% of the funds raised goes to upgrading facilities in our school and our cake stall always sells out. All families in the school can contribute to the cake stall. Cakes, slices, biscuits or any other sweet treats can be left at the kitchen on Friday afternoon or on Saturday morning. A bumper cake stall always sets a great tone and atmosphere for the market. Hope to see you on Saturday!

Trivia Night

- "Elwood Pursuit"

The Trivia Night is fast approaching and will be held in the first week back of Term 3 on Friday 17th July. The night will be hosted by Brian Nankervis which will make for a great night. Donations for the silent auction are always welcome. Please contact Nicole Nabout if you would like to make a donation at nicolenabout@icloud.com. This is a tabled event, so when looking at www.trybooking.com/HVZB, please nominate a table ‘Captain’ or year level to be seated with. The trivia night is always a fun night and is our major parent function for the year. It is also a fundraising event so I ask that we all support the night to make it a huge success. (see the attached flyer for more details)

Ready Set Go

Our second Ready Set Go session will take place this Friday 12th June at 2:30pm. This pre-prep program is part of our kinder to school transition program and has a huge positive impact on our future Preps and their families. We had nearly 90 kinder kids attend our first session which means we will have well over 100 Preps in 2016 coming to Elwood PS. Congratulations to our Prep team for making RSG such a huge success.

Give a Smile

Our Elwood PS Junior Council attended the 10th Anniversary of this wonderful charity, Give a Smile, which aims to provide orthodontic treatment for children who may not be able to afford it. Orthodontists pledge to provide one free treatment a year to patients who qualify for the program. It was a great opportunity for our students to get an insight into a charity at work. Our ESC is responsible for our gold coin charity days during the year.

Rob Csoti

Trivia Night - “Elwood Pursuit”

Although we have had some very generous donations so far, we are still in need of more items for the raffle and/or silent auction to include on the night. For those who are not able to donate an item or voucher etc., we have placed a box in the office where families are welcome to leave a bottle of wine to include in hampers to be auctioned on the night. Your contribution will be gratefully received. Please contact Kate Allen at kate.a.groom@gmail.com or Nicole Nabout at nicolenabout@icloud.com

Trivia Night Committee

10 June 2015
No. 9

Community Market (bookings) : www.trybooking.com/106452

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Helping children learn positive friendship skills

As we move into colder months and with term finishing, we often see students feeling unwell, a little tired and or emotional and a combination of all! I have been reading some very interesting research around friendships, positive mindsets and resilience in children that I will be sharing with you over the next few newsletters that may assist in keeping positive and happy over the next cold months.

Importance of children’s friendships
At any age, having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children’s friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends. Most children want to have friends. Children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident and interestingly, perform better academically at school than those without friends. When children have difficulty in making friends or in keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy with themselves. Feeling rejected by others may lead to significant distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.

How friendships develop and change
Friendships require give and take. By sharing toys, time, games, experiences and feelings, children learn that they can have their social needs met and can meet the needs of others. Since friendships develop through this kind of mutual exchange, close friendships are usually based on well-matched needs.

Children’s friendship needs and skills change as they grow. Similarly, children’s ideas about friendship change as they develop. This is reflected in the different kinds of activities that children like to spend time doing with their friends at different ages. The table below indicates the ways children tend to describe close friends and the kinds of skills that support positive friendships as they develop.

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<td>trusts you and is trustworthy</td>
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<td>understands you and who you understand</td>
<td>sharing confidences, negotiating, respecting one another</td>
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<td>you can talk to about feelings or problems</td>
<td>talking about personal and social issues, supporting one another</td>
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Information from Kids Matter – Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative.

Please watch out for more information next newsletter on friendship patterns in primary school and social skills that promote friendship.

Nicole Richards
Assistant Principal
You Can Do It!

Term 2: Organisation
Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher’s instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignment and homework due dates. Being organised helps you to learn at your best.

This fortnight we will focus on:
Setting goals

Setting a goal, whether it is a short term goal or a long term goal, can help you be more successful at something.

Setting goals can help you to do your best in your school work such as planning your time so that you are not rushed and having all your supplies ready.

Having SMART goals assists in achieving your best:
- Specific
- Meaningful
- Action-based
- Realistic
- Time-based Goals

You can have a Mental Health goal for example spend 30 minutes a day reading a book, work on projects on the first day it is assigned not the last, learn a new language. Mental Health goals get the brain more active. It is important to keep the brain stimulated.

Emotional Goals could be to walk away from a fight or choose not to participate in put downs. Emotional goals have to do with gaining control of our emotions.

