



Newsletter



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Dear Parents

It is a very different view from Rob's office window than my usual Junior School office as I take on the role of Acting Principal. It has certainly given me a different perspective of our amazing school and the roles everyone takes on board to ensure EPS runs smoothly - particularly at this time of the year!

I thank both Ariana and Sara who have reduced their coaching roles within the classrooms to become Acting Assistant Principals, assisting both Jay and myself.

After a partial knee reconstruction last week, Rob is now home recuperating and checking in with us daily - I think he may be a little bored and missing all the action here at school!

We wish Rob a healthy and comfortable recovery.

After our bustling and extremely successful 100 year Celebratory Market - the biggest market turnout ever - we await our pavers to be laid in the Junior School area, under the Kitchen Garden window and for our fantastic Centenary Sculpture to arrive!

Centenary Sculpture

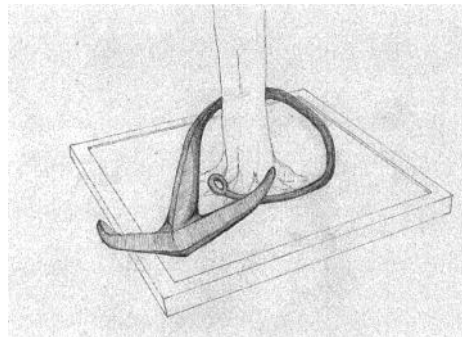
One of our lasting memories and commemoration of the 100 year anniversary is a sculptural artwork by Laura Woodward. Laura is a Ballarat born, Melbourne based artist. She is well known for her unique sculptural installations.

Our beautiful centenary commissioned sculpture is called "Encircle", incorporating our school's anchor emblem.

The anchor will be curled up with its

tail wrapped around the central tree near the stage/turf area between the Junior and Senior School.

Dragon-like, the anchor will sit as if guarding the school, comfortable in its surrounds with its fellow play-mates - all the EPS kids.



The anchor is constructed from 650 triangles in 3mm thick steel, welded together to make a smooth surface and then painted our EPS blue. Our anchor will be over 500kg heavy!

A truly unique Elwood sculpture, right in the grounds of EPS - guarding our time capsule that will be buried next to it.

All will be unveiled on our Family Picnic Night!

If you would like to donate to our commissioned sculpture, please see the ladies in the office.

Student Placement

Teachers will soon begin the complex and time consuming task of working out grades for 2018. Our aim is to produce the best possible combinations of students to encourage maximum learning and teaching in each classroom.

This is the process that teachers will follow:

- Students will be asked to list four (4) students they work well

**8 November 2017
No.19**

CALENDAR

Wed 8 - Friday 10 November
Grade 3 Lady Northcote Camp

Thursday 9 November
Grade 6 Art Show
3.30 - 7.00pm
Senior School Art Room

Friday 10 November
Summer Sport - Grade 5/6
Ready Set Go for 2018 Preps

Monday 13 November
Bike Ed - Grade 4

Tuesday 14 November
Ripponlea House - Grade 1
Werribee Zoo - Grade 2
Bike Ed - Grade 4

Wednesday 15 November
Ripponlea House - Grade 1
Bike Ed - Grade 4
2018 Prep Parent Info Night

Thursday 16 November
7.15pm School Council

Friday 17 November
Ripponlea House - Grade 1

Monday 20 November
3.00pm Assembly - Grade 1 Choir

Thursday 23 November
Report Information Night for parents

Friday 24 November
Volunteers Morning Tea
Summer Sport - Grade 5/6

**Last day for 2017
Friday 22 December
students finish
at 1.30pm**

with (Learning Partners) and would like to be with in 2018. From this list, we guarantee each student one (1) Learning Partner.

- Teachers then compile grades that have an even spread of abilities and personalities and also take into account which students work well together and which don't, along with a gender and number per class balance.
- These lists are then read by the previous grade Level Coordinators and Specialist Teachers to check that students have been placed correctly.

Lists are then finally checked by Jay, Ariana, Sara and myself. This process will take most of the next month, with students finding out their new grades and teachers on Transition Day, Tuesday 12 December.

Our staff spend many, many hours working out the best possible grade combinations and are very focussed on producing the best student combinations for teaching and learning.

No changes to grades will be made after Transition Day on Tuesday 12 December.

