Dear Parents

Changing Seasons
The first edition of Changing Seasons will go home to each family on Friday. This new quarterly publication highlights the key aspects of our school. You can read some insights into the behind the scenes work done to support the delivery of a first class education.

In Edition 1 the feature stories are:
- Student Wellbeing
- Learning, Being, Living
- How we teach
- Community
- You Can Do It

The editor of the magazine is Sarah Campbell with design from Emily Meredith Smith.

I would like to thank them both for their passion and commitment to this publication and our school.

Photography in the first and subsequent editions has been taken by our very generous parent photographers; Kate Bowman, Linton Crabb, James Geer, Lucy Morton, Elizabeth Oswald, Andrew Ritchie and Igor Sapina.

We are very proud of Edition 1 and hope that you enjoy reading our first Changing Seasons.
Elwood College Open Night
Elwood College is holding an Open Night on Tuesday 26 April at 6.30pm. I encourage everyone to attend as this is a great opportunity to visit the College and see the wonderful facilities that the College now offers. A flyer with full details is attached.

International Community Schools Conference - USA
During the holidays attended the International Community schools conference in Albuquerque New Mexico. This was an international conference attended by 1700 delegates. I presented a number of workshops on the philosophy of Elwood PS with a particular focus on; personalised curriculum, parent connectedness, community links and enhanced after school learning. See photos below. The many amazing things we do at EPS, our community and the positive and supportive school culture we have we were the envy of those who attended the conference. The Elwood way is certainly spreading far and wide.

School Review
2016 is a school review year for Elwood PS. During a review year we look at the targets and goals set out in our 4 year strategic plan and analyse our how we have performed. The review looks at the key areas of Student Achievement, Student wellbeing, Student Engagement and Productivity.

After the Self-Evaluation is completed a new strategic plan is developed setting goals and targets for the next 4 years. More detailed information will follow in the future.

School Council
Our new School Council met in the last week of Term 1. School Council for this year comprises of:

Parent Members:
Ralf Huempel - President
Glen McCann – Vice President
Andrew Gyopar
Hayden Janney

Paul Bell
Kim Annesley
Christina Redlich
Michael Newton

DET members
Jay Tucker
Corey Hall
Nicole Richards
Poeta Hope

Executive Officer : Robert Csoti

The school also has a number of School Council sub-committees which work under the guidance of School Council and report and make recommendations to School Council for consideration. All School Council members are on the sub-committee working parties.

2016 Sub-committees are:
- Finance
- Strategic Planning and Policy
- Environment and Grounds
- The Elwood Learning HUB
- Community Engagement
- OHSC

If you would like to participate in any of the above sub-committees please let me know.

Staffing News
Congratulations to Rosie Cooke 1R and her partner Ben who are expecting their first child later this year. Rosie will be with us until week 5 of Term 3. We wish both Rosie and Ben all the happiness in the world.

The process to find replacement teachers for Alison Jordan 4A, Kristy Nicola PK and Leyna Parkes Art is under way at the moment.

Local Parking Changes
A number of parking changes have been installed around Elwood PS following the recommendations from the recent parking review. These include:
• Removal of all P-5 minute parking along Scott Street outside the school.
• Installation of 6 x “¼P 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm, School Days” spaces along Scott Street outside the school.
• Installation of 10 x “4P 8am-6pm” spaces along Scott Street outside the church.
• Installation of “¼P 8:30am-9:30am & 3pm-6pm Mon-Fri” along Poets Grove outside Poets Grove Family & Children’s Centre
• Installation of a drop-off/pick-up zone with “No Parking 8:30-9:15am & 3pm-4pm School Days” restrictions across 6 spaces along Poets Grove outside Elwood PS. These operate similar to those at the airport and other schools.

This means that drivers will not be allowed to leave their car unattended and can only stay for up to 2-minutes. Parents that wish to stay longer or leave their vehicle must park elsewhere.

