Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 4

Welcome back to all students and parents to what will be an exciting and busy term. Markets, Camps, Family Picnic, House Swimming Sports, Junior Tabloids, Transition Day, Grade 6 Graduation and our wonderful teaching and learning programs. We have started the term with two very hot days with the weather now a little kinder.

The oval is now closed and will be totally resurfaced and ready to use next year. We will have a soft, smooth natural surface for lunch and recess play as well as PE lessons and Interschool Sport.

2016

I am currently in the process of planning for 2016. It is vitally important to have exact student numbers to work out how many classes we will have and also for staffing purposes.

If you will not be attending Elwood PS next year, could you please let us know as soon as possible so that I can accurately plan for the number of classes we will require. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the office or call the office to inform us of your intentions.

Family Picnic

Our annual Family Picnic will be on Wednesday 2 December from 5:00pm – 7:15pm. All student performance groups will be performing on the night. Please keep this date in your diary.

Future Foundations

Four of our Grade 6 students took part in The Future Foundations art program during Term 3 which culminated in an art exhibition on Grand Final day in Federation Square. Toula from 6R has written:

“I was part of the Future Foundations Art program with Velika from 6T, Deidre from 6R and Catherine from 6R. Future Foundations is an Art program for people who enjoy doing art from our school and from other schools including Noble Park PS, Wallorano PS and Dandenong West PS. From start to end, we had 8 weeks to work on our art until it was finished. When it was finished our art work was shown in Federation Square. During the program I have made lots of new friends with not only students, but also the mentors too. I have been encouraged to try new tips and tricks in my art work which I will use in the future. Our art work will be shown in the office area during Term 4.”

Photos of art pieces are following.

Sacred Heart Mission

A few words from Velika in 6T:

“This term, the school ambassadors will be running a food drive for disadvantaged people at the Sacred Heart Mission. We encourage you to bring in canned food over the next 8 weeks. The food will be kept in classrooms until Fridays, when the school ambassadors will come around for collection. All canned food will go to the Sacred Heart Mission for them to cook with. You can start bringing in cans today. Please note that there is strictly NO packaged food and we will only be accepting cans. There is also a big prize for the class that brings in the most cans. Thank you.”

Rob Csoti
Principal
You Can Do It
Term 4: Confidence

Confidence means…feeling I can do it. Confidence also means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. Confidence also means standing up tall and speaking with a clear voice (not too loud, not too soft).

Work confidence means choosing to participate in new, difficult activities or classes, doing hard work without asking for help, offering to take responsibility and trying problems and answering questions when not too sure of the answer.

Social confidence means meeting someone new, sharing ideas with classmates, speaking in a clear voice so that you are heard and starting up conversations.

Good Winners and Good Losers
Winning is great fun but we should remember that we need to win in a way that keeps our friends and promotes others’ respect for us. Celebrate our successes but do it in a way that does not offend or hurt others.

DO
- Keep celebrations low key
- Comment on good players
- Always try hard, even when winning
- Thank others for the game
- Give others a go

DON’T
- Boast about your ability or victory
- Comment on how far behind others are
- Point out where others are going wrong
- Act happy about others’ mistakes
- Cheat or manipulate others

At all times, we play fairly. Give others a go and stick to the spirit of the rules. In the end, the game should be fun for all; win, lose or draw.

Being a good winner and a good loser – shows everyone that we are thoughtful, considerate and friendly children.

YOU CAN DO IT!
Nicole Richards & the YCDI Leaders

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

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?

10th October: World Homeless Day
The purpose of World Homeless Day is to draw attention to homeless people’s needs locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness.

10th October: World Mental Health Day
World Mental Health Day aims to raise public awareness of mental health issues, and increase understanding of the strain they can place on the individual, their families, friends and communities.

11th October: International Day of the Girl Child
The Day of the Girl is about highlighting, celebrating, discussing, and advancing girls lives and opportunities across the globe. When girls come together to talk about what really matters to us, we can teach other people—grownups, boys, girls all across the world—a new way of thinking about issues like gender stereotypes, discrimination, and opportunity. October 11 is not just a day but a movement. 11.10 is bigger than one issue, one organization, or even one country.

11th-17th October: Carer’s Week
Carers Week recognises and celebrates the 2.6 million Australians who are carers in our communities. Carers Week events across Victoria provide opportunities for carers to get together and support one another, exchange ideas and information, and spread awareness about caring.

