



Newsletter



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Dear Parents

School Concert

Our spectacular concert took place last Wednesday and showcased our Music and Performing Arts programs as well as our grades, talented singers, actors and a fantastic parent band who made the night very special. It was a joy to see so many happy faces performing who really enjoyed the night. The concert allows students to get on stage to perform and build their confidence. Believe me standing in front of 2,500 people can be a nerve racking experience but our students take such opportunities in their stride.



I would like to congratulate and thank Kaz and Paula for their many hours of hard work; what an amazing effort! To all of our staff and parents who helped with the show, your efforts are greatly

appreciated. To our parents I thank you for your support and in particular for your efforts with the wonderful costumes.

2018 will showcase our Visual Arts program with the Art Show.

School Open Day

The next major event in our 100 year celebrations is our Open Day on Saturday 28 October. The market will start as usual but stay open until 4:00pm. During the day we expect many past and present students and families to tour the school; view the memorabilia that will be on view in the JLC; and congregate in front of the stage for performances from our choirs, orchestra, teacher band, Padres items and some wonderful reflections and speeches.

Kitchen Renovation

The time has finally arrived; the kitchen renovation will commence next week and should be finished by the end of the holidays ready for use in Term 4. Our Building Fund will pay for this project and I thank all parents for their generous donations. Stainless steel bench tops, a new floor, updated foyer, painting and some new appliances should make this heart of the school an even better place to be.



**13 September 2017
No.16**

CALENDAR

Friday 15 September

Summer Sport - Grade 5/6
Grade 2 Sleepover

Mon 18 - Wed 20 September

Grade 6 Camp

Monday 18 September

Collingwood Children's Farm -
Prep A, C & S

Wed 20 - 22 September

Grade 5 Camp

Wednesday 20 September

Collingwood Children's Farm -
Prep B, J & M

Thursday 21 September

7.15pm School Council

Friday 22 September

2.15 Assembly

End of Term 3 : 2.30pm Finish

Monday 9 October

Henny Penny Program - Grade 1

Tuesday 10 October

Sub-committees meet

Friday 13 October

Summer Sport - Grade 5/6

Tuesday 17 October

Division Sport Finals - Boys
Basketball Grade 5/6

Wednesday 18 October

Division Sport Finals - Softball
Grade 5/6

Friday 22 September

End of Term 3

2.30pm Finish

Parking

Please be mindful of the parking restrictions around the school. The COPP parking inspectors regularly patrol the areas around the school. It has been noticed that some parents have been parking in the disabled space in front of the school restricting its use from those who may need to park there.

Rob Csoti

Leaving EPS in 2018 ?

Planning for 2018 is already taking place. It is very important to have an accurate picture of student movement for the upcoming year. Accurate anticipated student numbers has a huge impact on planning for the number of classes we have and our budget. If you know that you will not be at Elwood PS next year. Please complete the form at the back of this newsletter, email or call the office on 9531 2762 as soon as possible.

Many Thanks

Rob Csoti ... elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Elwood Student Council

On the Tuesday 12 September as a school we raised over \$890.00 for the Cathy Freeman Foundation. In support of the day, each grade level dressed in a different colour of the Aboriginal Flag. We came together at the start of lunch to take a school photo of us in the shape of the Aboriginal Flag, which the kids all really enjoyed. In our classrooms, as well as at

Monday's assembly, we discussed why we were raising money for this cause- bridging the education gap between Aboriginal and White Australians through providing more learning opportunities. Thank you to everyone for their amazing participation on the day. Great effort!

Ryan Murphy ... Grade 6 Classroom Teacher

Holiday Call Out for Chicken Care

Spring has sprung in our school garden: the fruit trees are in blossom, and leafy greens are coming to life in the veggie beds. Our chooks are also laying more frequently now that the days are longer. While our Grade 3 and 4 students are taking a well-earned break from their chicken carer duties over the school holidays.



If you fancy sharing the delights of collecting freshly laid eggs, and feeding our chooks, with your children, then please contact me at: beckwith.kathryn.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

National Interschool Ski Champs

Congratulations to Ollie (2A), Campbell (2J) & Raffi (1D) who represented EPS at the National interschool Ski Champs last week, having qualified at the Victorian State Interschools two weeks prior. The snow coverage was exceptional (lucky us) and although the weather



conditions were less than perfect, the boys regardless gave it their all.



In the Skier Cross event, Campbell & Ollie placed 14th & 42nd respectively and 8th as a team; and in the Giant Slalom, the team again came 8th with Campbell again coming 14th, Raffi 41st & Ollie 46th. A really fantastic effort. Special mention to Campbell who made the top 15 in both events - an outstanding achievement.

Many thanks to the EPS ski racing community - looking forward to next year already. To everyone else, if you're interested in taking part, please feel free to get in touch dairne99@hotmail.com. We'd love to have you.



Dairne Poole ... Ski Team Manager

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: Giving effort

Giving effort means always doing your best, setting high standards and checking and finding ways to improve constantly. Ask yourself "Will second best really do? Is near enough good enough? Are you happy with just OK?"

Successful people tend to say "no" to these questions. They set themselves high standards and work towards these, always checking that their results are pushing their boundaries. They desire exactness; they strive for accuracy and always give their best effort.

It is not about trying to be "the best", but instead trying to **do** "your best". We believe that we are capable of improvement, that there are no (or at least very few) limitations on what we can achieve with appropriate effort and focus.

Giving effort means striving for accuracy, taking control of your goals and working towards them diligently.

You Can Do It !

