Dear Parents

Elwood PS

I would like to thank all of the EPS staff for working extremely hard this year to do the best for your children. Our teachers are committed, passionate and enthusiastic towards providing the best curriculum and engaging their classes.

They all work long hours and love being at Elwood PS. I would thank both Nicole Richards and Ariana Peters who have done a wonderful job as Assistants Principals since my return in Term 3. They are extremely supportive, highly skilled and want each child and teacher in the school to thrive.

Our school leadership team of Nicole, Ariana, Suzie Knorr, Kimberley Scott, Ellie Dodd, Louisa Dretzke and Amy Parsons have all done a fantastic job with their teams making sure that every grade level in the school is strong and high functioning. Our office staff have been extremely committed to making sure the school runs smoothly and all of our support staff do their jobs to the highest level.

Everybody at Elwood PS works together to provide the best for the students and parents of our community.

Staffing 2015

Our final staffing set up for 2015 will be as follows:

**Assistant Principals** : Nicole Richards & Jay Tucker

**Prep** : Amy Wilson PA, Sam Brumpton PB, James Dixon PJ, Kristy Nicola PK, Lauren Keay PL & Suzie Knorr PS

**Grade 1** : Dianna Du 1D, Jess Farrelly 1J, Kate O’Connor 1K & Rosie Johnstone 1R

**Grade 2** : Adele Meren 2A, Corey Hall 2C, Kimberley Scott 2K, Rick McConchie 2R, & Sarah Galbraith 2S

**Grade 3** : Chloe Hohnneck 3C, Caroline Heath 3H, Kathryn Millett 3K, Lauren Thomas 3L & Valerie Zedda 3V

**Grade 4** : Alison Jordan 4A, Ellie Dodd 4E, Jessica Smith 4J, Nicola Jarvis 4N & Thess Lohman

**Grade 5** : Brooke Crawford 5B, Julie Allen 5J, Nick D’Amelio 5N & Sarah Clair 5S

**Grade 6** : Jad Ryan & Jenny Zimbachs 6J, Louise Dretzke 6L, Ryan Murphy 6R & Tim Ghys 6T

**I/T Coach** : Ariana Peters

**Specialists** : Amy Parsons & Tara Devers (PE), Ange Dawson, Debbie Packham & Daniel (ICT/Library), Kaz Sieger (Music) Kirsteen Reid & Made (LOTE), Leyna Dosch, Andrea Robinson & Jo Nathan (Visual Arts)

**Reading Recovery** : Marianne Garby

**School Support** : Heather Fidge, Poeta Hope & Ryan Bouy

**Student Support** : Gabby Moohan, Gemma Lloyd, Kazz Stafford, Marg Prest, Natanya Fisher & Sarah Godlee

**Kitchen Garden Program** : Kitchen - Catherine Sullivan & Janet Cameron, Garden - Kate Bulling

**Office** : Chris Delaney (Business Manager), Deb Nelson, Debbie Packham, Kez Stubbs & Sharron Hoggett

**Sick Bay** : Katie Murray & Gabby Moohan

**Groundsman** : David Guadagno

**Grade 6**

Congratulations to all Grade 6 students on completing their primary school education. All of them have made a significant contribution to the school and in particular this year. They have worked well together and it has been a privilege for me to get to know them over the last 5½ years. Who could forget this year’s production, their leadership roles, sporting and music highlights, camps but most of all seeing them mature into well prepared students ready to tackle secondary school and the future. To
all the teachers who have worked with them over the last 7 years and in particular Louisa, Sarah and Tim. I thank you on behalf of all our parents.

**Booklist**
After much feedback from parents around the cost, availability and time taken to find booklist items, School Council has decided to do away with our school booklist. From 2015 the booklist will be absorbed in our bulk ordering process at school allowing for greater savings for all families. A cost of $40.00 will be added to term planners equating to $10.00 a term to cover this expense.

**Families leaving Elwood PS:**
The following families from Grade 6 have completed their learning journey and other families who will be leaving us after the last assembly on Friday.

Alderson, Bailey, Batrouney, Berryman, Bruce, Burke, Champion, Chang, Constable, Copeland, Coppin, Crawshaw, Davey, Davis-Peatling, Dey, Haggren, Harris, Harris-Knipe, Inal, Gent, Georgiou, Harris, Harvey, Healey, Ho, Hutchinson, Johnson, Knight, Kozan, Kuriata, Liesmann, Litsas, Lock, Mandragona, Mayas, Maisey, Matthews, McLoughlin, Medina, Molnar, Montiroli, Morrison, O’Heir-Vargas, Owen, Paino, Pang, Pellizzari, Ruyters, Sacks, Schneider, Sicari, Simmons, Staff, Stanley, Stock, Stuckey De La Banda, Tenenbaum, Townsend, Wee, Woolfe and Wyzenbeek.

I would like to thank all of you for your contribution to Elwood PS. Your support for classroom teachers, the market, sporting events, excursions, the Kitchen Garden and many more areas is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to seeing you all next year when we will continue to grow and evolve as a school.