If you have any concerns about the placement of your child, they need to be placed in writing with an appointment made to discuss them with Jay, Ariana, Sara or myself. These need to be based on educational or emotional grounds and brought to our attention with a meeting no later than Friday 17 November (Meetings must be held on or before 17 November).

Our focus will be framed under the Learning Partners context in all situations. Emails or letters without an appointment will not be considered.

Requests for particular teachers because you would prefer them, will not be entertained.

Grade 3 Camp

This week is an exciting time for our Grade 3 students and staff who head to Lady Northcote in Rowsley for their first camp. After such a wonderful Grade 2 sleepover last year for these students, they are now eager and ready for their next adventure. I hope they have a great time and I wish them some sunshine. I also thank all the staff who give up time from their own families to make this such a great experience for everyone. Have fun!

Grade 6 Art Show

On Thursday night, we host the Grade 6 Art Show in the Senior School Art room. Our Grade 6 students have been working on their selected pieces to showcase their last year in the EPS Visual Arts Program. Many thanks to Leanne and the Grade 6 teachers who will be at the Art Show to host everyone that comes along. The show opens at 3:30pm until 7:00pm this Thursday 9 November. Please come along and peruse some very creative pieces!

Parent Information Nights

Our Leadership Team and staff have been working on a new report format that we believe will give families more information on student progress; capture students' strengths and highlight further learning goals with personalised rubrics and comments on areas of the Victorian Curriculum and our school's core curriculum areas.

We will be hosting an Information Night for all parents on Thursday 23 Nov from 7:00pm until 8:00pm to take you through the changes you will see this semester, the process behind the new report format and how to read the information on reports.

Once the reports go home with students on Wednesday 20 Dec and families have had time to read through them, we will be asking for feedback on the new format to assist us in making our reports both informative and personal.

On Wednesday 15 November at 7:00pm, we welcome our 2018 Prep Parents and Families to school for an Information Night on all things EPS and Prep! We have guest speakers from Team Holiday, our Parent Reps, Market and staff who will present the unique and special values we hold dear at EPS. For our Prep students 2018 and their families, the next 7 years will be a great learning journey and partnership that for many, will last way beyond 2024 when they graduate from Grade 6!!!

We look forward to seeing many new faces and quite possibly some familiar ones with our siblings starting next year.

Nicole Richards ... Acting Principal

Showcasing our Teaching & Learning

We are very proud of the teaching and learning strategies that we have here at Elwood Primary and word is getting out about our engaged and high achieving students.

Recently we have had visitors from Brighton Beach Primary, Middle Park Primary and Halls Gap Primary to see how we implement our Literacy intervention and our Writing program. We combine Writers Workshop with VCOP & Big Writes and have been doing so for 2 years. Our Grade 6 students were very impressive in being able to articulate the process they follow to improve and up-level their writing. Our teachers were welcoming and open to have other professionals observe them teaching and answer curriculum related questions. It is a testament to all of our staff that all three schools left singing the praises of the exceptional students, the happy knowledgeable staff and our engaging learning spaces. We look forward to building further relationships with other schools in the future.

Sara Walsh ... Teaching & Learning Coach

Grade 4 Camp

The annual Grade 4 camp is approaching fast and the students are getting very excited. A reminder that payment for camp must be finalised by Friday 17 November.

Jay Tucker ... Asst Principal

Movember

Men are facing a health crisis that isn't being talked about. They're dying too young - much before their time. This year, we are taking action by raising funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. You can donate towards any of the EPS team - Jay Tucker, Ryan Bouy, Rick McConchie, Kaz Sieger or Ryan Murphy to make a difference. If you would like to donate visit : <https://au.movember.com/team/2286188>

You Can Do It!

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 : Respecting the Opinion of Others

If people feel that you respect what they say, they will enjoy being with you and talking to you. They will feel safe around you because they know you respect their feelings and their opinions. They will share with you

and form better friendships because they know you will not put them down or laugh at them.

All of us have the right to express ideas and opinions and often our ideas are different from other people. We all see the world differently and often that is a great thing.

If you respect someone's right to offer an opinion, you will get along better with people and learn so much more. You may not agree with them, but you can respect them.

What you can try:

- If you don't agree with what someone has said, try to think about anything they have said that you do agree with
- Speak in a calm and courteous voice
- Say the part you do agree with first before you say the part you disagree on
- If you can't agree with anything the person said, at least they know you were listening and be respectful.

