Dear Parents

Our Wonderful Staff
I would like to acknowledge the amazing work our teachers and office staff do at Elwood PS. Nothing is ever too much for them and they always have your child’s best interests at heart. Whether it be a year long nurturing in a classroom, an engaging specialist program that inspires your child’s love of learning or a warm smile at the office or sick bay. We all strive to make Elwood PS a warm, safe and nurturing environment that allows your child to flourish.

Thank you to all of our parents who take the time to thank and acknowledge their teachers as this makes the hours of hard work planning, preparing, writing reports and teaching even more worthwhile.

Elwood College Building Works
The demolition program has almost finished and the building program will be commencing in late Term 3 or early Term 4. Rhonda Holt (College Principal) will be hosting Community Information Sessions on the building plans for the near future.

The sessions will be held at the Elwood Farmers Market on Saturday 11 June in the grounds of Elwood College and Elwood Community Market on Saturday, 6 August in the grounds of Elwood Primary School.

To view a “fly through” of the new proposed college buildings, follow the link below.


May School Council Report (taken by Kim Annesley – School Councillor)
The Annual General Meeting of the School Council was held on Thursday 19 May 2016. In his inaugural speech, President Ralf Huempel reflected on the unique community that forms Elwood Primary including 600+ volunteers, who over the past 6 months have enabled activities such as the Elwood Community Market and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, facilitated junior school investigations, provided classroom support and assistance at sporting events and other excursions. In looking forward, Ralf noted that the school population has grown 45% in the past few years, applauded the schools leadership team and in this period of strategic review, urged the school council to push harder and strive for continuous improvement.

In addition, Ralf acknowledged 6 years contribution of past President John Richardson.

Rob presented the Annual Report and detailed the school’s performance in 2015. Literacy and mathematics results are similar to our Victorian similar schools and have improved in all areas according to teacher judgments and NAPLAN results.

Significant growth has been seen in mathematics and writing scores and is attributed to ongoing refinements in the schools approach to teaching in these areas.

Following the AGM, the May School Council meeting was held. The minutes from the various sub-committees were tabled, and no major discussion points were raised. Revised policies including Privacy, ICT, Personal Electronic Device Usage and View of Material via Electronic Media were ratified by school council and are available on the school website.

Any interested parents are welcome to attend a School Council meeting or be a part of the sub-committees.

Rob Csoti
**E-Smart**
This year we will be having eSmart articles and tips to help you stay safe online. Every fortnight, we will be posting tips on how to be cyber-safe! For our first tip to start us, always remember to never click on pop-up ads without your Parent/Guardian’s permission!

From the Grade 6 Media Leaders
Jason, Oscar, Luca S. and Max F

**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.

**This fortnight we will focus on:**

**Setting goals**

Setting a goal, whether it is a short term goal or a long term goal, can help you be more successful at something.

Setting goals can help you to do your best in your school work such as planning your time so that you are not rushed and having all your supplies ready.

Having SMART goals assists in achieving your best:
- Specific
- Meaningful
- Action-based
- Realistic
- Time-based Goals.

You can have a Mental Health goal for example spend 30 minutes a day reading a book, work on projects on the first day it is assigned not the last, learn a new language. Mental Health goals get the brain more active. It is important to keep the brain stimulated. Mental goals have to do with challenging the brain.

Emotional Goals could be to walk away from a fight or choose not to participate in put downs. Emotional goals have to do with gaining control of our emotions.

Classroom Goals could be for a class to decide it is best to do agendas in the morning, or to clean desks on a weekly basis. The goals can be decided on a democratic basis.

Goals can also be wider than personal and school goals, we can also have Community Goals (Local or Global). There could be a variety of important community issues that are in need of help. Some examples are feeding the homeless, raising money to create a skate park, or foster a child in a developing country.

Try setting some goals for yourself at school and home and remember that you will often need someone to help you. A friend or family member can keep you on track, remind you of your goals and celebrate with you when you have achieved them.

YOU CAN DO IT!

**Manners Matter**

Good manners or acting appropriate in a way that's acceptable and respectful shows other people respect, care and consideration. Excellent manners can help you to have better relationships with people you know and with people you will meet.

Including others is another valuable skill to learn. Including others in your games and activities makes everyone feel good. It means that you are generous and willing to share your time with others and care about their feelings. If you include others in your games, they are more likely to include you when you are looking for someone to play with or talk to.

Look around and see if there are others who might like to join in. Sometimes they might not even ask but stand close by. Try to include them. Put the team interests ahead of your own interests and recognise everyone’s contribution to the team and congratulate them.

Including others shows you are a friendly and considerate Elwood Primary Kid and that Manners Matter.

**Manners Matter!**
All part of being an Elwood Kid.
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?

8 June: Tara Day (Buddhist)
The eighth of every month is Tara Day. Tara is a female Buddha, whose name means Rescuer; she is the embodiment of swift compassion.