Classroom Goals could be for a class to decide it is best to do agendas in the morning, or to clean desks on a weekly basis. The goals can be decided on a democratic basis.

Goals can also be wider than personal and school goals, we can also have Community Goals (Local or Global). There could be a variety of important community issues that are in need of help. Some examples are feeding the homeless, raising money to create a skate park, or foster a child in a developing country.

Try setting some goals for yourself at school and home and remember that you will often need someone to help you. A friend or family member can keep you on track, remind you of your goals and celebrate with you when you have achieved them.

YOU CAN DO IT!

Manners Matter
Good manners or acting appropriate in a way that's acceptable and respectful shows other people respect, care and consideration. Excellent manners can help you to have better relationships with people you know and with people you will meet.

Including others is another valuable skill to learn. Including others in your games and activities makes everyone feel good. It means that you are generous and willing to share your time with others and care about their feelings. If you include others in your games, they are more likely to include you when you are looking for someone to play with or talk to.

Look around and see if there are others who might like to join in. Sometimes they might not even ask but stand close by. Try to include them. Put the team interests ahead of your own interests and recognise everyone’s contribution to the team and congratulate them.

Including others shows you are a friendly and considerate Elwood Primary Kid and that Manners Matter.

Nicole Richards … Assistant Principal

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
It’s Premiers’ Reading Challenge time again.

We have had many students register who are currently reading lots of books. There is still time to register and be a part of this Challenge. Please come to the library and collect a registration form.

Did you know? Many of the books that you read in your classroom can be counted towards the books that you need to read.

Ange Dawson … Library Specialist
News from the Elwood Kitchen

We are keeping ourselves nice and warm in the kitchen cooking up delicious winter comfort foods.

This week we made Yacon cake. Yacon is a tuber plant Kate has grown in the garden (see photo). Tastes similar to pear and is nice and crunchy to eat.

For the next two weeks we will be cooking up an Indian feast followed by a Vietnamese feast as part of our Asian Celebration.

Please go to the Care Bookings roster and check if your child's class has enough volunteers; if not and you can assist that would be brilliant. As we create more dishes than usual more volunteer assistance is essential. It is also fun to be involved, and should be delicious!!

Thank you to staff and parents who have been giving us their lemons please keep them coming. If we have excess we will juice them and freeze them so we don't have to pay huge amounts over lemon drought time.

Again just a call out if anyone has a pasta machine they are not using or any spare cutlery please it would be most appreciated. Many thanks …

Janet & Catherine … Kitchen Specialists

Our 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?

12th June: World Day Against Child Labour
World Day Against Child Labour aims to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the efforts needed to eliminate it.

12th June: National Buddy Day
An initiative of NAB and The Foundation, created to show the importance of friendship and raise awareness of bullying amongst primary school children.

14th June: World Blood Donor Day
World Blood Donor Day is a reminder of the importance of blood donation. 1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime, while just 1 in 30 people currently donate.

14th -20th June: Refugee Week
Refugee Week is used to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. While a refugee's journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope: they hope to find freedom from persecution, and safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma.

15th -21st June: International Men's Health Week
International Men's Health Week aims to increase awareness of the importance of good health in men, boys and their families.

18th June: Red Aussie Apple Day
A highlight of Bowel Cancer Awareness Month is Red Aussie Apple Day, where Australians are encouraged to support the vital work of Bowel Cancer Australia through the purchase of a $2.00 apple pin.

18th June – 17th July: Ramadan - Islam
Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Every day during this month, Muslims around the world spend the daylight hours in a complete fast.

20th June: World Refugee Day
World Refugee Day is used to raise awareness of the difficult lives led by refugees.

Enjoy your upcoming weeks and whatever you may be celebrating together!

Nicole Richards … Assistant Principal

Attachments:
Asia Week
Art Comp…And the Winner Is...
Financial Assistance
What’s Happening at EPS in Weeks 9, 10 & 11
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ASIA WEEK- A celebration of Asian Cultures and Languages, June 22nd to the 26th

To promote the Studies of Asia and the Indonesian language program in our school we will be investigating Asian Cultures in the last week of this term. During this week children at Elwood Primary will be celebrating our strong connections to Asia by learning about the wonderful cultures of our Asian neighbours.

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We encourage students to start bringing any cultural items or photos they may have that originate from their focus country to help create displays in their classrooms. If you have any experiences with these countries that you would like to share with the children please approach you child’s teacher to arrange a forum for this to take place, we really value parent and extended family involvement.

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE - Asia Dress, Asian performances and Asian Lunch Day!

