Dear Parents

**Ski Team**
I spent Monday with a very excited ski team at Mt. Buller. I attended the team dinner and bib presentations on Sunday night and watched a number of races on Monday. Everyone was having a fantastic time and were doing Elwood proud in their races.

We will have a full run down in the Community Link next week. Congratulations and thank you to Matthew Franceschini for coordinating the team and the event.

**Happy 100th Birthday Elwood Primary School**
To start our 100 year celebrations, we are inviting students to enter a competition to design a badge for our 2017 celebrations. Students are encouraged to design a badge to be used as our centenary logo. It will appear on many items throughout the year.

Designs can depict anything that links to the schools 100th birthday and is open to each students’ imagination. No more than four colours can be used in the design, two of which must be our school colours of yellow and blue.

The competition will run for two weeks with students to vote for the shortlisted entries in the first week of Term 4.

**100 Year Communications Position**
We are looking for a person to manage our 100 year celebration communications next year. The job will entail being on top of Facebook and website communication and liaising with key groups who are planning activities. This will culminate when our open day takes place on Friday 28 October.

This will be a paid position of approximately seven hours per week commencing in Term 4. The successful applicant will work closely with myself, the 100 year planning committee and the school office. If you are interested in the position, please contact the office for the job description.

**NAPLAN 2016**
Our NAPLAN results were received last week and once again our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students have performed very well.

Reading, numeracy, punctuation and grammar were well above the state mean. Spelling was above the state mean and writing was at state mean in Grade 3 and above the state mean in Grade 5.

We will continue working on our writing and expect to see rapid improvement according to NAPLAN in upcoming years.

One important measure is the growth of students between Grades 3 & 5. Our students performed outstandingly well in this area with reading and punctuation/grammar recording over 40% high relative growth and writing, spelling and numeracy recording over 35% high relative growth. The state mean in all these areas is around 21%. A summary of results is below.

**Grade 3**
Reading well above the state mean.
Writing same as the state mean.
Spelling above the state mean.
Punctuation and grammar well above the state mean.
Numeracy well above the state mean.

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**CALENDAR**

- **Monday 22 - Friday 26 August**
  - Book Week at EPS

- **Wednesday 24 August**
  - Prep Grandparents Day
  - Book Character Parades
  - Step up Program - Gr 6
  - Enhanced Learning

- **Thursday 25 August**
  - Author Visit - Gr 3 & 4

- **Friday 26 August**
  - Author Visit - Gr 1 & 2
  - Grade 2 Sleepover

- **Tuesday 30 August**
  - ESC Casual Dress Day Bring a gold coin donation for one.girl.org.au.
  - Dress like a teacher with teachers dressing like students.
  - Sub-committee meetings

- **Wednesday 31 August**
  - Enhanced Learning Celebration
  - Step up Program

- **Friday 2 September**
  - Bike Ed - Grade 5

- **Saturday 3 September**
  - Community Market
  - all Prep Grades rostered

- **Monday 5 September**
  - Cybersafety - 2L
  - Bike Ed - Grade 5
  - 3.00pm Assembly with Grade 1 choir performing

- **Tuesday 6 September**
  - Bike Ed - Grade 5

- **Wednesday 7 September**
  - Cybersafety - 1J, 1R & 2C
  - Bike Ed - Grade 5
Grade 5
Reading well above the state mean.
Writing above the state mean.
Spelling above the state mean.
Punctuation and grammar well above the state mean.
Numeracy well above the state mean.

High relative Growth from Grade 3 -5
Reading 41% - state mean 22%
Writing 38% - state mean 20%
Spelling 33% - state mean 23%
Punctuation and Grammar 46% - state mean 21%
Numeracy 35% - state mean 20%

NAPLAN results will be mailed to parents at the end of next week. This will give class teachers enough time to analysis all data and contact parents to discuss individual results of students who may not have performed as well as anticipated.

2017 Student Movement
It seems early but I am already looking at planning for 2017. It is very important to have an accurate picture of student movement for the upcoming year. Correct anticipated student numbers has a huge impact on the number of classes we have and our budget.