What you should avoid:

- Don't just focus on what you disagree with
- Don't get angry or sarcastic
- Don't just knock ideas. Come up with an alternative plan.

You Can Do It !

Nicole Richards & the YCD? Leaders

Manners Matter - Listening

Listening is a very important social skill to develop as it allows us to access learning, recalling information, shows we care about others, models good conversational skills and allows us to interact in social situations.



Part of being interested is showing interest in what others have to say. You show interest and courtesy mainly by: listening and asking good questions.

Volunteer & Helpers Morning Tea

When: Friday 24 November 2017

Where: Junior School Hall

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am



We would like to thank everyone who has helped Elwood Primary School in so many ways throughout the year by hosting a morning tea. If you helped in the classroom, Kitchen Garden, as a community or class representative, with fundraising, markets, sub-committees, special projects, camps, excursions, library or in some other fashion, we would love to thank you for all your assistance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Listening Do's and Don'ts

- DO look at the person who is talking
- DO stand or sit still when you're listening
- DO pay attentions and think about what is being said.
- DO show that you have been listening by asking a good question based on what the person has said

- DON'T look at the ground or other things around you
- DON'T fidget
- DON'T let your mind wander
- DON'T just concentrate on what you want to say next
- DON'T ask questions that change the topic

Good listening shows others that you are thoughtful and considerate. **All part of being an Elwood Kid**

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?

5-11 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!



11 November: **Remembrance Day**
Remembrance Day (11 November) marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.



12-18 November: **National Adoption Awareness Week**
National Adoption Awareness Week (NAAW) is coordinated by Adopt Change and is designed to raise awareness of adoption and provide education on the support needs of children and families. NAAW aims to increase insight and understanding through a series of specialist and community-based events exploring the experiences of children and families through local and intercountry adoption and promote reform of Australian adoption laws and practices to facilitate a pro-adoption community.

13 November: World Kindness Day

The purpose of World Kindness Day is to look beyond ourselves, beyond the boundaries of our country, beyond our culture, our race, our religion; and realise we are citizens of the world. As world citizens we have

a commonality, and must realise that if progress is to be made in human relations and endeavours, if we are to achieve the goal of peaceful coexistence, we must focus on what we have in common.

14 November: **World Diabetes Day**
The World Diabetes Day campaign is an event used to increase understanding of diabetes, and to raise funds for research.



19 November: Eureka Climb 2017

The race to the top of Melbourne's tallest building is on again with over 2,500 climbers set to raise money for Whelion and Interplast Australia and New Zealand and earn the ultimate view from the top of the Eureka Tower.

20 November: **Universal Children's Day** : Universal Children's Day is observed as a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children.



Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating.

Nicole Richards

Assistant Principal

“In The Know Parenting”

If you are going to attend one parenting seminar this year - then this is the one.

Youth worker, Luke, is old enough to remember life before the iPhone but still young enough to have his finger on the pulse of social media and pop culture.

In ten years of working with kids it has become clear to Luke that the knowledge gap between parents and their children can grow into a serious void.

“In The Know” can help strengthen home environments by providing information for parents to help navigate this crazy world of Snapchat, Instagram and the Kardashians.

The program is aimed at parents with children from Grade 4 - Grade 6 and will cover topics such as “sexting”, etc.

For more information about Luke visit <http://www.intheknowparenting.com.au/>

When: Wednesday 6 December.

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Where: The JLC, Elwood Primary School.

Tickets: \$10.00 each

Purchase via Qkr/School Events/Community Social Events



Team Holiday Elwood: Program Update

The team at Elwood Team Holiday are participating in November to raise money for Men's health. The boys will be growing their mo's and the girls will be 'moving' trying to raise funds by moving more and increasing our kms walked over November. If you would like to donate please look for our team listed as "Team Holiday B&A" <https://au.movember.com/team/2309548>

We have created a new reflection journal where families and children can leave feedback and reflect on the week. We would love to hear your thoughts! It is located on our sign in table.

Please remember to book your children into before and after care via Fully Booked. We have had a lot of walk in's lately and it makes it hard for us to staff accordingly. If you need a last minute booking please contact Liz on the mobile.

As we say at Team Holiday 'Let the Fun begin!'

