



Community Link

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Phone 9531 2762

**Community Market Stall
Bookings via
www.trybooking.com/36342**

Please Note!

Friday 12 February
Summer Sports - Grade 5 & 6

Monday 15 February
3.00pm Assembly
7.00pm Level 1 (Prep)
Information Night

Tuesday 16 February
7.00pm Level 2 (Grade 1 & 2)
Information Night

Wednesday 17 February
School Photos for Grades 3 - 6
7.00pm Level 3 (Grade 3 & 4)
Information Night

Thursday 18 February
7.00pm Level 4 (Grade 5 & 6)
Information Night
7.15pm School Council

Friday 19 February
Summer Sports - Grade 5 & 6

Monday 22 February
Learning by Doing - Grade 1

Tuesday 23 February
Learning by Doing - Grade 1

Wednesday 24 February
Prep Gap

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School Council Elections 2016

Our School Council comprises of parents, DEET employees and community members who meet monthly to partner together to ensure our school provides a quality education for all students. Parents on School Council do not need to have special skills, just a commitment to work in partnership with others to help shape the schools future.

As a parent you can nominate or second a nomination for other parents to be on School Council for the next two years. It is a fantastic way to be deeply involved in the school.

If you would like to stand for School Council or nominate a parent to stand please collect a nomination form and return it to the office before 4.00pm Friday 26 February.

The following parents have completed their two year term or are retiring: John Richardson, James Pergl, Wendy Priddle and Anna Marinovich. If there are more than four nominations, an election will need to be held and you will be informed of the election process.

The following teachers have completed their terms: Lauren Thomas and Amy Wilson. If there are more than two teacher nominations, an election will also need to be held in this category.

Timeline for School Council Elections

Thur 11 Feb: Nominations called for School Council

Fri 26 Feb: Nominations closed

A list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed (if there are more nominations than vacancies)

Tues 1 Mar: Distribute ballot papers if required

Fri 11 Mar: Close of ballot. (4:00pm)

Fri 11 Mar: Count votes and declare the poll

Thur 24 Mar: New council is able to meet

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss anything regarding nominations for School Council.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

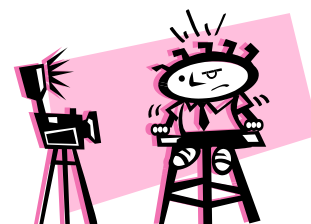
Wednesday 17 February
(Grades 3 to 6 + some Families)

Thursday 25 February
(Prep, Grades 1 & 2 + the rest of Families)

School uniform must be worn both days

Student envelopes will be distributed on the following dates

Grades 3 - 6: Thursday 11 February. Prep - Grade 2: Thursday 18 February.



Information Nights

Information Nights are being held next week for all grade levels.

Prep Monday 15 February at 7:00pm
Grade 1 & 2 Tuesday 16 February at 7:00pm
Grade 3 & 4 Wednesday 17 February at 7:00pm
Grade 5 & 6 Thursday 18 February 7:00pm

All families will receive an information booklet which may be sent home the day after your information night to ensure all families receive it.

Information Nights - Please see flyer attached

The Padres

Our parent band, The Padres have donated \$3,600 to Elwood PS to use in the music program from their performances last year. The majority of the funds will go towards ukuleles, flutes, a clarinet, new PA speakers and a keyboard. Some money will also be made available to students who would not be able to access music lessons without financial support. I would like to personally thank the Padres on behalf of our school for their generous commitment to our music program and students.

Parent Nights 2016

A flyer is attached to the Community Link today outlining all of our parent nights for 2016. It includes key dates for Year Level Information, Curriculum Information, Parent Teacher Interviews and Family Life sessions. It gives you the opportunity to put these dates into your calendar and see in advance the various important information nights scheduled for you to attend this year. Hard copies will be available at our Information Nights next week and will also be available on our school website.