Please familiarise yourself with these changes as the City of Port Phillip will be enforcing these new parking arrangements.

**Gold Gold Gold**

Kirsteen Reid (LOTE teacher) recently won gold for Australia playing underwater hockey at the 19th CMAS World Championships in Stellenbosch, South Africa. To watch a video of this amazing sport visit http://www.cmas.org/news/19th-cmas-world-underwater-hockey-championships-stellenbosch-south-africa. Congratulations Kirsteen.

Rob Csoti

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**Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) - Closing Soon**

If you hold a Centrelink, Pensioner Concession or a Veteran Affairs Gold card you may be eligible to apply. You must also be a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government primary or secondary school. Please see the office for details.

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**You Can Do It**

**Term 2: Organisation**

Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher’s instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignment and homework due dates. Being organised helps you to learn at your best.

**Punctuality**

Part of being a friendly and respectful Elwood Primary School kid is in being punctual to school and classes.

Being punctual simply means being on time. Unfortunately there are too many times when we are not as punctual as necessary. Being on time is very important.

At school it is important to be on time, ready and organised to begin learning whether it be at the beginning of the day or after recess and lunch.

Being on time shows that you are courteous and aware of the needs of those around you by not making them wait for you to arrive.

Children who are late to school or late to class during school time, often miss important information and this can leave them feeling left out for the whole lesson as well as disrupting classmates and teachers. If you are late to class it is hard to settle down and concentrate.

It is everyone’s responsibility to be on time - mums, dads, kids and teachers.

As we start a new term, we should make a special effort the next two weeks as well as throughout the year.

**You Can Do It!**

**Manners Matter**

**GIVE WAY**

Giving way is part of being polite and courteous.
With our school getting bigger and busier we really must practise the skill to **give way**. **Give way** at school is very much like **give way** on our roads. We wait first and then allow other to pass before we go. We need to **give way** to people coming **out of** doorways. Step back, perhaps even hold the door open for them. Be sensible though, if someone is carrying something heavy, then let them pass.

In the playground, giving way might mean letting some students continue their game, or retrieve their ball before you move into an area or play your game. Giving way in the playground also mean being aware of others around you, particularly adults and letting them pass your games safely, you may need to pause a game and let an adult walk through before resuming your game.

In the school buildings, **give way** means walking calmly and sensibly around corners and through corridors and ensuring that we watch for others as well as giving way at the doors.

Giving way shows others that you are thoughtful and considerate. All part of being an Elwood Kid. **Remember, Manners Matter!**

**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?

**18th April: World Heritage Day**

World Heritage Day is an opportunity to appreciate heritage monuments and sites for the international community. The day offers an opportunity to raise the public’s awareness about the diversity of cultural heritage and the efforts that are required to protect and conserve it, as well as draw attention to its vulnerability.

**22nd April: Earth Day**

Earth Day is a celebration of the environment we all share. It also acts as a day of conservation awareness. Visit : www.earthday.org

**22nd – 30th April: Passover**

Probably the best known Jewish holiday, Passover commemorates the story of the exodus, where the Israelites were freed from Egyptian slavery.

**25th April: World Penguin Day**

A celebration of one of the world’s most beloved creatures and a call to action for their conservation.

**25th April: Anzac Day**

ANZAC Day is more than a commemoration of the day ANZAC troops landed on the beach at Gallipoli in 1915, it is a day of remembrance for all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We will be holding a special ANZAC Day assembly on Friday 22nd at school.

**27th April: International Guide Dog Day**

International Guide Dog Day is a day to celebrate the important role that guide dogs play in helping the blind and vision impaired enjoy safe and independent travel.

Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating! We hope you had a lovely break and welcome to Term 2!

Nicole Richards ... Assistant Principal

**EPS Chess Team**

In March the Elwood PS Chess Team competed in their first Interschool Chess Competition for 2016.