13-19 June: International Men's Health Week
International Men's Health Week aims to increase awareness of the importance of good health in men, boys and their families.

15 June: National Buddy Day
National Buddy Day was created to show the importance of friendship and raise awareness of bullying amongst primary school children.

17 June: Red Nose Day
Red Nose Day is the national fundraising event day for SIDS and Kids held throughout the month of June.

Red Nose Day provides critical funding for a 24-hour bereavement support service, community education to reduce incidents of SIDS and fatal sleeping accidents, and research into areas such as SIDS and stillbirth. To date, it is estimated that SIDS and Kids has saved the lives of over 6,500 babies across Australia.

19-25 June: Refugee Week
Refugee Week is used to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. While a refugee's journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope: they hope to find freedom from persecution, and safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma.

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

Nicole Richards … Assistant Principal

Chinese Lunch Orders
Friday 10 June is the last day for Asia Week Chinese lunch orders. Please deliver to your class teacher.

A copy of the flyer/menu is attached to this newsletter.

Second Hand Uniforms
The uniform shop is currently experiencing a shortage of second hand winter uniform items and welcomes any contributions at this chilly time of year.

Please see Terri at the uniform shop on Mondays if you can pass on any of your old uniform items

Family Life Victoria Inc.
Family Life Victoria will be conducting a Sexuality Education Program on Tuesday 21 June. The program supports parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality.

Session 1: Where Did I Come From? - Years 3 - 4
Session 2: Preparing for Puberty - Years 5 - 6

Find out more details via www.trybooking.com.au/KQNV

EPS Film Afternoon
Need something to do on the last day of term? Come along to the EPS Film Afternoon on Friday 24 June at 3.30pm to see Finding Dory.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. All seats unreserved. Book early to avoid disappointment. Seats are limited.

Tickets cost $10.50 movie only, or $14.50 movie and popcorn. Purchase tickets through QKR. Follow the instructions on EPS website to set QKR up.
District Cross Country

On Tuesday 7 June, 13 of our students attended the District Cross Country competition. Even with the rain, wind and cold, spirits were high and the Elwood students represented our school so well.

Nerves were evident until the race began and then our students took on the bumpy, hilly, muddy course with enthusiasm. Hugo 4A, Sam 4T, Jones 4R, Cooper 5S and Kai 5S are through to the next level. Mikayli 4T is in reserve.

Jack 5S, Angus 4R, Myra 5G, Scout 5G, Mason 5G, Alice 5J and Alyssa 5J finished the course with great determination. Thank you to all the parents who braved the weather to cheer on our students. Good luck to those continuing on, I hope the weather is kinder to you at State level.

Sara Walsh
(For Amy Parsons who was on Grade 6 Camp).

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Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

It is with many thanks and full tummies that we announce EPS raised over $2,000 for Cancer Council! Last Friday parents, teachers and students took part in, feasted on, baked for and donated to ... Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.

Over 100 Grade 3 to 6 students participated in the EPS Bake Off – the cakes, slices and biscuits rivalling anything on those TV Shows and the wares then sold to raise more funds for cancer.

The Senior School Choir performed for all in the Hall, our mum and comedian Julia Morris kept proceedings moving with her unique sense of humour and cups of tea and coffee flowed. I would like to personally thank our volunteer mums, Camille Sunshine and Alexa Jones for their ideas, organisation and enthusiasm for community events such as these and to Ryan Murphy, the Grade 6 students and the Elwood Student Council for assisting on the day!

Again, thank you to all who donated so generously, including our local businesses!

Nicole Richards
Assistant Principal

Attachments:
What’s Happening at EPS in Week 9, 10 & 11?
Victorian State Schools Spectacular
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What’s happening during Weeks 9, 10 & 11 at Elwood Primary School?

Level 1 (Prep)

Literacy: This fortnight we will be looking at blends by talking about the ‘oo’, ‘ee’ and ‘er’ sounds in words. When reading, we will be making connections to characters, problems and settings from one book to another. During our Big Talk and Big Write this fortnight we will be talking about Winter in Australia and all around the world. We will discuss senses, activities, clothing, feelings and weather during winter time. We will also be writing about Elwood Primary and what we have loved about our first Semester of prep. We will be looking closely at connectives and how we can link two or more ideas using words such as ‘and’, ‘because’, ‘so’ and ‘but’.

Maths: We will be continuing and consolidating our learning about measurement and time. We will be sequencing days of the week, events as they happen in time and using terms such as yesterday, today and tomorrow. During week 10 we will be doing further investigations into naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes and recognising them in the environment around us.

