Dear Parents

Staffing News
Kimberley Scott 2K left us last Friday to commence Parental Leave. Kimberley has been at Elwood PS for many years and will be missed by parents, staff and students. Laura Collins will complete the year as the 2K teacher and we are very glad to have her back at EPS.

Nicola Jarvis 4N will leave us on Friday to begin Parental Leave and Emma Watson will commence with 4N from Monday. Nicola has been at EPS for four years and had a huge impact on all of her students.

We wish both Kimberley and Nicola all the best and await visits with new babies to add to the growing number of staff babies.

Classes 2016
We are about to go through the process of employing teaching staff for 2016. It is imperative that I have accurate student numbers to determine how many classes we will have in each grade level. If you are not going to be at Elwood PS in 2016, could you please fill out the intention form in this newsletter or call the office. Thank you to those families who have already informed the school.

Regional Athletics
Last Thursday Kai V 4J, Ben S 6T and Ali T 5B competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival where they proudly represented Elwood Primary School. Kai competed in High Jump and Hurdles and did exceptionally well, placing third in the High Jump. Ben came 6th overall in 100m Sprints. Ali performed extremely well in shot-put by coming 7th. They were competing against around 15-20 high level competitors in each event.

We are very proud of them for making it to the Regionals and performing extremely well on the day. Well Done.

Photo : Kai & Ben at the Regional Athletics
(Absent : Ali)

Chess Team
Congratulations to Dominic, Max F, Tom, Josh, Marco and Jensen who will participate in the chess state championships next Monday. Each player will play nine games of chess throughout the day. The Tournament runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Serpell Primary School, Tuckers Road, Templestowe. Thanks to Kylee Shiel for organising the team. We wish them the best of luck.

Investigations & ERP : Parent Night
This Information Evening has been postponed for one week and will take place on Wednesday 4 November at 7.00pm in the JLC. Flyers will be coming home shortly.

Principal for a Day
Bronwen Young from Latrobe University will visit Elwood PS on Friday to take part in this program.

The theme for 2015 is ‘Leadership and Collaboration: connecting school communities’. Now in its 14th year, the program operates in Victorian government primary, secondary and special schools and is a collaboration between the Department of Education and Training (through the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership) and ACER.

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CALENDAR

Thursday 22 October
History Box Incursion : Gr 4
Elwood College Art Show

Friday 23 October
Summer Sport - Gr 5/6

Tuesday 27 October
Tabloid Sports in park : Prep - Gr 2
Elwood College Transition Day
7.15pm School Council

Wednesday 28 October
Casual Dress Day - Theme of Patterns
(ie dots, shapes, stars, colours)
Royal Children’s Hospital
Gold Coin Donation

Thursday 29 October
Fire Ed : Session 1 - Prep

Friday 30 October
Fire Ed : Session 2 - Prep
Year 6 Art Room : 3.30 to 6.00pm

Monday 2 November
Normal School Day
3.00pm Assembly - Grade 2

Tuesday 3 November
Public Holiday : No School
Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 4 November
Parent Information Night : Investigations & ERP

Thursday 5 November
Year 6 Art Room : 3.30 to 6.00pm

Friday 6 November
Summer Sport - Gr 5/6

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

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The program brings business and community leaders together with school leaders, with the aims of:

- increasing understanding and awareness between schools, business and the wider community
- promoting the great work that schools do; and
- enabling participants to develop ongoing relationships, partnerships and programs.

School Principals benefit from insights on leadership from successful leaders in other spheres, the opportunity to showcase the school to business and community leaders, and the potential for developing ongoing and mutually beneficial relationships for the school and its students.

Business and community leaders benefit from an insight into the issues facing schools and the work they do, opportunities to share ideas and perspectives on organisational leadership and skills sharing, and a chance to make a contribution to the community.

Bronwen will visit grades, the Kitchen Garden Program, spend time with our school leaders, talk to students and experience first-hand the wonderful and inclusive culture of our school.