Our eleven players competed well at Tucker Rd PS and came 4th out of the six schools on the day. Given that the top three schools of the day were some of the best teams in the state in 2015, this was a fantastic result! The team is aiming to get into the State Finals later in the year.

The next interschool competition is on Thursday 14 April and we have another competition in May.

If your child can play chess and would like to compete for EPS, please let Rob know.

Pip Feferkranz for the EPS chess team
**TERM TWO SPECIALIST OVERVIEW**

**Visual Arts - Leyna Dosch, Andrea Robinson & Jo Nathan**

**Preps** will be learning about warm and cool colours, secondary colours and patterns. Students will be introduced to new materials including oil pastels, soft pastels and ink. Animals and creatures will inspire artwork.

**Year 1s** will be learning about collages through the creation of cityscapes. Students will explore some art styles from China in celebration of the upcoming Asian Week.

**Year 2s** will be learning about artworks inspired by Japan. Students will learn a variety of new painting techniques.

**Year 3s** will be learning about the key features of perspective. Students will use a variety of materials including watercolour pencils, soft pastels and ink. The Garden Program, observations and previous experiences will inspire artwork.

**Year 4s** will build on their existing knowledge of perspective and will be learning about 1-Point Perspective and Op Art. Students will learn to draw a 3D object using form and value (shading).

**Year 5 & 6s** are continuing to blow my socks off with their own unique creations. Acrylic paintings, watercolour paintings, wire sculptures and manga and graffiti style art are some of the many things that are taking over the art room.

We are looking for home/food/garden magazines and newspaper.

**Health & Physical Education - Amy Parsons & Tara Devers**

**Prep** - This term the preps are continuing to develop understanding the rules and boundaries of more complex games and increase their confidence moving in different spaces. They are learning the techniques for different types of throw and how to apply these skills within minor games. They will then develop their ability to move a ball with their feet and developing their kicking skills.

**Level 1 & 2** - Grade 1 & 2 are applying throwing and catching skills to small-sided games and investigating how passing skills can be used in minor games, whilst using different equipment. They are then developing their kicking skills and applying this within minor games. They are also building understanding of how we work in a team environment. Through this we are also develop knowledge of rules to different games.

**Level 3** - Grade 3 & 4 are developing more sports specific skills for throwing and catching sports, kicking sports and hockey. They are also learning how to make links between invasion games to develop understanding of tactics. Through this they will build knowledge of the rules for each sport and identify similarities between different invasion games, to use this to develop how we play.

**Level 4** - Grade 5 & 6 students are continuing more complex, sports specific skills for throwing and catching sports, kicking sports and hockey. Making links between invasion games to develop understanding of tactics. They will build understanding of moving into space, effective communication, timing and effective decision-making. They will also have the opportunity to take on different roles of; positions, umpires and coaches. This will build understanding of the difference and importance of each roles and why we need them.
Music Program - Kaz Sieger

**Prep** Students come to Music once a week to sing and play! We’ll begin to explore and understand musical concepts through singing, games, dancing and using instruments. We are being focusing on performing and identifying pitch. Students are encouraged to perform confidently in front of each other and have fun!

**Grade 1 & 2** students learn to perform and create music through singing, games and playing instruments. We’re continuing to improve in reading and writing rhythm and pitch. We’ll explore new musical concepts and enjoy making music together! Students perform in the Grade 1 or Grade 2 Choir at assembly throughout the year.

**Grade 3 & 4** students are continuing to learn how to play the recorder! We’ll continue to focus on playing with a good tone, tonging notes and reading music. Each individual Grade 4 student will begin to concentrate on a modern instrument. They learn more challenging notation and develop greater aural skills. Rehearsals will continue for 3/4 Choir.

**Grade 5 & 6** students will amp it up a notch and join a band! Students will decide on the members and rehearse a song to perform for the class. Students can join the Senior Choir and school leaders have the opportunity to run the School Talent Show on lunchtimes.

