



Newsletter

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Welcome to Term 4

Well, I feel rested and relaxed, so I must have had a break, but the holidays seem to have flown by. I hope that you all had a little down time with your families and friends. We have all hit the ground running and it was so lovely to walk through the grades and Specialist classes this week and see all the kids well and truly back into the swing of school.

We also had our Grade 3s head to camp on Monday and from all the messages, camp was a huge hit and a continuation of the holidays!

Our Grade 6 students and teachers have been rehearsing over at the Phoenix Theatre and held their first "live show" with a Matinee for parents and students on Wednesday afternoon. We have a sell out show for Wednesday night and another packed show Thursday night. Chookas!!

Please keep an eye on our communication networks - our website, calendar, emails and Konnective - as we have so many events coming up.

Thank you

Many of you will now have heard the news of my provisional appointment as Principal. I don't have a big enough list of descriptive adjectives to give justice to the feelings I have moving into this important role in our school. Together we have built a school of excellence in education and academic rigor with strong values and at our very core - strong relationships and a personalised curriculum.

My promise to Elwood Primary School is to ensure that we continue to grow and evolve as a school that reflects its community, one that values the partnership with parents and families, along with the wider community, to enhance teaching and learning that promotes high levels of engagement and student outcomes.

My promise is to continue our pedagogical model of a rigorous and high outcome driven curriculum where our students reach their full potential in all areas of learning; cognitive, physical, emotional and social learning, in a culture that embraces and values the whole child.

My promise to our students is that I will continue to offer a school of high excellence. I will assist our teachers with effective and stimulating teaching, learning approaches and strategies. This will result in high expectations and success for all.

I also promise to be an open and visible role model who, although expects nothing less than their full effort and determination, will challenge, extend, enable and support each and every single student's diverse learning journey.

I promise I will continue to do this with fun, passion and with my joy of teaching and learning at our wonderful school!

Thank you for all your emails, cards, words of congratulations in the yard or toots of the car horn down on Tennyson St, Term 4 - here we go!

Building works update

Our new Djambana Willam (Gathering Place) Building in the Junior School is growing quickly and the handover is anticipated for late October. This will mean our 3 preps and 4 grade 2



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CALENDAR

Wed 10 October—Thurs 11 October
Grade 6 Production, Phoenix Theatre
7pm

Friday 12 October
Grade 5/6 Sport

Tuesday 16 October
Division Summer Sport Finals

Thursday 18 October
Regional Athletics

Friday 19 October
Grade 5/6 Sport
Ready Set Go 5
Grade 2 sleepover

Monday 22 October
Assembly

Tuesday 23 October
Year 4 Incursion—Professor Bunsen

Thursday 25 October
Prep-2 Tabloid Sports Day
Elwood Hub Art Show 5pm

Friday 26 October
Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports
Year 3 Incursion—Professor Bunsen

Monday 29 October
State Athletics

Thursday 1 November
Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

Friday 2 November
Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport
Walk to School Month picnic
Celebration

Saturday 3 November
Community Market—Prep Rostered

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classrooms housed in the portables currently, will begin to move into their new digs early November. Very exciting.

We are still waiting for the Tender process to be completed for the scope of works for the Senior School, as well as works on the flooring in our Kitchen. Lots going on – but all making our school an even better environment to work, learn and play in.



Rather Regal News

We are so excited and thrilled to be invited to send a few of our students to South Melbourne Beach as part of the official visit of Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, to Melbourne on Thursday 18 October. We will be joining Their Royal Highnesses who are learning about BeachPatrol and its beach cleaning program. Watch out for us on the news!

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.

YOU CAN DO IT!

MANNERS MATTER

This fortnight for Manners Matter, 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.

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

their go too.

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. All part of being an Elwood Kid.

Nicole Richards...Principal

Principal Appointment

After an extensive recruitment process it is with great pleasure that, on behalf of School Council, I announce Nicole Richards has been appointed Principal of Elwood Primary School. (Please note that the Department of Education require that the appointment is provisional for two weeks). Nicole will commence immediately as Principal and is well placed to ensure a smooth transition from our previous Principal; Rob Csoti, having just completed an extended period as Acting Principal and previously Assistant Principal of EPS for the past 8 years.