If you know that you will not be at Elwood PS next year, could you please email or call the office as soon as possible so that accurate student numbers can be used for planning.

Trip to Cairns
I will be in Cairns on 29-31 August presenting at the Promising Practices Conference. This is a Far North Queensland Education Department initiative which I am pleased to be part of.

The Promising Practices Conference explores the research and learning of Dr George Otero through a Relational Leadership framework. Schools from urban, rural and remote areas will present their journey and learnings around strengthening learning relationships between school, family and community.

This trip will continue the partnership with schools in Cairns that have been developed over the past three years with visits from staff and students to EPS and my work with Principals from indigenous schools. The Far North Queensland Education department is paying all costs for this trip with no cost to EPS.

Nicole will be Acting Principal whilst I am away.

You Can Do It
Term 3: Persistence
Persistence means trying hard to do your best and not giving up when something feels like it’s too difficult or boring. Examples of persistent behavior are continuing to try even when schoolwork is hard, not being distracted and checking work when it’s finished to make sure it’s correct.

This fortnight we will focus on:
Seeing it through

Being persistent is easier said than done …you need self-confidence, dedication and discipline. Once you move closer to your goals and success … not only do people around you support and encourage you … all of a sudden you can believe in yourself even more!

That’s the thing about being persistent and seeing it through……sometimes you may have to work hard at a goal or activity without seeing instant results … sometimes you don’t see results for a very long time, yet you keep moving forward any way. Have patience, the results will come … it’s a matter of time.

How do you see things through when it is tough?

- First of all you must be persistent and if you feel that it’s the right thing to do, keep trying!
- Be determined. Know what you would like the outcome to look like…. picture yourself reaching your goal … enjoying the success
- Believe in your goal, all the time, every time. Because if you don’t … it’s less than likely that you will keep going when things get tough. Don’t let others question your goal and have conversations with friends who support you

Once you put faith in yourself to see it through… it’s not long before others start to see that too. By being persistent and seeing it through … you succeed eventually … and then start to inspire people … your actions convince them to have a go at their dreams too.

You Can Do It !
Nicole Richards … Assistant Principal

Manners Matters
Respecting Property – Yours and others
Around our school, our home and the homes of our friends, there are many things we use that make our life more enjoyable. At home it may be the television, the stereo or computers. At school it may be sports equipment, the POD, art materials or other equipment in the yard. Whatever we use, we need to look after, not just for ourselves but because others like to use these things as well.
Respecting property – yours and others - shows everyone that we are thoughtful, considerate and friendly children. All part of being an Elwood Kid.

Manners Matter at Elwood Primary School!

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?

26th August: Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day is one of the Cancer Council's most loved fundraising events and this year, every daffodil and every donation grows hope - hope for more survivors, hope for better treatments and hope for greater support. As the largest merchandise based event in the Southern Hemisphere, it's day to support all Australians affected by cancer. Website: www.daffodilday.com.au

31st August: National Meals on Wheels Day

National Meals on Wheels Day is an opportunity to celebrate the 78,700 volunteers that contribute to their community, and is celebrated on the last Wednesday in August each year.

1st -7th September: Spina Bifida Awareness Week

Spina Bifida Awareness Week aims to increase awareness of the disease that affects roughly 5,000 Australians.

Month of September: Save the Koala Month

Save the Koala Month aims to raise awareness and funds for the conservation of wild koalas and their habitats.

Month of September: Foster Care Month

The primary aim of Foster Care Month is to raise the profile of fostering in the wider community by promoting the great work done by existing substitute care services in both the Government and non-Government sectors. The month also creates an opportunity to focus on the secondary aim of increasing recruitment by highlighting the ongoing need for the recruitment of appropriate foster care families.

2nd September: Indigenous Literacy Day

Indigenous Literacy Day aims to help raise funds to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions. We need your support to help raise funds to buy books and literacy resources for children in these communities.

3rd September: National Flag Day

Australian National Flag day celebrates the anniversary of the Australian Flag, first flown in 1901.

8th September: International Literacy Day

Today one in five adults are illiterate, which causes many social and educational issues. International Literacy Day is a reminder of the importance of literacy.

Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating. We hope to see everyone dressed up for Book Week!

