



Community Link

www.elwoodprimary.vic.edu.au

Phone 9531 2762

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

Please Note!

Thursday 25 February

Prep - Grade 2 School Photos

Friday 26 February

Summer Sport - Grade 5 & 6

Monday 29 February

3.00pm Assembly - Grade 1 Choir

Thursday 3 March

District Swimming for qualifying
Students in Grades 4 - 6
Grade 4 Shrine of Remembrance

Friday 4 March

Summer Sports - Grade 5 & 6

Saturday 5 March

Community Market
All Grade 5's rostered

Monday 7 March

Curriculum Day
Student Free Day

Thursday 10 March

Grade 4 - Shrine of Remembrance

Friday 11 March

Summer Sport - Grade 5 & 6

Monday 14 March

Labour Day
Public Holiday

Tuesday 15 March

Life Ed - Grade 2

**Monday 7 March
Curriculum Day
Student Free Day**

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School Council

School Council nominations closed last Friday with the number of nominations matching vacancies which means that no election is required. We would like to welcome our four new parent reps to School Council: Hayden Janney, Paul Bell, Andrew Gyopar and Christina Redlich, who has been a community member for a number of years. Our two new DET reps are Poeta Hope and Corey Hall. A full list of School Council members and our Sub Committee groups will be published after our new School Council meets on Wednesday 23 March.

Staff News

Both Kristy Nicola (Prep) and Leyna Parkes (Art) are expecting their first child. We are very excited for them and wish them all the best during this exciting time. They will both be with us until late Term 2.



We have commenced the process of finding and appointing the best teachers to fill these roles in the absence of Kristy and Leyna.

100 Year Celebrations - 2017

We had our first working party meeting two weeks ago. We covered a range of topics from open days, market involvement, school functions, art works, magazines, community tiles, class activities, logos, slogans, our school concert and trivia night. Our next meeting is on Thursday 3 March at 4:00pm. If you are interested in joining this group we would love to have you on board. Please let myself or the office know if you would like to attend. We will be meeting in our new Library/Information Learning Hub.

Lost Property

On Wednesday during class photos one of our Grade 6 students put her black Fitbit on the bricks near the stage where the photos were being taken. When she returned after the photos the Fitbit was gone. We would appreciate all students and families keeping an eye out for it in the yard and having a thorough look through their belongings to ensure it hasn't been picked up by mistake. Also, a red Ripstick went missing from the senior school bike shed last week. Could you please check to see if it has ended up at your home by mistake. The owner is very upset and anxious for its return. If these items are found, could they please be returned to the office.

Rob Csoti

Market News

Calling All Bakers!

Take your passion for baking and avoid the implications for your waistline by baking for the market. Every cent made from your yummy cakes, biscuits and slices adds to the success of our markets and contributes financially to the school. You can leave baked goods at the kitchen on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning before 9.00am. There are never too many cakes to satisfy our hungry market goers so please get baking!

Grades 5G, 5J, 5N, and 5S are rostered to volunteer for the market on Saturday 5 March 2016. The market can't happen without your help! Please check your emails for a reminder from your class rep or go to the market website <http://www.elwoodmarket.com/volunteer> to volunteer.

The market only exists because of the commitment of Elwood Primary families to volunteer so thanks and keep up the good work! We look forward to seeing you at the next market, on Saturday 5 March

Elwood Community Market Committee

CHICKEN POX - Health Alert

There has been confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in Prep and Grade 3. You may be at high risk if you do not have immunity including newborns, pregnant women and those immunosuppressed individuals with haematological malignancies, on chemotherapy, high dose steroids or HIV infection. If you have any concerns contact your local doctor or visit <http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/chicken-pox.asp>

Due to Immunisation, many cases of the disease present with few symptoms, however the disease is still highly contagious and should be reported to the school. Chicken Pox is a notifiable disease and is reported to the Department of Health for better health management in future. A visit to your doctor is recommended.

Kitchen Garden News

Welcome

We are so happy to be back in the garden again!! Welcome to the families who are new to our program. We would also like to acknowledge our many community volunteers, including a number of new ones who have started working with us this

year. The program could not run as it does without the wonderful contribution that these people make. Many of these volunteers have been coming every week for years. If you know someone who might be interested in spending time in the garden, do encourage them to contact us.



Goodbye to our Chickens

Our chickens have gone to a retirement farm! They were getting old and hardly laying any more. The grandmother of some of our students has taken them to her farm in the country where she keeps lots of chickens. Thanks to Holly Brown for organising that for us. We will be getting some new young chickens soon. Keep an eye on the chicken coop!



Help needed

A school family wants to donate two veggie crates to the garden but has no way of transporting them from their home to the school. We need someone with a trailer or ute to help us. It is close by in Elwood. If you can help, please contact Kate.

Kate Bulling (Garden Specialist)

bulling.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

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

EPS Sailing Team

On Monday 22 February, 8 students from EPS went sailing at Albert Park Lake along with other students from various other schools to compete in the Victorian Junior School Sailing Carnival on a boat called an Opti, which is the same type of boat used in the Tackers Learn to Sail program at sailing clubs.

The students from EPS were Cassie 6L, George 6T, Charlie 5J, Mattia 5J, Alice 5J, Noah 4L and Luca 4A and myself from 5G. Everyone had fun and learnt a lot about racing and sailing rules.

Our school came 4th overall, which was a great achievement since most of the students had either never sailed alone and/or competed in a racing environment before. Mattia was awarded the Umpire's Choice Encouragement Award and Cassie was awarded the overall Encouragement Award.

At the end everyone finished the day with a smile on their face and their enthusiasm towards sailing had lifted. They all wanted to do the next competition in November 2016.

By Will 5G



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

Parent Seminars

Accomplished keynote speakers present on parenting challenges in the 21st Century and across the lifespan to promote thought, discussion and action.

Impacts of the 21st Century on Childhood & Parenting
Dr. Daniel Donahoo, Producer & Writer (Huffington Post) - Tuesday 8 March at 7.30pm

Families Coping - Effective Strategies for you and your child

Assoc. Prof. Dr Erica Frydenberg Psychologist & Research Fellow - Tuesday 15 March 7.30pm

Positive Development across the Lifespan

Dr Judy Crigan Melbourne Graduate - School of Education - Tuesday 19 April at 7.30pm

Tickets \$10 per person per seminar

www.trybooking.com - search "trinity"

To be held at Trinity Uniting Church, 15 Black Street, Brighton. Enquiries to 0419 872 532



The United Jewish Education Board - UJEB - would like to hear from you with expressions of interest for a new initiative for Jewish learning at your school. A Jewish studies program would be offered on either Monday or Thursday afternoon from 3:45 - 5:00pm, encompassing an enriched, new curriculum delivered by accredited educators.

If you are interested in an afternoon Jewish studies program based at Elwood Primary School please contact re@ujeb.org.au or call 9523 6844.

Attachments: Elwood College Open Night

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ELWOOD COLLEGE

TOGETHER WE GROW



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.

RSVP: Phone 9531 9566
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