Rob Csoti

Market News

The Elwood Community Market, held last Saturday, was a wonderful way to welcome in the new school year. Under brilliant sunshine, thousands of people made their way to Elwood Primary School to check out the market, enjoy the delicious food and drinks, and browse the many stalls. It was particularly pleasing to see so many new visitors to the market, some new to the school, and some new to the community. A big congratulations to Ruth (Grade 5), the winner of the "Name This Burger" competition. Ruth's name "Too Full For School" was voted the best from the many entries received, and Ruth and

her family enjoyed a lovely brunch courtesy of the Elwood Community Market.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped put on such a great market. Volunteers for the February market come from all of the grades across the school, and this year the roster was fully filled well in advance. The market cannot operate without the help of the volunteers, so thanks to everyone who contributed. Thanks also to everyone who baked a cake or donated a delicious treat to the Cake Stall, we really appreciated your efforts.

A big thanks to all of the traders who support the Elwood Community Market. This month we would like to recognise Coffex, the new sponsor of the coffee stall. Your support of our market is greatly appreciated. Money raised from the Elwood Community Market funds projects at Elwood Primary School that the whole community benefits from. Saturday's market raised over \$6,000. Last year, the market raised over \$50,000, with the funds going towards the grounds improvements project.

We look forward to seeing you at the next market, on Saturday 5th March (All Grade 5 classes rostered).

Elwood Community Market Committee

Curriculum Day - Student Free Day

Monday 7 March will be a Curriculum Day.

Friends of Kitchen Garden

Just a reminder that if your child has a Kitchen class scheduled at 11.30am prior to lunch time, they won't need to bring in lunch/lunch orders on these days as they will be eating lunch they prepared in the Kitchen. It is a good idea to have an emergency lunch order in their school bags in case their Kitchen class gets cancelled for any reason.

Janet & Sam

Community Market Class Roster

Please make note of the class market roster for volunteering at our Community Market.

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| Grade 5 | Saturday 5 March |
| Grade 3 | Saturday 7 May |
| Grade 2 | Saturday 4 June |
| Grade 1 | Saturday 6 August |
| Prep | Saturday 3 September |
| Grade 4 | Saturday 5 November |
| Grade 6 | Saturday 3 December |

Elwood Learning Hub Links

Poet's Grove Children's Centre :

<http://www.poetsgrove.com/home>

Elwood College :

http://elwood.vic.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=113&Itemid=117

Orchestra Parent Helper

The Orchestra is in need of a passionate parent helper to join the Orchestra. Any musical experience and knowledge would be an advantage and please bring your instrument. The Orchestra rehearses on Thursdays from 3.40 - 4.30pm in the Music Room. We will begin rehearsing on 11 February. Please consider assisting this special group of keen instrumentalists. Email sieger.kaz.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

The Padres

As many of you know, The Padres are a rock band made up of dads with children at EPS who play at various school, community and private events throughout the year. They donate all of the money that they make from their gigs to the EPS music department. Last year, The Padres raised \$3,600 which will provide the students with lots of new musical instruments and equipment that all of the EPS students can enjoy.

Keep them in mind if you are planning an event or party - the music rocks, the rates are reasonable and it will also help bring through future generations of musicians. You can contact Peter on 0417 525 831 or get in touch with the band through EPS. Otherwise, The Padres will be playing at some of the EPS markets throughout the year.

Free Event for Parents

Creating Amazing, Confident & Happy Young People - with Andrew Fuller. Resilience contributes more to career and life success than academic intelligence. Join Clinical Psychologist, Andrew Fuller in an interactive information session about building resilience in your young people on Tuesday 1 March. Arrive at 6.30pm, session commences at 7-8.30pm at Elwood College VCE Centre, 101 Glenhuntly Road, Elwood. Bookings on 9531 9566 or email elwood.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Net Set Go

Net Set Go is a fun based skill development program that enables children to learn skills and court positions in netball. Caulfield South Netball Club will run two Net Set Go programs in 2016. Each program runs for 15 week. The first season will commence on 1 March, the second season in July. The program is available



for Prep - Grade 3 and will run at Elwood College courts, on Tuesdays from 4 - 5pm. To reserve a spot in Term 1, email your details to : netsetgoelwood@hotmail.com