**HUB School Council Meeting**

Next week’s School Council meeting will be a joint meeting with Elwood College as part of the Hub.

Each year the two School Councils have a joint meeting to foster relationships and discuss common goals. This year’s meeting will be at Elwood College with imminent building plans on the agenda for discussion.

**Rob Csoti**
Principal

**Schools Aerobics Competition**

For the first time, EPS entered teams in the School Aerobics Competition held in Geelong last Saturday. Our three teams worked hard on their routines with all students working on fitness, strength, flexibility, rhythm, co-ordination and most importantly, team work.

Our three teams gave up their lunchtimes throughout two terms to develop their routine to a set piece of music ensuring that certain moves and skills were evident. All the hard work and practice lead to our competition day on Saturday at The Arena in Geelong.

It was an exciting day of watching other schools’ teams and individuals compete and then our school finally taking the stage for their performances in front of a large audience and a panel of judges. Most of us would find this a most daunting and nerve-wrecking experience, but our teams showed true Elwood PS style and performed their routines perfectly and with absolute joy!

This experience and opportunity for our students is another amazing example of the time, effort and vast expertise that our teachers offer! It is with great thanks to our Prep teacher, Lauren and Grade 6 Teacher, Jenny along with our volunteer mum, Carolyn that this was such a successful and fun event.

It was an absolute pleasure to spend the day with the teams and their families and for all of us that were there – a very proud moment to see our girls on stage with such self-confidence and intensity – it’s a pretty fast pace! I was even prouder to see them cheer and encourage each other and the competing schools in our EPS way. Well done to all!

**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.

This fortnight, we focus on Body Language.

We communicate much of what we feel and think through speech, but that is not the only way.
Body Language is also a very powerful way of communicating. How we stand, how we look at others, how we show them we are listening, the look on our face, often says more than words.

At school this fortnight, we will consider the different ways you can use your body language to communicate.

How do you show someone that you are listening?  
How do you show people that you are friendly?  
What types of body language are negative?  
What can we learn from other people’s body language?

Think about how you use your body language and practise those types of things that encourage friendly behaviour.  
YOU CAN DO IT!  
Nicole Richards & the YCDI Leaders

Manners Matters  
Using Appropriate Language  
Part of being a friendly and respectful Elwood Primary School kid is in using appropriate language.

The words we chose to say are often determined by the environment we are in and the people to whom we are talking. Good communicators understand that we need to choose language that is appropriate to various situations.

If you are speaking to your elderly aunt, you will probably choose different language from that chosen to speak to your friend.

If you met the Prime Minister, it might be a different meeting from your cousin. Similarly the language we would choose at a football match is likely to be different to that used at a family function.

Being able to work out what language is appropriate in a range of circumstances is important. We need to be aware of the needs of those around us and communicate in the best possible way.

Using the appropriate language 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?

24th October – 1st November: Children's Week  
Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia during the fourth week in October. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities. For more information visit: www.childrensweek.org.au/

25th October: National Day of Unity  
Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders announced a National Day of Unity in response to growing reports of discrimination, violence and rising tensions within the Australian community.

28th October: Pink Ribbon Day  
Cancer Council's Pink Ribbon Day helps raises funds in support of the many thousands of Australian women affected by breast and gynecological cancers. Cancer Council aims to minimise the threat of women's cancers through successful prevention, best treatment, support and world-class cancer research.

30th October: Day for Daniel (Morcombe)  
The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

31st October – 1st November: Samhain  
Meaning ‘summers end’, Samhain is an ancient Celt festival marking the beginning of winter/the Celtic new year.

1st-7th November: National Others Week  
Held from the first Sunday in November, NOW encourages people to find a way to help someone, whether it's a random act of kindness or a planned activity. Because as the NOW motto says - life is a team sport!

Enjoy whatever you may be celebrating!  
Nicole Richards … Assistant Principal

Attachments:  
Level Overview for Week 3 & 4 in Term 4  
Camp Australia  
EPS Community Market
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
What’s happening during weeks 3 & 4
at Elwood Primary School?