Manners Matters
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.
13th-21st October: Navaratri (Hindu)

Navaratri is the Hindu festival that translates to "nine nights". It is a festival for followers to invoke the energy of the Universal Mother.

16th October: World Food Day

World Food Day is a reminder that everybody deserves and needs access to food, particularly those who can't keep up with rising food prices.

17th October: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The UN developed this day to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries, particularly in developing countries - a need that has become a development priority.

17th-23rd October: National Week of Deaf People (NWDP)

Every year, Deaf Australia and it's state branches gear up to organise events through a week long period which is focused on celebrating Auslan, Deaf people and the Deaf community in Australia.

Enjoy whatever you may be celebrating!

Junior School News
Not wanting to go to school?

Welcome back to school and to Term 4 – a long and busy one indeed! We hope you have all had a lovely break and spent time with friends and family.

Often after a long break or extended time at home, sometimes children may not want to go back to school. This can be very upsetting for you as parents and for the child. Not wanting to come back to school can happen at any age, but it is usually connected to major changes such as at the start of school, after a holiday, moving house, a friend moving schools or changes in families.

If your child does not want to go to school, it is nobody’s fault, but home and school can work together to help fix the problem.

*Be positive yourself so your child knows you feel good about school
*Let your child know that problems can usually be worked through and letting your child’s teacher know means you can work on it together.

*Listen and encourage your child to talk about their feelings – let them know you understand how they are feeling. In this way, your child will be able to tell you their thoughts and feelings if they are worried in the future.
*Check in with what is happening at school, talk to your child’s teacher and find ways to help out each other, work in partnership.

It is important and reassuring for you to know that children who find it hard to go back to school at first, usually settle in quickly and do extremely well at school once they gain that confidence. Please, always come and talk to your classroom teacher or to the Leadership Team so we can support both yourself and your child.

Nicole Richards …
Assistant Principal

School Finish for 2015

The last day of school for 2015 is Friday 18 December. Please note that school finishes at 1.30pm on that day.

School Start in 2016

The first day for all students in 2016 is Friday 29 January.

Elwood PS Aerobics Competition

This year, Elwood PS has developed our first senior school Sport Aerobics program. Students auditioned in Term 1 for a place in the program and have been training during lunch and recess play times since the beginning of Term 2.

Sport Aerobics consists of a team of students performing a choreographed routine to music. The routine must demonstrate the students’ strength, energy and the ability to perform synchronised dance and aerobic choreography.

We have three teams consisting of Years 4, 5 and 6 who will be competing in a State wide competition in Geelong on Saturday 17 October. We will also be having a school performance on Thursday 15 October at 3.10pm on the turf area. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

I wish all the students good luck on the day and thank them for their commitment and effort to the Elwood PS Sport Aerobics program. I would also like to thank Jenny Zimbachs and Carolyn Milles for their assistance in the program.

Lauren Keay - Sport Aerobics Co-ordinator/ PREP L Teacher
Health Alert - Chicken Pox

A case of CHICKEN POX has been reported in Prep.

Chicken Pox is a highly contagious but generally mild disease. It presents with a low-grade fever, malaise and a rash. The incubation period is from two to three weeks and is usually 14 - 16 days. The rash develops into a sore which blisters and progresses to crusted lesions and scabs over about five days. They are most numerous on the trunk and less so on the face, scalp, limbs and mouth.

There is a Chicken Pox Information Sheet available from the Vic Govt Health Department or visit http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/chicken-pox.asp

Attachments:
Specialist Overview for Term 4
Extra-curricular Activities at EPS
Camp Australia
House Sports Stall

Intention for Next Year

I wish to advise that my child/children will NOT be returning to Elwood Primary School next year.

Student/s Name/s & Grade/s: __________________________________________________________

Reason: We would very much appreciate your comments/feedback to assist with future planning.

☐ Moving House: ______________________________________________________________________

☐ Family moving Interstate: ______________________________________________________________________

☐ Transferring to another Victorian State School: ________________________________________________

☐ Name of School (to assist with transfer documents): ________________________________________________

☐ Transferring to Private School: Name of School: ________________________________________________

☐ Other: __________________________________________ I am happy for a member of the school staff to contact me.

