



# Newsletter

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## NAPLAN

We are part of the way through NAPLAN, with this week seeing the Grades 3 and 5 students completing the writing component (Grade 3s handwritten and Grade 5s on computer) and the Grade 3s accessing other Literacy NAPLAN assessments on the computer all week, with Numeracy to be completed on Friday. The Grade 5s will then access the rest of NAPLAN online next week.

As I assisted the kids and their teachers in the Info Learning HUB this week, I have been so impressed with the stamina and resilience of our kids. They weren't stressed. They knew what to do - they were prepared. Not just for NAPLAN but for demonstrating their learning overall. As I said to the kids - You've got this!! And they do.

They tried and will try their best. They are concentrating and giving it their all and that is all we can ask of them.

I would like to thank Jay and our Tech - Farooq - for all of the work they have done in the lead up to NAPLAN online. Both Jay and Farooq have worked for two terms to ensure all the devices have the right browsers, that the Internet is coping, the links are ready and available to the kids and that the kids have had some practice with the "genre" of online tests.

And a huge thanks to the teachers throughout our school who have taught our Grade 3s and 5s and set them up for success and to the Specialists and whole school for being flexible and helping us out with all the timetable and room changes that NAPLAN brings.

Go Grade 3s and 5s. You have got this!

## Staffing

It is with excitement that we congratulate Ange (Teacher of 4A and Leading Teacher) on being the successful applicant of Acting

Assistant Principal at Valkstone PS.

We are so very proud of Ange's achievements and growth and she will excel in this role - taking Elwood PS skills, knowledge and leadership with her.

Ange will begin her Acting AP role on Friday 31 May. This Acting AP role is until the end of the year.

We have welcomed Mardi - our ex pre-service teacher and familiar face of Casual Relief Work at EPS - into 4A until the end of year.

## Enhanced Learning

Our 8<sup>th</sup> year of Enhanced Learning began Tuesday night with our grade 5 and 6 students and Mrs Zimbachs. It was a night of introductions to the Learning Leaders - pre-service teachers and some Elwood College students - who presented information about themselves and their interests and areas of expertise. Hopefully it inspired our Enhanced Learning students to think of their passion projects for the weeks to come.

I look forward to watching the passion projects coming together and then finally being presented on the last night.

## What a community

We know we have a passionate, supportive and engaging community of parents, students, staff, families and beyond - but every now and then we have a little reminder of that special partnership.

These last few weeks we had some fantastic community events that are completely and totally dependent on you - the community and volunteers - to make it happen.

We had kids shopping with excitement and sheer joy at the Mother's Day Stall! The band of volunteers selected items to sell months ago, set up the event, helped our students select their special gift, gathered the coins and sorted out lost money with love and smiles!!!

**15 May 2019**  
**No. 07**

## CALENDAR

**Monday 20 May**  
District X Country

**Tuesday 21 May**  
2020 Prep Information

**Thursday 23 May**  
2.30pm-3.30pm Open Day

**Friday 24 May**  
Ready Set Go Session 1 @ 2.30pm

**Monday 27 May**  
Prep - 2 Parent Volunteer Workshop  
9:00am-10:15am, Staffroom

**Tuesday 28 May**  
Grade 3-6 Parent Volunteer  
Workshop  
9:00am-10:15am, Staffroom

**Thurs 30 May-Fri 31 May**  
Grade 1 NGV Excursion  
Scholastic Book Fair  
08:30am-4pm, JLC

**Saturday 1 June**  
Community Market  
Prep P & R, 20 3V, 6B Rostered

**Monday 10 June**  
Public Holiday-School Holiday

**Friday 21 June**  
Ready Set Go Session 2

**Tuesday 25 June**  
PREP—Billy Card Incursion

**Friday 28 June**  
End of Term 2 - 2pm Assembly  
2.30pm Finish

**Saturday 1 June**  
Community Market  
Prep P, Prep R, 2O, 3V, 6B  
Rostered

**Monday 10 June**  
Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday  
School Closed

Thank you to all of the volunteers for giving us this wonderful opportunity.

Alexa (mum of Campbell in Grade 4) and Sally (mum of Dan in Grade 4 and Lucia Grade 6) raised over an amazing \$700 for the Cancer Council at our Biggest Morning Tea and EPS Bake Off. Funds are still coming in!!

Pauline (Raff and Abi's mum) and Amanda (mum of Emily Gr 4) organized, hosted and raised over \$5000 for cancer at their Mother's Who Lunch event held at the Espy last Friday. It was loud in there - but so fun and for such an amazing cause. Thank you also to everyone who helped out, attended and got involved. Just amazing.



## Education Week

It's Education Week next week. Funnily enough it is Education Week every week at EPS - but we do have some special events and goings on happening next week.