Level 1 (Prep)

Literacy: In Literacy this fortnight, we will be looking at the blends ‘gl’ and ‘br’ and how we use them to spell words. When reading, we will be learning how to retell a story through pictures by using storyboards. For our Big Talk and Big Write sessions we will be focusing on living and non-living things, mini beasts (with a focus on water insects and bees) and sustainability. When writing, we will be focusing on using ‘wow’ words, ambitious vocabulary and begin to label our pictures in our non-fiction writing.

Maths: During maths this fortnight we will be learning about capacity. We will be using informal units to estimate and measure different containers of all shapes and sizes. We will also be learning about statistics and probability. The children will learn this through various activities and games such as coin tossing and dice rolling. The children will record their findings and discuss the results.

Investigations: We will be investigating different types of mini beasts, their life cycles, habitats, and food. We will pose questions to the children such as: Where do they live? How do they survive? What do they look like? How many body parts do they have? We will also be practising our Manners Matter/YCDI foci which are ‘Body Language and Being Assertive’ and ‘Appropriate Language’. We will be reflecting on our experiences at CERES and sustainability in the environments around us.

Other: We are looking forward to Tabloid Sports next Tuesday October 27th, and our Fire Ed incursion in week 4 and 5, where we will have a visit from the fire fighters. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and help on the CERES excursion.

Level 2 (Grades 1 & 2)

Other: We are looking forward to Tabloid Sports next Tuesday and the Grade 2s, particularly 2K said goodbye and good luck to Kimberley and welcome back and hello to Laura Collins joining the Level 2 Team and 2K for the rest of the year!

Literacy: In Literacy this fortnight, we are focusing on maintaining fluency in reading through pointing crisply, reading at a steady rate and taking notice of full stops as an example. We will also be practicing reading texts aloud with expression for dramatic performances. We are also summarising texts to remember what the story is about and remembering information to help understand the story or to remember important information. When writing, we will concentrate on using openers during VCP and writing an Exposition about family holidays and a persuasive text.

Maths: During maths this fortnight we will be learning more about division and using counting strategies to solve problems that involve comparing, combining & separating sets. We will look at division as grouping into equal sets & solve simple problems along with modelling & representing fractions of halves, thirds, quarters, fifths & eighths. We will also learn about statistics & probability with students creating their own visual records and describing outcomes of simple familiar events using ‘will happen’, ‘won’t happen’ or ‘might happen’.

Investigations: We will be investigating sustainability issues such as water use in the school, looking at how we water the kitchen garden at school to ways to save water at home. We will also concentrate on developing strategies to use when students are feeling uncertain about their learning, such as seeking assistance from their teachers or an expert in their classroom. We are also learning about communication through body language & being assertive, experimenting with ways of expressing & communicating our ideas & feelings.
Level 3 (Year 3 & 4)

Literacy: Grade 3 will continue to focus on the reading strategy of Inferring with an immersion into Poetry, looking into cinquain, free verse and limericks. Grade 4’s are using the reading strategy of Summarising and Sythesising, with an immersion into Information Reports. Grade 3 and 4 will be writing a Persuasive text for the Big Write in week 3 and incorporating VCOp elements to further improve the learning. They will use various VCOp fox that have been taught during the year, depending on the class need. Grade Three will have explicit sessions on Poetry. Each classroom is working on spelling investigations with a sound focus and incorporating it into Writer’s Workshop. They will try to include similes, metaphors and the correct use of paragraphs in their writing.

Maths: Grade 3 is completing a four week unit on the operations of multiplication and division. Students will be focusing on making connections between these two operations and will be exploring a variety of mental strategies to assist them when solving real life problems. Students will continue to regularly practise recalling times table facts, and the related division facts, in random orders. Grade 4 have another week learning the concept of Time. The students will be aiming to sequence and sort events, associate events with times of the day, discuss cycles of events based on months, years and seasons, estimate and measure the durations of events and convert between units of time and use am and pm notation and solve simple time problems.