Parent Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
Specialist Overview for Term 4 in 2015

Performing Arts - Paula Russell

**Prep** - As part of our Performing Arts program, Preps will develop fundamental movements through different activities and games. In Dance, students will explore movement safely to improvise ideas in response to a range of music and imagery stimuli. In Drama, students will use dramatic play and mime to convey meaning through improvisation and games.

**Grade 3** - As part of our Performing Arts program, Grade Three students will develop composition and performance experience. In Dance, students will work in small groups to devise a section of a known dance. Students will use choreographic devices such as tempo, energy and relationships. In Drama, students will develop their improvisation skills through Theatresport games. Students will explore roles in dramatic action, rehearsing and presenting a short scripted play to peers.

**Grade 5 and 6** - As part of our Performing Arts program, Grade Five and Six students will explore creativity, peer relationships and gain an appreciation of the Performing Arts. In Dance, students will use choreographic devices to choreograph a group dance composition. Students will make choices regarding music, movements and connections. In Drama, students will develop their improvisation skills through Theatresport games. Students will explore narrative structures and devise, rehearse and perform a play.

Music - Kaz Sieger

**Prep** - Students in Prep will be singing and playing musical games in Term 4. We will also be preparing for a Prep Choir performance during an assembly. We’ll continue to build on our knowledge of rhythm and pitch elements. We’ll begin to write music with pictures and symbols. To reinforce new musical concepts, we’ll be creating rhythm and pitch accompaniment to songs that we know.

**Grade 1 and 2** - Students in Grade 1 and 2 will be singing and playing musical games in class. We’ll continue to work on improving our musicality by performing musical elements of rhythm and pitch with our voices and on instruments. Students can perform their songs in small groups towards the end of the term for the class.

**Grade 3 and 4** - Grade 3 students will return to learning the recorder in music class. We will work towards refining our favourite songs and perform our work for an audience at the end of the term. Grade 4 students will continue working on a chosen instrument in class with a focus towards finishing a song and identifying the language around the song’s structure and compositional devices used.

**Grade 5 and 6** - Grade 5 and 6 students will be involved in practicing and composing songs to be played in their bands. Students will be recording the band’s output for a podcast that will be part of the presentation required for each band. Students will continue to work towards improving their musicality and knowledge of music with games and folk songs. We work towards improving our expression by reflecting on our performances.

Visual Arts - Leyna Dosch, Andrea Robinson and Jo Nathan

www.ourartadventures.blogspot.com

**Grade 6 Art Show:** We will be hosting a Year 6 Art Exhibition on the 5th of November in the art room from 3 – 6pm. Please stop by to enjoy all of the beautiful creations that the students have created this year.

**Preps** – Preps artwork will be inspired by nature and springtime. Students will continue to develop their material skills using a variety of materials including paint, soft pastels and ink.

**Grade 1** – Year 1s will be learning about print making through the exploration of collagraph prints and recycled material print making.

**Grade 2** – Year 2s will extend their knowledge of print making through a variety of printing techniques.

**Grade 3** - Year 3s will be learning about collages. Students will also create a special low relief sculpture using plasticine.

**Grade 4** – Year 4s will be learning about printmaking through the exploration of foam relief prints.

**Grade 5 and 6** - Year 5 and 6s will continue to plan and create their own art pieces. Students will reflect on the pieces of artworks created during the year.
PE & Sport - Amy Parsons and Tara Devers

This Term ......

Preps will be developing our net game skills and basic Tennis skills including handling the racquet, feeding to a target, and underarm hitting from a feed. We will then move onto Gymnastics, with a focus on balancing, moving, rolling, jumping and landing on the floor and using small equipment.

Grade 1 & 2’s will be developing our net games skills and basic Tennis skills. We will be developing our skills using the racquet, feeding to a target and learning a ready position, forehand and backhand shot. Gymnastics will be our next activity, with a focus on balancing, moving and linking movements on our own and with a partner. We will also develop our rolling, jumping and landing safely, on the floor using small equipment.

Grade 3 & 4’s will be developing our net skills and more complex Tennis skills. We will focus on our ability to perform forehand and backhand shots. We will develop our consistency when hitting from a partners’ feed working towards a rally. Then short games using the skills we have learnt. Gymnastics will be our next activity, with a focus on balancing, moving and linking movements on our own and with a partner. We will also develop our rolling, jumping and safe landing and dismounts. They practice techniques and develop control during jumps and rolls and landing over different apparatus.