Performing Arts - Paula Russell

**Prep** : As part of our Performing Arts program, Preps will develop fundamental movements through different activities and games. In Dance, students will explore movement safely to improvise ideas in response to a range of music and imagery stimuli. In Drama, students will use dramatic play and mime to convey meaning through improvisation and games.

**Grade One** : As part of our Performing Arts program, Grade One students will gain body awareness through structured and improvised activities using body parts, shapes and locomotor / non-locomotor movement. In Dance, students will explore personal and general space and work independently or with a partner. In Drama, students will use mime and gesture to build on character representation in short dramatic plays.

**Grade Four** : As part of our Performing Arts program, Grade Four students will explore creativity, peer relationships and gain performance experience. In Dance, students will use choreographic devices to compose a group dance. Students will make choices regarding music, movements and connections. In Drama, students will develop their improvisation skills through Theatresport games. Students will explore character and narrative structures as they rehearse and present a short scripted play.

LOTE Program - Kirsteen Reid

**Grade 2** : This term grade two students will explore the language associated with describing common pets and farm animals. They will learn to translate and write simple sentences about their pets and animals they may find on a farm. They will use previous learnt language from numbers and colours to help them describe animals found in pictures and in their own illustrations.

**Grade 3 & 4** : This term grade three and four students will be developing their language skills using the language associated with school and the classroom. Students will discover the similarities and differences in attending school in Indonesia and compare this to their own schooling experience. Students will learn the vocabulary used for common classroom objects. They will also learn the preposition words such as on top, underneath, beside, outside and in between. Students will use these words to describe the location of classroom objects.

**Grade 5 & 6** : This term grade five and six students will be learning the language associated with food, likes and dislikes. Students will learn to write simple sentences expressing preferences for food and drink in Indonesian. Students will discover what food staples exist in Indonesia and what factors influence the diet of the Indonesian people. Students will design an Indonesian menu and include prices in Indonesian rupiah to reflect costs in Indonesia.
2016 Parent Information Night
~Writing~

Join us on Wednesday the 20th of April from 7.00pm in the JLC.

Information discussed will include:
- The Writing Stages of Development
  - Writing strategies
- VCOP, BIG Write and our Writers Workshops
  - Assessment of Writing
- Supporting children at home with their writing

If you would like to attend but are unable to get someone to watch your Elwood Primary School children, they can come along and will be supervised as they watch a G rated movie in one of the JLC rooms. Sorry we are unable to accommodate children under five years old.

Nicole Richards, Assistant Principal
Teaching and Learning Coach, Sara Walsh
Math Challenge 1

Congratulations to the students who were lucky enough to be our first Math Challenge winners.

A massive thank you to ALL the students who took part. We were truly impressed with the level or persistence and mathematical thinking. Look out for Math Challenge number 2 very soon.
Maths Challenge No.2

What could the equations be?

1) ___ + ___ - ___ = 10
2) ___ x ___ / ___ = 10

Try one or try both.

How many solutions can you work out?

There are so many!

Above is the second in our series of mathematical challenges that will be included in newsletters and or Community Links throughout the year.

For those who want to take up the challenge you can submit your solutions in a box which will be housed outside 2L (in the LTC). Entries will be open until the end of week 4. Random entries will then be drawn with the winning entries being awarded a special certificate at assembly and work displayed in the newsletter.
Snow Skiers and Boarders ...

The 2016 Victorian Interschool Snow Sports Championships will again be held at Mt. Buller from

**Monday 22\(^{nd}\) August to Sunday 28\(^{th}\) August**

With divisions 4 (Year 4 & under) & 5 (Years 5 & 6) competing from

**Monday 22\(^{nd}\) to Wednesday 24\(^{th}\)**

Check out [www.vicinterschools.com.au](http://www.vicinterschools.com.au) for more info

Elwood Primary School has sent a team of skiers and boarders for the last three years and achieved some fantastic results but, more importantly, had a wonderful time with memories to last a lifetime.