Nicole Richards … Assistant Principal

SCHOOL SORES - Health Alert

There has been a confirmed case of Impetigo (school sores) in the Grade 3. Impetigo is a rapidly spreading, contagious superficial skin infection seen mainly in children but it may occur at any age. The infection may present with mildly irritating blisters that become pustular and erode rapidly leaving a honey-crusted crust. It often appears around the nose and mouth. Local lymph nodes may be enlarged and the affected child may occasionally be acutely ill. Students can return to school after treatment has commenced and the sores must be completely covered with a watertight dressing. If you have any concerns contact your local doctor or http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/ for more information.

Summer Baseball and T-Ball

In last weeks Community Link, we published information regarding try outs for the St. Kilda Baseball Summer competition. The contact email address for Jeff Kuhl was incorrect. It should have read eastonkuhl@ozemail.com.au
**Postcards at EPS**

There was more excitement than usual in our Kitchen and Garden last Wednesday Week 4.

A segment of “Postcards” TV show interviews and follows a guest celebrity to some of their favourite places around Melbourne and Stephanie Alexander picked Elwood Primary!

Host of “Postcards” - another famous chef, Shane Delia, Owner of Maha Restaurant & Biggie Smalls filmed with Stephanie in our beautiful garden, showcasing our amazing produce. Shane and Stephanie then headed into our kitchen to make some wonderful food created from the harvest.

We thank Kate Bulling, Janet and Nat’s 3N for taking part and being “extras” in the TV program.

This segment will be on TV on Friday 2 September. A very special event and an honour that our school was chosen to be part.

Nicole Richards - Assistant Principal

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Attachments:
- Camp Australia - Important Notice to Families
- Team Holiday
- Camp Australia - New OSHC Coordinator
- What’s Happening at EPS during Week 7 & 8
- Prep 100 Days of School Celebrations Photos
- Maths Challenge
- One Girl Flyer
Important Notice to Families
Reminder to please make/cancel bookings in advance

Camp Australia is committed to providing the Elwood Primary School community with a quality program that is safe and fun for all children. In order to continue this, we would like to remind you to make your bookings at least 24hrs in advance and to cancel your booking if your child is not attending. Making your bookings in advance, instead of on the day casual bookings allows us to adjust our staffing and resourcing requirements as appropriate, which helps to ensure the safety of children and a high standard of care.

You can make, cancel and view your current bookings anytime through our Parent Portal at www.campaustralia.com.au or by calling our Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343.

For last minute cancellations, please call us direct to the service on 0422 005 489.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this important matter.

The Camp Australia Team.

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ELWOOD OSHC

Hi Everyone!
My name is Sarah and I am the new OSHC Coordinator here at Elwood Primary School. I have been working with Camp Australia as a Coordinator for the past 18 months and have loved every moment of it. I look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know over the coming weeks!
So’s last day with us will be Friday 2nd of September. Please drop in anytime to say goodbye as he has been a very big part of Elwood for the past 5 years. We are all very sad to see him go and he will be dearly missed!

What we have been doing in Before and After School Care:
This week and last week we have been doing some great cooking and art and craft activities, as well as getting outside to enjoy the sunshine. We have cooked banana and oat cookies, a vitabritz slice and ANZAC biscuits. We have made a looong paper chain, colourful wool pompons, a birthday candles chart and also helped celebrate the Olympics by making a flag bunting and the Olympic rings. I have included some pictures below for you to see:

Also next time you’re in the hall have a look at our awesome new zones to help keep our space organised and fun!

Thank you for your continued support,
Sarah and the OSHC team!

visit www.campaustralia.com.au
What’s happening during Weeks 7 & 8 at Elwood Primary School?

Level 1 (Prep)

Literacy: In Literacy this fortnight, we will be looking at the blends ‘ng’ and ‘ue’ and how we use them to spell and read words. When reading and writing, we will be learning about poetry and the features of a poem and beginning to understand transactional writing (e.g. letters, cards and emails).

During week 7 we will be writing about our wonderful experiences from Grandparents Day and our Book Week celebrations. For our Big Talk and Big Write sessions in week 8 we will be writing a card or letter to a special male in our life in celebration of Fathers’ Day with a focus on vocabulary (‘wow’ words).