Grade 5 & 6’s will be developing our knowledge within net games, focusing on Tennis. We will be developing our ability to perform forehand/backhand and shot selection. We will focus on our ability to perform forehand/backhand and shot selection. We will develop our consistency when hitting from a partners’ feed working towards a rally and then short games using the skills we have learnt. Gymnastics will be our next activity, with a focus on balancing, moving and linking movements on our own and with a partner. This will incorporate mirroring, timing levels and transitions. We will also develop our rolling, jumping and landing and dismounts. We will practice techniques and develop control during jumps and rolls and landing over different apparatus. We will also develop our ability to observe others and give feedback on our performances. We will also be developing and creating small games with minor rules and boundaries. This will focus on our ability to take on roles including leadership within small groups.

LOTE Program - Kirsteen Reid

Grade 2 - This term students will be revisiting numbers and focusing on revising the Indonesian words for numbers 1-20. Students will complete simple activities and equations which will require them to use their number vocabulary. The cultural focus for this term will be Indonesian Folk Tales. The children will discover and perform in role playing some classic Indonesian Folk Tales and learn about the importance of storytelling in Indonesian culture.

Grade 3 & 4 - Students will start the term with a focus on revising vocabulary for the numbers 1-100. Students will build on previous number knowledge and apply this to complete equations which are written entirely in Indonesian words including maths symbols such as subtract and addition. This term’s new topic focus will be ‘Body Parts’ and students will learn the associated vocabulary to describe and label the body. Students will also learn to write simple sentences which describe ailments of the body such as breaks or aches.

Grade 5 & 6 - Students will start the term with an intensive program of revision for the number vocabulary for numbers 1-1 million. Students will use their number vocabulary to decode mathematical problems and answer written equations using Indonesian words for numbers. The cultural focus for this term will be ‘Religion’. Students will learn what the main practised religions of Indonesia are and how these shape everyday life for the people of Indonesia. As part of their inquiry learning students will select a religion of Indonesia and prepare a presentation to share with the class.
### 2015 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (optional/user pays)

**By outside providers here at Elwood Primary School**

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<td>Chess makes kids smarter – learning while playing! Building Mental Muscles – problem solving, tactical &amp; strategic planning, lateral &amp; logical thinking, memory, visualisation and decision making. Children learn a new strategy, idea or skill at the start of each session. Chess Club meet Thursday lunchtime. Enrol online at <a href="http://www.chesskids.com.au">www.chesskids.com.au</a> or phone 1300 424 377. Students must be enrolled prior to attending.</td>
<td>DRAMA TIME is an exciting and rewarding drama program. Our goal is to help children develop creatively, explore their imagination, build self-confidence and improve communication skills while having great fun! Classes run from 1.45-2.30pm on Monday (Grade 3 - 6) and Wednesday (Grade 2). To enrol contact Kelly at <a href="mailto:contact@dramatime.com.au">contact@dramatime.com.au</a> or call 9525 9977. For more information visit <a href="http://www.dramatime.com.au">www.dramatime.com.au</a>.</td>
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<td>The ukulele is now the preferred introductory instrument in Primary Schools in Australia. Our program makes learning even better. Lots of discounts available for our in school group classes. Enrolments from grades 1 - 6 are being taken for 2015 Term 1. Enquire now for fee information, or to enrol your child.</td>
<td>Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar. Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week. Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Tuition costs from $17.90 per lesson (payable per term). Enrolments are now being accepted for Term 1, 2015. Interested parents should call Sue during office hours on 9818 2333 for more information or visit our web page at <a href="http://www.creativemusic.com.au">www.creativemusic.com.au</a>.</td>
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<td>Tuition is available in SAXOPHONE, CLARINET, FLUTE and TRUMPET taught by professional musician and educator, Dean Hilson. Classes are Wednesday during school time. Private or small group lessons are available. If your child is not sure of which instrument to choose, a FREE TRY-OUT session can be arranged where they play on all of the instruments and are assessed as to which may suit them best. For further information or to enrol your child, please contact Dean Hilson <a href="mailto:deanhilson@optusnet.com.au">deanhilson@optusnet.com.au</a> or 0433 456 455.</td>
<td>Develop your Child’s Creativity. This class introduces children to a variety of drawing and painting processes. We aim to expose participants to a range of fun yet educational exercises that begin to teach them the elements of seeing and translating both on a visual and an expressive level. Drawing, painting, sculpture, wood, paper mache, murals, public art, tiny canvas - large Canvas, resin, glass, fashion design, mosaic’s, guest artists!! Just to name a few of the amazing fun activities for kids to learn and explore. Sessions are coordinated by Helen Pollard - Professional Artist &amp; Project Manager. For more information visit <a href="http://www.arteacom.au">www.arteacom.au</a>, email <a href="mailto:mini.picassos.artprogram@gmail.com">mini.picassos.artprogram@gmail.com</a> or 0415 039 791.</td>
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<td>Programs for Prep to Grade 4 students Basketball: Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00pm Have fun playing with your friends while learning the skills and rules. Great for beginners or even if you have played before. Super Soccer: Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00pm Learn all the basic skills required to play the game in a safe and challenging environment. Contact Pierre 0432 832 466 or email <a href="mailto:pierre@kellysports.com.au">pierre@kellysports.com.au</a>.</td>
<td>EPS has a new violin teacher, Jessie Regan. Jessie is a professional violinist, Alumnus of the Australian National Academy of Music and she is offering lessons on Tuesdays during school hours. With a friendly and fun dynamic, Jessie is offering paired or individual lessons. Paired lesson (2 students): $22.00 per half hour or individual lesson: $32.00 per half hour. Enrolment forms are available from the office. For further enquiries contact 0448 095 173 or email <a href="mailto:idivist93@gmail.com">idivist93@gmail.com</a>.</td>
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| **Electronics** |  |
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| Do you ever wonder how stuff works? This program takes a hands-on approach at building electronic circuits that perform specific functions that are relevant to the real world. Each week students will build a working project. Enrol online at www.kidsunlimited.com.au or phone 1300 424 377 or pick up a form from the school office. |  |