Investigations:
During investigations we will be investigating forces with a focus on magnets. We will pose questions to the children such as: What are magnets? How do magnets work? What is attraction? What is repulsion? In preparation for Asia week in week 11 we will be creating and exploring our country Indonesia, looking at books and pictures and creating shadow puppets and Balinese crowns.
We will also be practising our Manners Matter/YCDI foci which are ‘Planning My Time’ and ‘Sharing’. We will be reflecting on our personal learning during tuning in and reflection time.

Other:
We are looking forward to our whole school Asia week celebrations coming up in week 11. Please keep an eye out for any information in the newsletter and from your classroom teacher about our celebrations.

Level 2 (Grade 1 & 2)

Reading: During Reading, we are analysing the author’s purpose within a book. We are discussing the many different purposes that an author may have for example, to entertain us, to teach us a lesson or moral or to persuade us. We will also be looking in to hat inferring means. Inferring is a comprehension skill that requires the students to think beyond the facts and go deeper in to a book.

Writing: The students are continuing to work through the writer’s cycle and complete a variety of poems such as a haiku, limerick, acrostic, cinquain and couplet. During weeks 10 and 11 they will be exploring the VCOP focus of connectives such as until, after and meanwhile to join sentences together. The students will be learning all about conjunctions and how we use them in our writing. During Handwriting, students are practicing the correct formation and placement of the following letters: u, v, w and y.

Maths: The students have been busy measuring, comparing and ordering objects based on their mass. They will begin to explore the number concept of multiplication. Creating lots of stories using ‘groups’ of language. Students are practicing numerous strategies to help them solve a problem such as regrouping, skip counting and repeated addition. To help your child at home, please refer to the skip counting charts that were sent home earlier in the year.

Investigations: During Investigations the students will be discussing their developmental focus of active listening and showing respect through body language. They continue to focus on our environment focus of monitoring energy in our classrooms and how we can reduce our waste at Elwood Primary School.
**Level 3 (Grade 3 & 4)**

**Literacy:** During writing sessions Year 3 students will be exploring how to use a variety of punctuation accurately. They will practise identifying the correct use of punctuation in texts and will then apply these skills when drafting and editing their own writing. Our Year 4 students will continue to focus on the accurate use of punctuation also. Students will be exploring the use of talking marks and apostrophes, reading published texts to help them establish the ‘rules’ for correct use of these symbols and then applying them when drafting and editing.

Our Year 3 students continue to focus on the comprehension strategy of questioning and formulating their own questions during book club sessions. Our Year 4 students continue to build their inferential knowledge through inferring through images, text and objects in their whole class novels, picture story books and book club novels. Some book clubs will also be focusing on non-fiction texts focusing on our inquiry topic of Physics and gathering information for their ERPs.

**Maths:** In Maths sessions students in Level 3 will continue their exploration into multiplication and division for the next few weeks. Year 4 students will move into problem solving using the formal algorithm and Year 3 students will continue to consolidate their conceptual understanding of arrays and repeated addition. All of our classes continue to build times tables knowledge through a weekly times table program. Closer to the end of term Level 3 students will begin to explore fractions and decimals (to tenths/hundredths), building conceptual understandings, connections (Year 3) before moving onto problem solving using a variety of operations (Year 4). At the conclusion of term our Level 3 students will investigate statistics and probability through collecting, graphing and evaluating data from whole class and small group experiments, investigations and surveys.

**Inquiry:** During inquiry sessions Level 3 students will be using the notes that they have collected during the last fortnight to draft, revise and publish their ERPs. Our Year 4 students will spend inquiry sessions this fortnight conducting their experiments, recording their results and preparing their findings. We look forward to sharing our small group ERPs with you during the final week of term at our EXPOS!

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**Level 4 (Grade 5 & 6)**

**Literacy:** In reading, grade 5 classes are putting together all of the comprehension skills they have been working on and using them in an author study. Each grade will be selecting an author and reading multiple books by that author to look at the similarities and differences. Grade 6 classes will be continuing to analyse fiction particularly looking at literary devices such as similes, metaphors, personification, allusions and irony.

In writing grade 5 and 6 classes are working on revising, editing and publishing their fantasy narratives (grade 5) and discussion texts (grade 6) in interesting ways.

**Maths:** Grade 5 and 6 classes are finishing our unit on measuring length, area and perimeter. We will be conducting hands-on explorations, with grade 5 classes investigating how to calculate and estimate the area and perimeter of rectangular and non-rectangular shapes and the grade 6 classes solving problems by comparing areas using appropriate metric units of measurement.

**Inquiry:** Grade 5 and 6 classes are all busily working on our individual ERPs. Students are working through the processes of questioning, researching, predicting, testing and concluding, and preparing to communicate their findings to others.
Hello Elwood families
See below for SSS ticket info - available from this Friday 3rd June!!!!!
Seats between doors 1 and 5 will give the best view of the Elwood PS dancers.

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: The Elements.