Maths: We will be focusing on learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects, as well as trying to make our own 3D shape models using play-doh and matchsticks. In Week 8 we will be starting to learn about subtraction by estimating, comparing and separating sets of things and continuing to work on our numbers from 1-20 with a continued focus of teen numbers.

Investigations: We will be investigating different types of farm animals, their life cycles, habitats, food and babies as we lead up to our Collingwood Children’s Farm excursion in week 10. We will also be practising our Manners Matter/YCDI foci which are ‘Seeing it Through’ and ‘Respecting Property – Yours, mine and ours’.

Other: Thank you to the Grandparents and friends who attended our Grandparents Day and made it such a special morning. Also a big thank you to the grade 5/6 choir, Jad, Tim and Kaz for their time and beautiful singing at our Grandparents morning tea!

Level 2 (Grade 1 & 2)

Reading: In reading this fortnight the students will be practicing the reading skill of maintain fluency when reading. They will be using a variety of strategies to practice this skill such as;
- Reading at a steady rate slow enough to match voice to print without long pauses
- Putting words together in phrases
- Solving most words in the text quickly and automatically to support fluency
- Reading at an appropriate pace (not too fast or slow)
- Reading dialogue with phrasing and expression that reflects understanding of characters and events
- Demonstrating stress on words, pausing, phrasing and intonation, using size of font, bold and italics as appropriate

Writing: This fortnight the students will be working through the writing cycle to create their own narrative. They will be using lots of adjectives and verbs to help describe the scene and describe their character’s motives and emotions. Students will be using their VCOP knowledge to ensure that their pieces have a variety of openers and connectives to join ideas as well as interesting vocabulary and punctuation. The handwriting focus is tail letters that reach down to the tail line of the dotted thirds, these are f, g, q, y, p, j and z.

Maths: In week 7 the students will be investigating the concept of location. This will involve study of maps, direction vocabulary such as left, right, north, south, east and west. They will be practicing not only giving directional instructions but also following directional instructions to get to a chosen destination. In week 8 the students will be revisiting the measurement concept of length. They will be using informal units such as hand spans as well as formal units such as mm, cm, m and km to measure, compare and order the length of familiar objects.

Investigations: During Investigations students are discussing and practicing our Manners Matter focus of respecting property, yours, mine and ours. The students will also be finding out about what items belong in a recycling bin and what items don’t. They will be exploring the life span of rubbish and why we use recycling and compost as an alternative form to remove waste.

Other:
Book Week – Week 7 is Book Week! The Grade 1 and 2 students will have the author Mark Carthew coming to present. Mark’s recent picture book The Cobbler’s Tree was a winner of the Speech Pathology Australia’s Book of the Year.
Grade 2 Sleepover – Friday the 26th of August. Please make sure that your child has ticked off their list of what to pack!
Level 3 (Grade 3 & 4)

Literacy:
During Week 7, Grade 3 and 4 will be enjoying Book Week activities. Each class will use this as an opportunity to complete an author study highlighting an author’s style, text features such as language or images and theme connections across selected texts by the same author.

We welcome Sheree Mariis as our visiting author on Thursday 25th August as part of our book week celebrations. Sheree is an author of non-fiction books and an Aquatic Scientist and is one of Australia’s youngest environment ambassadors. She is committed to educating the community about their responsibilities in water preservation, marine life and other environmental issues such as recycling. Among her many accolades, she was Young Australian of the Year (Victoria) in 2002.

Through our continued explicit text type focus and Writer’s Workshop sessions Level 3 students will unpack VCOP elements such as connectives and punctuation and text specific language. Level 3 students continue to focus on Information Reports for Year 4 and Poetry for Year 3 working through the writing cycle with an aim of publishing two writing pieces this term ready to share with you in the Writer’s Gift at the end of the year.

Maths:
Maths in Year 4 this fortnight sees our students continuing to unpack measurement through exploring time and location. We have had lots of fun incorporating this into Olympics and will continue to explore telling the time to one minute intervals on both a digital and analogue clock and solve problems focusing on time intervals using a range of problem solving strategies. In week 8 we move into a focus on location exploring, reading, creating and using a variety of maps.