In addition to the entry terms and conditions outlined on the website, the team will be self-organised (not by the school), parents must attend and supervise their own children and may be required to assist with volunteering around the various race courses.

It promises to be another fantastic week, so if you can meet all of the conditions and want to register your interest or have any questions, please call, Team Manager, Matthew Franceschini on 0411 123 154 or email mf@entitysolutions.com.au
ELWOOD OSHC HIGHLIGHTS

Buddy Leaders
Buddy leaders are children who are considered to be responsible enough to be able to be a great role model for the other children who attend aftercare. These children will have added tasks such as running activities, being a leader in certain group activities, looking after younger children and having a prep or grade 1 buddy through the term to become a buddy leader, you must show traits of an amazing buddy to other children, great leadership skills, respect to fellow children and the service. The children apply towards the end of each term to become a Buddy Leader and based off their recent behaviour, are chosen as a Buddy Leader for the term.

We are in the process of finalising the Buddy Leaders and will be able to announce them to the children as of next week. The Buddies will get the chance to choose preps or year 1s to be their buddy and will take care of them for the rest of the year. It has been amazing to see some of the Buddy Leaders still taking care of their Buddies from last year.

Staff Profile

Michael Badrock

I have been working with Camp Australia for roughly twelve months to a year. In my spare time I enjoy travelling through the outback with my best mate, Darren. I am a gifted clarinet player and fluent in French and Mandarin. At Elwood, I’m the guy that takes the kids out for a kick of the footy and/or football. My favourite philosopher is Descartes.

AUTUMN 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 So on 0422 005 489 to make arrangements.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Please remember to cancel your child or notify us if your child is not attending aftercare on any given day. This will save us time in following up whether your child has been picked up or not and will allow us to run the service more smoothly. Furthermore, if you have any questions about the program, please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in our program first hand.

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au
New to Elwood Primary for 2016

'GIRLS IN SPORT'

Multi-Sport & Team Skills Program

After school program for Primary School Girls in Grade 1 – 4

Why join this program?

It is an exciting, new and unique program specifically designed to cater for young girls who want the opportunity to try a range of different sports in a fun and friendly environment.

The creative and dynamic program focuses on your daughter improving her skills as an individual as well as in a team, enhancing her ability, confidence and enjoyment in sport.

The goal is for your daughter to finish each session having:

- Improved her skill development in a range of activities
- Developed her ability to be a great member of a team
- Learnt something new & looking forward to learning more
- Had fun with her friends!

Who is running it?

Carolyn Milles, an EPS mum and qualified PE Teacher with 20 years’ experience delivering leadership & sport programs for girls.

Carolyn is proud to include a leadership opportunity and guide some enthusiastic and motivated female students from Elwood College to help deliver the program as a MENTOR and COACH for your daughter.

What does the program involve?

The 9 week program uses activities, skills and games found in soccer, netball, basketball, cricket and tennis - with a large focus on throwing, catching, kicking, striking, balancing, running, jumping and hopping - the important fundamental motor skills and building blocks of all sports!

It is aligned with the Australian Government's 'Girls Make Your Move' campaign which is all about inspiring, energising and empowering young women to be more active.

#girlsmove

WEDNESDAYS
3.30 - 4.45PM
ELWOOD PRIMARY SPORTS TURF AND OVAL

STARTS WED 27TH APRIL
(TERM 2 - WEEK 3)

COST: $160
FOR 9 WEEK PROGRAM

HOW DO I ENROL AND FIND OUT MORE?

PLEASE CONTACT:
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Educating Enhancing Empowering ELWOOD
ELWOOD COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT
—— TUESDAY 26 APRIL 6.30PM ——

Meet our teachers and tour the college.

Find out about the personalised education and welcoming community we can provide for your child.

Hear how we balance high academic expectations with support for every individual.

College tours are also available throughout the year.

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