I had the privilege of announcing Nicole's appointment to the staff this morning. Their immediate excitement and delight is a clear sign of the strong respect they have for her as a leader and educational specialist who will continue to drive exceptional outcomes for the children of Elwood Primary.

On a personal note, I am delighted to be working with Nicole as someone who is passionate about the importance that community plays in the total education of our children and look forward to taking some of our key programs to the next stage. Please take the opportunity to congratulate Nicole next time you see her in the yard or serving egg and bacon rolls at the market!

Ralf Huempel... School Council President

School Sores

There has been a confirmed case of Impetigo (school sores) in the Grade 1TS. 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.

Walk to School this October

Elwood Primary is excited to be taking part in VicHealth's Walk to School from Monday 8 October to Friday 2 November. Walk to School encourages primary school students to walk, ride, scoot, skate or take public transport to and from school every day in October to highlight the ways active travel improves children's health and wellbeing and helps reduce air pollution. Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. We will be encouraging families and students to walk, ride, scoot or skate to and from school as often as possible during October to help students learn healthy habits for life. Teachers will use classroom calendars to record each time students walk, ride or scoot to and from school. The City of Port Phillip Council have donated some prizes that we will award to students with high participation.

You can visit the Walk to School website for more information: www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Not sure how to get started?

There are lots of ways families can get involved. You might like to:

- walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to chat
- connect with other families and friends on your way to school, and share the journey
- part way is ok – if you live a long distance from school or have limited time, drive part of the way to school and walk the rest
- mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that's great too!



Grade 6 Production T-Shirts

A huge thank you to Christina Roubos for adapting the design for our production t-shirts ready for printing. Our Grade 6s look forward to wearing them with pride for the rest of the term. Chookas to our amazing performers and all the staff involved.

Play Based Learning

Parent Session : Tuesday 30 October 6.30 - 8.00pm free to parents of Elwood Primary / \$10.00 to parents from other schools. We need more playing: what good will that do and how can parents help? This session is aimed very specifically at parents because in order to increase the opportunities for children to play more during the school day we need the help of parents. Parents are often concerned that more playing means less learning and achievement but the reverse is true.

This session will explore what difference more playing during the school day makes to learning and show how you can help with that. For more details and booking visit : facebook.com/marc.armitage.at.play/events

Victorian Astronomical Society

See all eight planets in one evening ~ Friday 12 October : Here's a rare chance to see all 8 planets - plus the moon, in one evening through the large telescopes of Astronomical Society Victoria at St. Kilda foreshore, starting 7.30pm. This phenomenon does not occur often, not to be missed, 'scopes will be set up on reserve near the Marina, opposite Blessington Street. Gold coin donation. If clouds/rain, we'll try again the next night on Saturday. Take the family - tell your friends. It's open to everyone, see you there ~ Perry Vlahos.

Hidden Figures - Movie Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 16 from 6.30pm - 9.00pm at the Astor Theatre (corner Chapel Street and Dandenong Road, St Kilda, VIC). Please join us at a movie fundraiser where 100% of proceeds will go towards One Girl - a Melbourne-based non-for-profit supporting education projects for young women in Africa. This event is being hosted by the "Unsigned" FReeZA Committee and City Of Port Phillip Youth Services. Tickets can be purchased via [~https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=428866&](https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=428866&)

Concession & children - \$9. Adult - \$15. Raffle prize to be won the night. In this critically acclaimed film, Hidden Figures is based on the true story of team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA.

For more information please check our Facebook event page.

Elwood College Wins "Pick My Project"

Elwood College has successfully won the State Labor government funding of \$200,000 to contribute to their Elwood Sports Club Community Hub in the "Pick My Project" initiative. This much needed money will see the installation of shade sails, sheltered seating, community storage space, line marking and landscaping around the new basketball and netball courts. The upgraded facilities will be welcomed by current students, our community and local netball and basketball clubs. Thank you for voting. Our community support has made this project possible.

2018 ELWOOD HUB Art Show NEXUS

25th of October 2018
5.00pm-8.00pm

A night of
visual, musical and
performing arts

featuring
Elwood Primary School
Elwood College
Poet's Grove Family & Children's Centre



Exquisite corpse

Elwood Primary School

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