Play AFL Footy with St. Kilda City

St. Kilda City Junior Football Club welcomes girls and boys from U8 to U16 for the 2016 season. Attend our Registration Day on Sunday 7 February from 10,00am until 12 Midday at Wattie Watson Oval, or register online at www.stkildacityfc.com.au

Kidskick Soccer

Each class is run by qualified instructors. The program runs over 8 Saturdays in Term 1 and commenced on 6 February 2016 but is still open for new comers. Venue: St. Kilda Primary Oval, Brighton Road, St. Kilda. For registrations and enquiries, phone Dino on 0413 172 136 or email: macmarn@bigpond.net.au

Calling All Sailors

Would you like to be part of an EPS Sailing team competing in the upcoming Junior School Team Sailing Carnival? If you know how to sail or have completed Tackers 1, 2 or 3, please show your interest by contacting Mandy Cookson on email mandy@pierlot.com.au or mobile 0439 941 482 and hopefully we can form a team of 4, being a cost of \$32 per child. The event to be held on Monday 22 February is a fun day at Albert Park. For more information, please contact Lesley - events@yachtingvictoria.com.au or on 9597 0066.



Council Plan and Budget 2016/17 Have Your Say

City of Port Phillip Councillors will be visiting your neighbourhood in February and March to get your input into the Council Plan and Budget 2016/17. Visit their pop-up stalls or have your say at www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay Below are the locations and dates:

South Melbourne Market, 12 February, 10am - 1 pm
Gasworks Market, Albert Park, 20 February 9am - 12 noon

Veg Out Farmers' Market, St. Kilda, 5 March, 9 am - 12 noon

Attachments: Parent Information Nights, CSEF

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2016 Information Nights



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An Invitation...

Our School will host a series of 2016 Information Nights to ensure our community is engaged and informed about how to best support the delivery of a first class education.

Parents from every year level are encouraged to attend and learn about important aspects of Our School such as curriculum areas, Specialist programs and how to partner with teachers to best support students.



Our School involves the entire community in learning and aims to develop true partnerships with families that value each child. Our School focuses on the development of the whole child; we teach and strive for the highest academic standards and community engagement.

Key Dates for your diary:

Year Level Information Nights

Prep: Monday February 15 @ 7pm
Grade 1 & 2: Tuesday February 16 @ 7pm
Grade 3 & 4: Wednesday February 17 @ 7pm
Grade 5 & 6: Thursday February 18 @ 7pm

Prep 2017 Information Nights

Wednesday May 18 @ 7pm
Wednesday November 9 @ 7pm

Family Life Parent Sessions

Grade 3/4 student and parent night Tuesday, June 21 @ 6:30pm
Grade 5/6 student and parent night Tuesday, June 21 @ 7:45pm
Grade 6 parent information session Thursday, July 14 @ 7pm

Curriculum Information Night

Literacy Wednesday April 20 @ 7pm
Numeracy Tuesday May 31 @ 7pm
Information Technology Thursday July 28 @ 7pm
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Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 1 Thursday March 17
Term 3 Thursday September 8





Learning & Teaching across Elwood PS

We welcome you to our Year Level Information Nights to meet your teachers, hear more information on Literacy, Numeracy and core curriculum areas in your child's grade level and also hear from our Specialist teachers. We will also inform you about: opportunities to volunteer, homework and classroom expectations, incursions and excursions to look forward to and more...

Monday 15th February

Level 1: Prep

Tuesday 16th February

Level 2: Grades 1 and 2

Wednesday 17th February

Level 3: Grades 3 and 4

Thursday 18th February

Level 4: Grades 5 and 6

All Information Nights start at 7.00pm in the JLC.

Please take this opportunity to meet the 2016 Teaching Teams, hear more about our Home and School Partnerships and our Learning and Teaching Programs. This is also an opportunity to go into the classrooms, look around and spend some time with your child's teacher.

We hope to see you there.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