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Please note: At the bottom of the Elwood Primary School website home page, there are icons for most of these activities which will link directly to their websites for registration and more information.
ELWOOD OSHC HIGHLIGHTS

tCAF Foundation

A big thank you to everyone who has participated in our tCAF foundation! We have collected all of the money and have sent it over to the head office and will be updating everyone with how much money tCAF has raised as a whole nation when it has been counted. So and his team will get the bike ride done ASAP and will post up the results when they have been completed. Below is a picture of our first walk that we did last term.

Holidays

We wish everyone had a safe and fun holiday the past few weeks wherever you may have been. Staff members at OSHC are always looking forward to hearing all of the exciting stories that the children have to share about their holiday and we would like to share ours as well! So if you have an exciting story or did something out of the ordinary, please come and share stories with us!

SUMMER ACTIVITY DONATIONS

There are plenty of activities and resources we offer; however, the program is always looking to provide more games/activities. If any families have board games, foosball tables, mini pool tables or would like to donate any other indoor activities to OSHC we would very much appreciate it.

Please contact So on 0422 005 489 to make arrangements.

For the next 2 weeks:

So Imamura will not be attending OSHC, as he will be going to Japan to visit family between The 12th of October and The 24th of October. During this time, Renee will be taking the coordinating role and will be running the service.

NOTE:

Please remember to cancel your child or notify us if your child is not attending aftercare on any given day. This will save us time in following up whether your child has been picked up or not and will allow us to run the service more smoothly.
House Sports Stall

House Tabloid Sports are on for all Prep to Grade 2 students on Tuesday 27th October. Our students and parent volunteers have been busy making more House Colour items to wear on these special school sports events to show our House Spirit!

Our volunteer parents are opening their House Sports Stall on Wednesday 14th October from lunchtime until after school if students and parents wish to purchase any house items.

We have House T-shirts for $20, House baseball caps for $15 and other fun items such as - sweat bands (wrist and head), bag tags, bracelets, necklaces, hair accessories, bow ties and more for $5 or less. Students can bring money to school to purchase something from the stall throughout lunchtime, or pay after school.

Of course there is no obligation to purchase these items and all money raised goes back into buying resources for the students to make more creative items at our lunchtime House Sports Art workshops and purchasing sporting articles such as house banners and swimming caps.

Go Patterson, Lawson, Gordon and Dennis!!