**Rob Csoti** ... Principal

**From the AP’s desk**
With only a few sunny days left of school and classrooms packed away, it is a great time to reflect on the learning journeys of all our students and teachers.

Once again, Elwood Primary School has been a hub of excitement, learning, eagerness and events.

Ariana and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time together in the Assistant Principal roles, learning alongside our teachers and students.

When we look back on the year, we reflect on all of the learning opportunities in the classroom with our amazingly dedicated, hard-working and talented staff but it is much more too.

Special events such as 100 days of Prep, the excursions and incursions, Grade 1 dinner, Grade 2 sleepover, the Senior School camps, Bike Ed, Kitchen Garden and Sporting Carnivals, Investigations and ERPs with parents running amazing clinics, grandparents assisting in the school, Book Week dress ups, Picnics with Choirs and Orchestras and bands, the Hub Art Show Safari, play times in the shade of the trees, rolling in barrels from the POD and all manner of things particular to Elwood! At this bust time of the year we have also enjoyed watching our Grade 6 students shine in “Crikey, it’s a good yarn” and their Graduation Ceremony.

Most importantly, it is also the partnership with you, our families and students – learning together, sharing the learning journey and celebrating together that makes for a wonderful school.

We look forward to all of the opportunities for you to continue to take an active part in your child’s learning next year with us.

We hope that everyone gets to spend time with friends and family without having to rush around – slow down, reflect and enjoy the year that was – ready for the new year to come!

Looking for some holiday ideas to continue the learning over the break? Please read on...

Have a safe break – see you back in 2015.

**Nicole Richards & Ariana Peters** .. Asst Principals

**Holiday Ideas**
Summer holidays are the perfect opportunity for us all to recharge our batteries and have some time away from busy school schedules.

Most students still read daily during the holidays as part of the night time routine. However there are many other learning opportunities to be found at home.

Here are a few ideas you might try over the holidays to ensure the transition back to school and formal learning is a smooth one:

- Writing letters/emails to family members, next year’s teacher or students in the grade.
- Writing lists – shopping, things they would like to do in the holidays or favourite things
- Writing a script for a play or puppet show with friends.
- Making photo books with captions of their holiday experiences or keeping a journal (A nice pretty book helps to motivate to do this).
- Drawing treasure maps for someone else to follow.
- Going to the shop to buy something – estimating the cost and the change they will receive.
- Cooking together.

Most importantly TALK to your children about the fun and exciting things that happen in your day and encourage them to ask lots of questions. Don’t forget the most significant aspect of holidays is to reconnect with each other and have fun!
Class Lists 2015 – Opt Out for 2015

Please make sure the office has your current contact details as for the purposes of classroom communication. Class Lists are provided at the beginning of the year to the class representatives of your child’s grade. The following information for the primary family will be displayed: Student full name, Parent A and Parent B name, Parent A mobile number and email address.

Students with two families who would like both families listed please email hopgett.sharon.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you DO NOT want your name and details listed, please complete the form below.

I DO NOT wish any information to be released on my child’s Class List

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class ____________________________

Parent Name: ____________________________ (Please Print)

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Elwood Community Markets

2015

Feb 7th, Aug 1st, Sept 5th, Nov 7th, Dec 5th

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Elwood Primary OSHC NEWS

The festive season has arrived! The most wonderful time of the year! 😊

Recent activity highlights:
Sport: The Leader tournament is drawing to a close; currently, it is Assistant, Soichiro’s team in the lead, by one game. The kids’ favorite games are still classic dodge ball and all its variations, kick the ball, capture the flag, soccer and with cricket season upon us, we have rolled out the stumps for some ‘backyard cricket’. Thank you to Ethan Stubbs who created his own group game, which was fantastic, we can now add it to our collection.

Art & craft/Cooking:
- The kids have enjoyed clay making, canvas painting, drawing and colouring in competitions.
- Experimenting with electronics - using special electronic kits, the children learnt about constructing circuits.
- Human Rights Day - the kids learnt about what a ‘right’ is and the 30 Human Rights created by the United Nations. The kids created a paper dove display, each coloured feather had one human right written on it.
- The kids have loved using left over boxes from the election for imaginative play and craft projects.
- Christmas arts and crafts have also begun; the kids have enjoyed making angels, Christmas tree decorations, reindeers from different materials and much more! The kids are looking forward to the OSHC Christmas party on Thursday!

Don’t forget to say goodbye!! Our dear Soichiro Imamura (fondly known as Silly So) will be finishing up this Friday. He has been working at Elwood OSHC for over three years. His happy, bubbly, engaging personality will be missed by everyone. We wish him all the best and acknowledge the wonderful contribution he has made to OSHC.

From all the Educators at Elwood OSHC, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program:

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

Award Winners
Kiara Galliani - Ferrer - 1 winner
Lachlan Pinto - Best helper
Molly Ireland - Kindness & Respect
Colin Sanders - Creative construction
Noah Franklin - Drawing
Ethan Stubbs - Sportsmanship

Reminder for parents:
All permanent enrolments will carry over to 2015, please ensure you amend your bookings before Term 1 begins.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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