Activities for the next fortnight

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Club/Special Activity	TH Club: Epic Games	TH Club: Super Sports	Gymnastics	TH Club: Super Sports	Children's Choice game
Craft/Cooking	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack
Games/Sport	Gymnastics	Parachute Games	Dodgeball	GaGa Ball	Dodgeball

The Team:

Liz : Director of Service

Brady: Assistant Coordinator

Educators: Emma, Andrew, Emily, Nikita, Fi, Phil and Shaun

Meet Andrew!

Andrew is studying Primary Teaching at La Trobe university in Bundoora, with hopes of one day becoming a P.E teacher. Andrew loves inspiring and encouraging the children to be the best person they can be by being a role model to them. He also loves the variety of activities that we have planned for the children on a daily basis. Andrew finds this job extremely rewarding and loves being a part the school community. In his spare time Andrew enjoys spending time with friends and family.



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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

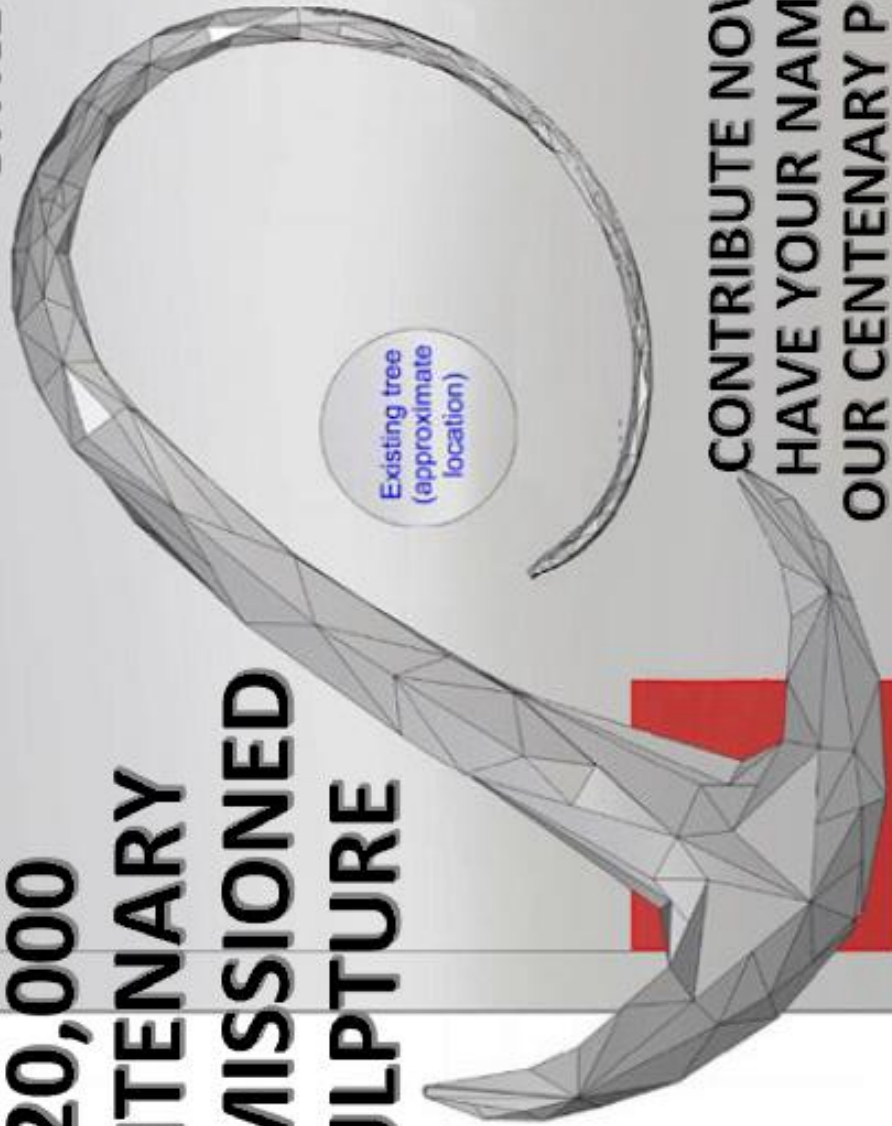
Important Info:

Dear families, please remember that you will need to enroll and book you child/ren into Before and After school. To find out how, please go to our website: www.teamholiday.com.au



\$20,000 CENTENARY COMMISSIONED SCULPTURE

PLEASE SEE STAFF
IN THE SCHOOL
OFFICE



Existing tree
(approximate
location)

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HAVE YOUR NAME ON
OUR CENTENARY PLAQUE