Tuesday 21 May is the first of many Prep 2020 Info Nights. We hope to see many new families and faces on the night as the 2019 Preps have been very busy making some videos to share all about their learning.

Thursday 23 May is Simultaneous Reading Time. Yep, crazy we know, but we love it. We are all reading the same book, at the same time!

Thursday 23 May is also our Open Afternoon. Although we are open all the time and love you coming in to partner with us, or help out, volunteer and just be with us - we have an official Open Afternoon from 2.30pm. Please invite Grandparents, family members.....to the open afternoon to see classrooms in action, Specialist sessions such as Art, Performing Arts, PE or ICT in action.

And on Friday 24 May we meet our 2020 Preps for their first Ready set Go. I wonder if many of you remember your child's first Ready Set Go??? Too cute.

Now that is an Education Week!

## Play Team

Our Play Team - consisting of students, staff, parents and our Play Consultant and Guru - Marc - are making some great plans and moving forward with data gathering and surveys from our kids out in the yard.

They will soon have a big map of our playground and will make it visible for the school to see. The Play Team will also be making a presentation of the survey results around questions such as "What do you like about our play spaces?", "What would you change?", "Why is a certain part of the playground more popular than other spaces?" We are meeting with Marc again on Wednesday 29 May. We hope to then work closely with the Building and Grounds Sub Committee to start our Grounds and Play Space Masterplans. Exciting and more to come to our playground soon!

## I love dogs and .....

I am a doggie person. Well I love all animals really, but particularly dogs, however, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds.

If you tie your four legged family member to the school fences, please ensure they are away from the entrances so the kids and families can enter and leave the gates easily.

Also, be aware that we share our school park with the City of Port Phillip and it is a "dogs on leash" park after school hours, including weekends and they have been checking and fining those who have their dogs off leash.

## You Can Do It!

### Making Decisions in a Group

#### Why learn this skill?

There are all sorts of ways to make a decision in a group situation, from negotiating and suggesting to persuading others. There are also other things you can try.

#### What you can try:

- Majority vote
- A decision by a leader
- Take it in turns
- Go with the person who feels most strongly

#### What you should avoid:

- Don't just ask one or two people, ask everyone
  - Don't see it as losing if your idea is not accepted
- You Can Do It!



## Excuse Me

Part of being a friendly and respectful Elwood Primary School kid is realising that from time to time you might inconvenience others. You may not mean to, but sometimes it is unavoidable. When these occasions do arise, we need to know how to handle them courteously.

If we have to interrupt somebody working, or perhaps two people talking, we should begin by saying "excuse me" and then quickly explain what is so important.

Of course before we interrupt, think! Do we really have to deal with the matter immediately? Can it wait for a short time? Is it really important? If it is important, then "excuse me" is the way to go.

Saying "excuse me" shows others that you are thoughtful and considerate. All part of being an Elwood Kid.

*Nicole Richards..... Principal*

## Sustainability at Elwood PS

Elwood Primary is striving to become a 5-Star Sustainable School through the Victorian Government's Resource Smart Schools initiative. We take action to minimise waste, save energy and water, and promote biodiversity.

As part of our efforts, we are keen to hear from you, our community, about your thoughts on sustainability at Elwood Primary and learn about

what is happening in our broader community. We would love it if you could take the time to complete a short, 3-minute survey about sustainability at Elwood Primary and the wider community.

Please click this link to complete the survey:  
<https://forms.gle/E1hLoaNmBjtYes1m6>

*The Elwood Primary Sustainability Team*

## Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a Centrelink, Pensioner Concession or Veteran Affairs Gold card you may be eligible to apply for financial assistance with school fees. You must also be a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government or primary school. If you applied last year and there is no change in your circumstances then your application will automatically be processed. If you are new to Elwood Primary School then please see the office for details.

## Port Philip Library Service

### Build a robotic arm

Who doesn't need a robotic arm? Pivot, bend, grasp and lift using a robot arm you create using recycled cardboard, popsicle sticks, glue and the fluid power of water and gas.

This practical workshop prepares citizens of the future to embrace technology and sustainability through repurposing recycled items. Understand robotic engineering principles, design and analysis. Discover how fluid power (hydraulics and pneumatics) works to power your robot arm and what exactly is the concept of torque  
Sunday 26 May, 10.00am-12.00pm,  
Linden New Art, 26 Acland Street, St Kilda, VIC 3182



## 9 Ways to a Resilient Child Presentation



"How can I help my child be more resilient?" is a question Dr Justin Coulson, one of Australia's leading parenting experts, hears regularly from worried mums and dads. Based on his book, **9 Ways to a Resilient Child**, this presentation gives parents practical strategies to help their children cope with

the challenges that life throws at them - from friendship problems and bullying to losing a game or failing an exam.