Nicole Richards & the WCD? Leaders

Manners Matter

Respecting Property - Respecting Our School

We all enjoy our school. School means different things to different people, but everyone has their favourite place to be. For some people this may be reading a book in the reading corner or working on Investigations. For others it may be sitting with friends under the tree in the courtyard, playing footy in the park or using the play equipment and POD. Whatever you like to do, it is important that we look after our school, both inside and outside, so that it is a pleasant place to be.



Respecting our school means making sure we work together as a team to keep it clean and free from litter. It means making sure that no-one damages the buildings, furniture or school equipment. The trees, gardens and outdoor environments need to be respected too.

This is our school. We are proud of it and we should all continue to work hard to ensure that it is a clean, safe and happy environment for everyone.

Respecting property - respecting our school - shows everyone that we are thoughtful, considerate and friendly children.

All part of being an Elwood Kid.

Nicole Richards

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?

16 September: **International Day of Democracy**

The International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. Democracy is as much a process as a goal and only with the full participation of and support by the international community, the national governing bodies, civil society and individuals, can the ideal of democracy be made into a reality to be enjoyed by everyone, everywhere.

17 September: Australian Citizenship Day

The day is an opportunity for all of us to take pride in our citizenship and reflect on the meaning and importance of being Australian. It is a chance for all of us to think about the events and people that shaped our nation. We also reflect on the role we play in building Australia and shaping our future.



19 September: Talk like a Pirate day

International Talk Like A Pirate Day falls on September 19th every year - a chance for anyone to talk like a pirate!!



20-22 September: Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is a Jewish celebration that is commonly referred to as Jewish New Year. It is a time of casting off sins and preparing for a new year.

21 September: International Day of Peace

The United Nations' International Day of Peace, is a global day when individuals, communities, nations and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace.



21 September: World Alzheimer's Day

World Alzheimer's Day is a day on which Alzheimer's organizations around the world concentrate their efforts on raising awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, a group of disorders that impairs mental functioning. At the moment, Alzheimer's is progressive and irreversible.

21 September: World Gratitude Day

On World Gratitude Day we should focus on what we are grateful for and appreciate what we have, rather than what we want or think we need. It's possible that we can keep our unnecessary and frivolous consumption at bay too.

21-29 September: 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.

Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating. Please have a safe and relaxing school break!

Nicole Richards

Assistant Principal

Attachments (separate) :

Extra-curricular Activities at EPS

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



Team Holiday Elwood: Program Update

We would like to say thank you and good luck to Nimah who has been working with us the last few weeks and had her last day on Monday. And we would like to welcome back Rhiannon and Brody from placement, they will be back in the last week of term. The last two weeks of term are going to be jam packed with some fun activities and lets hope the weather improves so we can play lots of games outside. Please remember children must have a hat to take part in our fun outdoor activities. We hope to see you in the school holidays, remember to book online! As we say at Team Holiday 'Let the Fun begin!'

Activities for the next fortnight

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Club/Special Activity	Charades	Box construction	Obstacle course	Gymnastics	TH Club: Epic Games!
Craft/Cooking	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Cooking Club	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Cooking Club	TH Club: Art Attack
Games/Sport	Badminton	TH Club: Epic Games!	Musical Statues	Gaga Ball	Dodgeball

The Team:

Liz : Director of Service
 Rhiannon: Assistant Coordinator
 Educators: Brody, Andrew, Emily, Harriet, Nikita, Maddie, Jess and Shaun



Meet Emily!
 (you can call her Em!) Em is studying primary school teaching and has one more year to go. She cannot wait to be a teacher and loves working with kids, playing games, reading stories and participating in arts and crafts activities. When she's not at work she loves dancing and taking her golden retriever for a walk. Look out for Em these school holidays!

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Fees and Times

Program	Times	Full Fee	Out Of Pocket
Before School	7:15 am - 9:00 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 you child/tee into Before and After school. To find out how, please go to our website: www.teamholiday.com.au
 Friday 15th September ASC we will be operating in the Art room and the Library, not the hall due to the Grade 2 sleep over.

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**Team
HOLIDAY**

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Spring Holiday Program

Elwood Primary
September 25th - October 6th

 8am-6pm daily  www.teamholiday.com.au  03 9532 0366

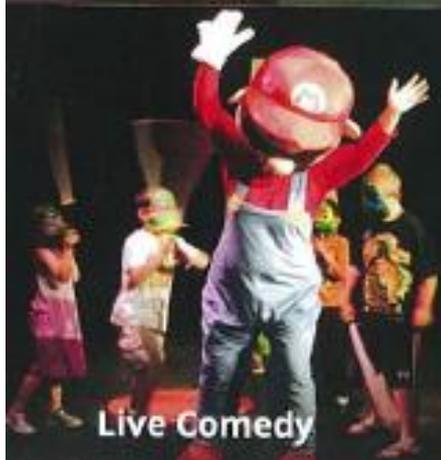
Check our website for what's planned these holidays at your preferred venue.



Italian Cooking



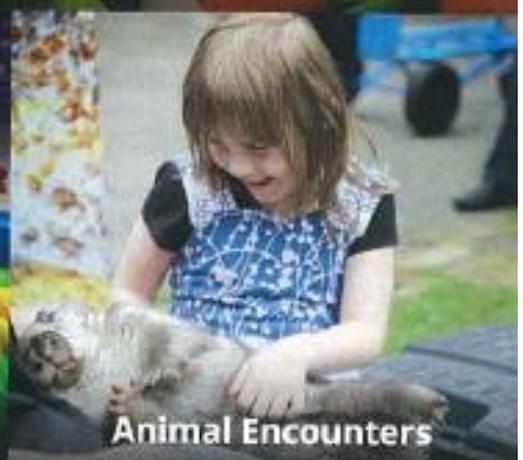
Indoor Adventure Parks



Live Comedy



Inflatable Sports



Animal Encounters