Inquiry: Grade 3 has an immersion into Australian History. The key understandings will include:
- Understand that Australia has two distinct Indigenous groups and who our local aboriginal community is
- Compare and contrast traditional and contemporary Aboriginal traditions
- Identify the effect that European settlement had on our Aboriginal communities
- Explore how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ ways of life are uniquely expressed through ways of being, knowing and doing

Grade 4’s immersion into Australian History will explore key questions such as:
- Why do people explore new ideas and places?
- How have explorations & new discoveries impacted on the way people live? (Cause and effect/change)
- What are the positive or negative impacts of this change? (Perspective)

Level 4 (Year 5 & 6)

Literacy: During writing sessions grade 5 and 6 classes will be focusing on learning how to write each important element of an information report. We will also review how we gather information, take notes, and cite sources. In reading, grade 5 and 6 classes will continue to be immersed in information reports. Grade 5 classes will be also be beginning to learn about how we synthesize while reading by using our prior knowledge, adding to our knowledge while reading and using the combination of these to make new meaning. Grade 6 classes are beginning to analyse visual texts through our film studies unit. We are beginning with developing a broad overview of the elements of film making before we start looking at each element in depth.

Maths: In Maths, grade 5 classes are wrapping up our unit on area and perimeter. We are able to link some of our new learning with our next unit on geometry. We will begin by analysing the properties of shapes and connecting 2D nets to 3D shapes. Students will also begin exploring transformations including reflections, translations and rotations. Grade 6 classes are working on our length, area and perimeter unit. We are developing our ability to convert between metric units of length and solving problems involving the comparison of length and area.

Inquiry: Grade 5 classes are enjoying our immersion into Australia’s colonial past. We are building on our prior knowledge of the first fleet from Grade 4 and learning how and why the first colonies were settled. As we explore colonial life, we are considering what kinds of primary and secondary sources we should use to learn about this time period in history. Grade 6 classes have begun to explore biology. We are learning about the ways in which plants and animals adapt to their environments in order to survive. We have begun working with the Fort Phillip Eco-Centre on their Tomorrow’s Leaders For Sustainability program, learning about the invertebrates, plants and birds of our local environment.
ELWOOD OSHC HIGHLIGHTS

Last week and this week at Elwood After School Care Service, we have been enjoying the wonderful sunshine with a variety of outdoor activities. Our enthusiastic staff have been playing all sorts of activities in the wonderful heat such as Dodgeball, Basketball, Soccer and many obstacle courses just to name a few.

For the most part children have been heading out to enjoy the gorgeous weather, but for those who prefer to stay cool, we’ve also had a range of Art’s N Crafts activities happening inside. We’ve done Fancy Footwork mixing primary colours, we created lanterns using pre-cut shapes and cellophane, we created our own picture books at one stage, and we even painted tonal collages. We’ve practiced our instruments and even managed to find time to cook banana muffins!

As you can read we have been very busy in After Care doing all sorts of fun stuff which we will continue to work on throughout the week.

A BIG thank you to all the parents who have kindly remembered to inform me of any cancellations regarding their child attending the After School Care Service, it really is most appreciated, so thanks so much for that again.

So in Japan:

So is currently in Japan for two weeks enjoying a much needed holiday.

If there’s anything I (Renee-Acting Co-Ordinator) can help you with, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me as I am more than happy to assist you.

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 Renee on 0422 005 489 to make arrangements.
Thank you so much to everyone who has baked for our market in the past. What an amazing sight it is to see such a beautiful display of cakes and sweet treats (home made by family and friends) at the Elwood Community Market on Saturday mornings. So please, we need your best cakes, slices, biscuits, cupcakes, and more again this market!

Barbara (Market Committee) has created some fabulous allergy free goodies so children with allergies won't miss out on something yummy this market. If you want tips for allergy free baking contact Barbara on 0417 388 318 or visit her blog at http://queenbeallergyfree.blogspot.com/

Wrapping and tags are available from outside the kitchen on Friday’s before Market.
(No nuts, unless goods are already wrapped and labelled before delivery please)