## Parents Battle of the Bands

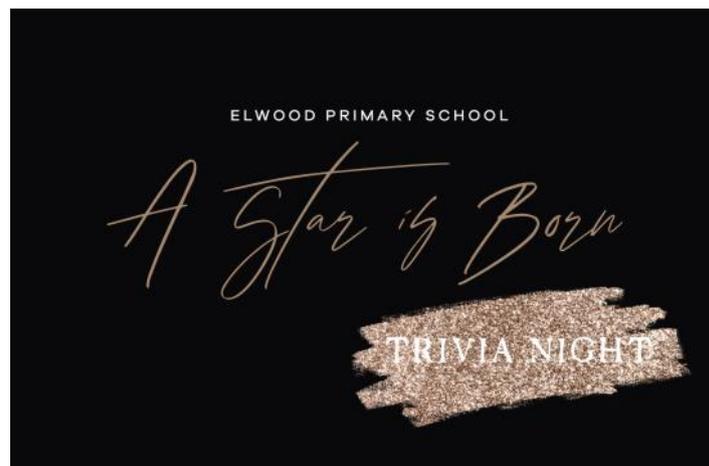
Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the Parents Battle of the Bands. Come along and enjoy the entertainment from our resident parent band The Padres, along with other performances from other school parent bands. The night will be held on Thursday 23 May. This is a fundraiser for our schools' music programs. Tickets are available to purchase at [www.parentsbattleofthebands.com](http://www.parentsbattleofthebands.com)

Attachments ~ Volunteering in the classroom, Teaching & Learning, Education Week, TeamKids.



## 'A Star Is Born, Trivia Night'

Lock in your babysitters now for what will be a super fun night out! Friday 9 August 6.30pm-midnight at StKilda Town Hall. Stay tuned for more info...



## Whole School Production

Just a quick reminder that our Whole School Production will be Wednesday 4 September, Palais Theatre. The production is called "Heroes of Change" and is written on the theme of sustainability. Thank you to everyone who's auditioning. Paula and I are getting excited because of your enthusiasm. Looking forward to starting our big rehearsals in the Hall in Term 3 leading up to the show. We are going to be accompanied by a live band on the night made up of parents. They've started rehearsing and are cooking up something good!

*Kaz.... Music Teacher*





# ~Volunteering in the Classroom at Elwood Primary School~



How to support your child, other students and their teacher when assisting in the classroom.

**WHEN:** MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> of May 9am - Prep to Two Families  
TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> of May 9am - Three to Six Families

**WHERE:** In the staffroom.

Please RSVP to Sara Walsh – [walsh.sara.f@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:walsh.sara.f@edumail.vic.gov.au)

The presentation will be on the website if you are unable to attend the sessions.



## Teaching & Learning GRADE ONE Term 2, 2019



I can ask questions and collect data in Maths.

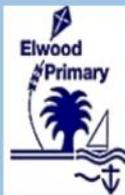


I can use the writing cycle to help me with my writing.

I can work independently on my own writing.



I can play with my friends and negotiate ideas.



Elwood Primary School invites our past, present and future families to our open afternoon.

**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2019**  
**2.30pm – 3.30pm**



# Elwood TeamKids Newsletter



## What's Been Happening!

### Homework and Mindfulness Time

Every afternoon from 5:20pm – 5:35pm children will have the opportunity to complete their homework from school or reader with an educator. In this time we will also offer mindfulness with Liz and story telling with Bethany.

### Clubs

We have been working on the structure of our clubs. These will now be an 8 week program (included in the normal cost of ASC) where children will develop specific skills and work towards a final project in the last week of the term.

Art Attack – Children will be working on creating art work using skills such as sketching, painting, mixing colours and blending. In the last week of term we will have a Art Show displaying their work.

We would like to officially welcome Bethany to the Elwood team. Bethany has accepted the 2IC position and will be working along side Liz every session! If you havnt met Bethany yet please say hello she is eager to meet all of our wonderful families.

As we say at TeamKids *'Let the fun begin!'*



## TeamKids Clubs Term 2

Tuesday ASC  
Epic Games



Wednesday ASC  
Art Attack



Thursday ASC  
Cooking Club



Friday BSC  
Running Club



## Important Dates

- Monday 10th June – TeamKids Closed Queens Birthday
- Last week of Term 2 24/6 - 28/6 -  
**TeamKids Art Show**
- Thursday 27th June - **Cooking Club Bake Sale**
- Tuesday 25th June lunch time –  
**TeamKids Children vs Elwood Teachers and**

## M.A.D Awards

**Dylan Macdonald – Involved**

**Ingrid Baricevic - Fun**

**Make a Difference Awards** are awarded each assembly for children who have been demonstrating our TeamKids Values.

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