This year’s Spectacular will be held at Hisense Arena on Saturday 10 September, with two shows at 1pm and 6:30pm. The three-hour Spectacular will be filmed for broadcast by Channel 7.

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure discounted tickets. Talented young skaters, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This program, run by the Department of Education and Training, helps to develop each student’s performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

Discount Early Bird tickets for the Spectacular will be available for 11 days only from 10am on Friday 3 June. Standard ticket prices will apply after then.

Early Bird tickets – available for 11 days only from 10am on Friday 3 June

- Adult – $35
- Child Under 15 – $18
- Concession – $30
- Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

General Admission tickets – available from 9am on Tuesday 14 June

- Adult – $40
- Concession – $30
- Child Under 15 – $20
- Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001)

To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849.
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ELWOOD OSHC HIGHLIGHTS

Photo Wall
This term at the service, we are going to be putting up a photo wall of all the children who attend the service or have attended the service. We will be putting it up inside the hall for all the school community to have a look at. If you could bring in a recent or baby photo of your child/children ASAP, that would be appreciated.

Medicare Number
If you have not provided us your Medicare number on your enrolment form, please bring in your card next time so we can write down the details. If you are unsure, please bring it in just in case so we can fill it out. This is a legal requirement for us and we must have it ASAP.

Cooking Recipes
Banana Bread
2/3 cup of sugar
1/3 cup of oil
2 cups of flour
1/4 tablespoons of baking soda
2 tablespoons baking powder
1 cup of mashed banana
1) Mix baking powder, baking soda, flour and sugar
2) Add banana and oil
3) Put into tin
4) Bake at 180 degrees for 50mins
   a. Muffins take 30mins

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.

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, please ensure you book your children in as this alters how many staff members we need to have at the service. Please text us on 0422 005 489 if you have last minute cancellations or bookings. In addition, 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
ASIA WEEK - A celebration of Asian Cultures and Languages, 20 to 24 June

To promote the Studies of Asia and the Indonesian language program in our school we will be investigating Asian Cultures in the last week of this term. During this week children at Elwood Primary will be celebrating our strong connections to Asia by learning about the wonderful cultures of our Asian neighbours.

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We encourage students to start bringing any cultural items or photos that they may have which originate from their focus country to help create displays in their classrooms. If you have any experiences with these countries that you would like to share with the children please approach your child's teacher to arrange a forum for this to take place, we really value parent or indeed extended family involvement.

WED 22 JUNE - Asia Dress, Asian performances and Asian Lunch Day!

On Wednesday 22 June children are invited to come dressed in a costume from any Asian country. It can be as simple as a sarong over their uniform or a martial arts outfit or head band. The children are asked to bring a gold coin to donate to our Sister School - Pelangi, which we will use to help sponsor a local Balinese child 'Cha-Cha' to attend school in Ubud. The children will also watch a fantastic Asian performance performed by some special guests during the day.

ASIAN LUNCH - On this day (Wed 22 June) your child may choose to order an Asian lunch or indeed bring their own Asian lunch.

Options for ordering lunch on the Wed 22 June

Sushi: The usual process for Wednesday Sushi lunch order, just put your order in on the day in the office sushi lunch order box.

Bakery: You may order a bakery lunch by placing you order in the bakery box at the office

OR PRE ORDERED CHINESE LUNCH (see over for detail)
All Chinese lunch orders must be returned by Friday 10 June, we cannot accept late orders as the restaurant must tally and prepare for such a large order in advance.

All lunches are served with a choice of steamed rice or fried rice (contains meat).

The cost for the Chinese lunch orders are $6.00 each.

CHINESE FOOD MENU: Don't forget to indicate steamed or fried rice on your order. Steamed rice will be given if a choice not indicated.

SELECT ONE OF THESE ITEMS IN ADDITION TO YOUR RICE CHOICE:

- Steamed Dim Sims (2-3 large)
- Lemon Chicken (large scoop)
- Fried Dim Sims (2-3 large)
- Wontons (4 pieces)
- Spring rolls vegetarian (2-3 large)
- Sweet and Sour Chicken (large scoop)

Follow the simple steps below to place your Chinese lunch order.

1) On a paper bag (no envelopes accepted) clearly write your child's name, grade, food choice and rice choice. Soya sauce will be provided.

2) Place exactly $6.00 dollars in your bag and fold so money is secure.

3) Return lunch orders to the CLASSROOM TEACHER. They must be returned no later than Fri 10 June.

On Wednesday 22 June Chinese lunches will be delivered to the classroom.

Allergies: Please note that the restaurant has assured us no peanut oil or MSG will be used in the cooking process, however as this is a large kitchen and we cannot guarantee that traces of nut products are eliminated. If you have concerns we advise pack your own child's lunch on that day or consider a Sushi or bakery lunch order.
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