Our Year 3’s are exploring measurement through Olympic inspired, Potato Olympic events. Students will look at formal standard measurements of length, height, weight, width and volume and organize data as they record their Olympic’s results.

Students will look at recording accurately and using the data to order and convert to other forms of measurement.

Inquiry:
This fortnight we begin to plan and formulate our ideas for our upcoming Educational Research Projects (E.R.P.s) ready to share with you in the last week of school. Students with their teachers will begin to plan and discuss their student proposals, personal ERP interests and how these will link to our key learning intentions. They will also focus on personal goal setting and set up their personal work timelines for the next month of Inquiry ERP work.

Diary Dates:
Week 7- Book Week
Year 3 and Year 4 book swap: See your child’s classroom teacher for more information.
Week 8- Planning Week
Thursday 1st September- Level 3 Planning Day

Level 4 (Grade 5 & 6)

Literacy: In Reading, grade 5 classes are continuing our unit on analysing literary texts by exploring point of view. We will learn about the first, second and third person point of view and analyse why authors choose to use a particular point of view. We will also investigate the use of multiple perspectives and how these change our understanding of a text. Grade 6 classes are continuing our unit on analysing non-fiction texts. We are continuing to learn about the 5 main non-fiction structures: description, time/order sequence, problem and solution, compare/contrast, and cause and effect.

In Writing, the Grade 5 classes are continuing to write information reports. Many students are linking their information report to their topic for our Australian History Inquiry Unit. We are busy gathering sources, taking notes and using our notes to write our own headings and paragraphs. Grade 6 classes are working to develop our ability to write interesting descriptive language in both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will look at how non-fiction authors make information reports and recounts interesting by using a wider variety of descriptive words that enhance meaning. We will then practise emulating this in our own writing.

Maths: Grade 5 and 6 classes are continuing to learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. Grade 5 classes are learning different strategies to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and will then focus on reading, writing, comparing and ordering decimal fractions. Grade 6 classes are looking at adding, subtracting and multiplying decimal numbers and using rounding and estimation to check the reasonableness of our answers.

Inquiry: Grade 5 students are beginning to choose Australian History topics from the colonization of Australia. This may include significant colonies, people, groups of people and events from 1788 until the late 1860’s. Students will continue to develop our note taking and researching skills while we select quality resources for credible information about this time period. Grade 6 classes are continuing to develop our geography skills, learning about latitude and longitude, as well as scale. We will then begin putting our newly learnt geography skills to good use by starting to plan our city excursion.
100 DAYS OF PREP SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

Photos by Kait Hall
This Math Challenge is inspired by the TV show “Letters and Numbers”. You need to use the numbers above in an equation using any or all of the four operations to equal one or all of the target numbers. Each number can only be used once in each equation. There are several answers for each of the target numbers. Can you find them all? Create your own target and challenge a friend!

One Girl believe that every girl on this planet has the right to an education. One Girl have a long history of delivering high quality education programs to girl across Africa, in particular in Sierra Leone and Uganda. So far, 1882 women and girls have been educated across a range of areas.

**Tuesday the 30th of August**

Students come to school dressed as a teacher for the day and your teachers will come dressed as students for the day.

Wear your best teacher outfit, as your teachers wear their best student outfits.

Please bring a **gold coin** in support of the cause.
New to Elwood Primary School

Football Star Academy™

You are invited to attend a

FREE SOCCER SKILLS CLINIC at ELWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Football Star Academy (FSA), Australia’s leading football (soccer) coaching academy, are currently running weekly coaching clinics at Elwood Primary School on Sunday mornings during Term 3.

To celebrate the new location for FSA, children at Elwood Primary School are being given the opportunity to try a session of coaching FOR FREE!

This gives the children the chance to try the coaching to see if they enjoy it before they sign up for the rest of the term.

The following age groups and session times are available each Sunday until 17th Sept:

- 5 – 7 year olds – 9am to 10am
- 8 – 12 year olds – 10am to 11am

To claim your FREE trial please send the following details to Patrick Sculley at FSA:

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