On Wednesday the 24th of June children are invited to come dressed in a costume from any Asian country. It can be as simple as a sarong over their uniform or a martial arts outfit or head band. The children are asked to bring a gold coin to donate to our Sister School-Pelangi, which we will use to help sponsor a local Balinese child ‘Cha–Cha’ to attend school in Ubud. The children will also watch a fantastic Asian performance by some special guests during the day.

ASIAN LUNCH - On this day your child may choose to order an Asian lunch or bring their own Asian lunch. Options for Asian lunch include the usual process for Wednesday Sushi lunch order or a Chinese lunch order! If your child would like a Chinese lunch order these must be returned to school by next Thursday the 18th of June. There will be a Chinese lunch order box in the Senior School office. Chinese lunch orders will not be taken later than this as they need to be tallied and sent to the restaurant in advance.

Normal bakery lunches will also be available.
CHINESE LUNCH ORDER: All lunches are served with a choice of steamed or fried rice (containing meat). The cost for the Chinese lunch orders are $5.00 each.

CHINESE FOOD MENU: Don’t forget to indicate steamed or Fried rice on your order. Steamed rice will be given if choice not indicated.

- Steamed Dim Sims (2-3 large)
- Fried Dim Sims (2-3 large)
- Wontons (4-6 wontons)
- Lemon Chicken (large scoop)
- Spring rolls vegetarian (2-3 large)

Follow the simple steps below to place your Chinese lunch order.

1) On a paper bag (no envelopes accepted) clearly write your child’s name, grade, food choice and rice choice. Soy sauce will be provided.
2) Place exactly $5.00 dollars in your bag and fold the bag so money is secure.
3) Return lunch orders to the Chinese lunch order box that will be placed in the office in the senior school. THEY MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY THE 18th JUNE.
4) On Wednesday the 24th of June the Chinese lunches will be delivered to the classroom.

Allergies: Please note that the restaurant has assured us no peanut oil or MSG will be used in the cooking process, however as this is a large kitchen we cannot guarantee that traces of nut products are eliminated. If you have concerns we recommend that you pack your own child’s lunch on that day or consider a Sushi or bakery lunch order.

Terima Kasih

Kirsteen Reid
LOTE and Asian Studies Co-ordinator
... and the Winner is Suki from 3V

Congratulations to the winners of the Website Banner Competition.

The art leaders recently ran an art competition where kids had to create an image that best reflected what they found special about Elwood Primary School.

A big thank you to everyone who handed in an entry. I was delighted to see so many interesting and creative art works and could tell that everyone put a lot of effort into making their art entry. All of the wonderful entries made the art leaders’ job of picking just one winner extremely difficult.

Suki 3V – 1st Place

All entries will be displayed on the art schools website and the art room blog www.ourartventures.blogspot.com

Akasha 3L – 2nd Place

Georgia 1D – 3rd Place

Ben 4A – Honourable Mention
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

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. The allowance will be 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 will be:
- $125 for primary school students
- $25 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

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
What’s happening during Weeks 9, 10 & 11 at Elwood Primary School?

Level 1 (Prep)

Literacy: This fortnight we will be looking at blends by talking about the ‘oo’ and ‘ee’ sounds in words. When reading, we will be making connections to problems and settings in other texts. We will be continuing to explore alliteration by making a class ‘Alphabet Party’ book. During our Big Talk and Big Write this fortnight we will be talking about Winter in Australia and all around the world. We will also be writing about Elwood Primary and what we love about our school. We will be looking closely at connectives and how we can link two or more ideas using words such as ‘and’, ‘because’, ‘so’ and ‘but’.

Maths: We will be continuing and consolidating our learning about measurement and time and introducing location. This will include building our vocabulary about location, using and drawing maps from a bird’s eye view and describing positions of objects such as: next to, beside, above, below and in front of.

Investigations:

Our speaking and listening focus this fortnight is using eye contact when speaking to each other and how we can use our bodies to convey a message. This is something we will be working on when we are focus children, reporters and photographers this fortnight. In preparation for Asia week in week 10 we will be creating and exploring our country Indonesia, looking at books and pictures and creating shadow puppets and Balinese crowns.

Other:

We are looking forward to our whole school Asia week celebrations coming up in week 10. Please keep an eye out for any information in the newsletter and from your classroom teacher about our celebrations.

Level 2

Writing

This fortnight we will be revising all four of the VCOP elements which include vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. Our punctuation foci will be question marks and using commas in a list. Our grammar foci are verbs and word families. Each class will be learning about one of the five spelling strategies and investigating a spelling sound pattern. The letters in handwriting will include cup letters, u v w y and our Big Write is an Exposition, which is an personal opinion piece.

Reading

To finish off the term, our reading strategy is making connections. As we are reading we can make connections between our own lives and the book. We make connections between the book and other books we’ve read and we can connect from the book to the world around us. Other connections may include a character, a setting or the ending of a story.

Maths

Our units in maths include length and then a unit on mass. Our learning intentions for length include the distance from one end to the other (how long something is). Length relates to curved lines as well as straight lines. Different examples of length can be compared and ordered. What we use to measure something with is called a unit. Units can be informal (eg hand-spans) or formal (eg centimetres or metres). Mass is the amount of matter contained in an object. Grade 1s will be estimating, weighing and comparing objects, choosing and using uniform non-standard units and measuring instruments. The Grade 2s will be estimating, weighing and comparing objects, choosing and using uniform standard units and measuring instruments, such as grams and kilograms. We will be hefting to compare the mass of objects.

Investigations

This term we’ve been thinking about energy use in our environment. We will be looking at lights used in the classroom. Are they on when children and teachers are not in there? Should we turn them off when we are heading to a specialist subject or out to play? Is there enough natural sunlight coming into our classrooms? During Asia Week, Grade 1s will be discovering China while the Grade 2s will be exploring Japan.
## Level 3

### Year 3

**Literacy:** During writing sessions students will be exploring how to use a variety of punctuation accurately. They will practice identifying the correct uses of punctuation in texts and will then apply these skills when drafting and editing their own writing.

**Maths:** In maths sessions students will be exploring Place Value and how our number system works. Students will practice reading, writing, partitioning and renaming numbers with five digits. Students will then use their understanding of these numbers to compare sets of numbers and sequence them on a number line.

**Inquiry:** During inquiry sessions students will be using the notes that they have collected during the last fortnight to draft, revise and publish their ERPs. We look forward to sharing these with you during the final week of school.

### Year 4

**Literacy:** In writing sessions students will continue to focus on the accurate use of punctuation. Students will be exploring the use of talking marks and apostrophes, reading published texts to help them establish the ‘rules’ for correct use of these symbols and then applying them when drafting and editing.

**Maths:** During maths sessions students will be focusing on our number system. They will be exploring number patterns and the rules that create them and will be investigating what makes numbers odd and even and the rules that apply when you combine different types of numbers.

**Inquiry:** Students will spend inquiry sessions this fortnight conducting their experiments, recording their results and preparing their findings. We look forward to sharing our ERPs with you during the final week of term.

## Level 4 (Year 5 & 6)

**Literacy:** In reading, grade 5 classes are putting together all of the comprehension skills they have been working on and using them in an author study. Each grade will be selecting an author and reading multiple books by that author to look at the similarities and differences. Grade 6 classes will be continuing to analyse fiction particularly looking at literary devices such as similes, metaphors, personification, allusions and irony.

In writing grade 5 and 6 classes are working on publishing their narratives and mystery stories in interesting ways.

**Maths:** Grade 5 and 6 classes are finishing our unit on measuring volume, capacity and mass. We will be conducting hands-on explorations, with grade 5 classes investigating how to choose the most appropriate units to measure volume, capacity and mass and the grade 6 classes developing strategies to convert between these units.

**Inquiry:** Grade 5 and 6 classes are all busily working on our individual ERPs. Students are working through the processes of observing, questioning, researching, predicting, testing and concluding, and preparing to communicate their findings to others.
Skiers and Boarders...

The 2015 Victorian Interschool Snow Sports Championships will again be held at Mt. Buller from

**Sunday 23rd August to Friday 28th August**

With divisions 4 (Year 4 & under) & 5 (Years 5 & 6) competing from Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th

Check out [www.vicinterschools.com.au](http://www.vicinterschools.com.au) for more info

Elwood Primary School has sent a team of skiers and boarders for the last two years and achieved some fantastic results but, more importantly, had a wonderful time with memories to last a lifetime.

In addition to the entry terms and conditions outlined on the website, the team will be self-organised (not by the school), parents must attend and supervise their own children and may be required to assist with volunteering around the various race courses.

It promises to be another fantastic week, so if you can meet all of the conditions and want to register your interest or have any questions, please call Matthew Franceschini on 0411 123 154 or email mf@entitysolutions.com.au
Elwood Primary School proudly presents...
The 2015 Trivia Night
A Biennial Fundraising Event

Friday 17 July
7:00 pm - 11:45 pm
St Kilda Town Hall

Silent auction, raffle, lucky door prizes,
tasty tacos and bar (at bar prices)
or BYO food and beverages (alcohol permitted).

Tickets on sale 1st June
$25 www.trybooking.com/HVZB

This is a tabled event, so when booking please nominate a table ‘Captain’
or year level to be seated with - tables are of 10.

PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT!