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Please Note!

Friday 3 June

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Winter Sport - Grades 5 & 6
Reconciliation Event - 3C, 3K,
3V, 3N & 6J

Saturday 4 June

Community Market -
All Grade 2 rostered

Mon - Wed 8 June

Grade 6 Camp

Wed - Fri 10 June

Grade 5 Camp

Monday 6 June

3.00pm Assembly - Gr 1 performing

Wednesday 8 June

Enhanced Learning (Cancelled)

Friday 10 June

Winter Sport - Grade 5 & 6

Monday 13 June

Public Holiday
No school

Wednesday 15 June

Enhanced Learning
6R Bookstore Visit

Monday 13 June
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

Market News

Grades 2A, 2C, 2L and 2R are rostered to volunteer for the market this Saturday 4 June. 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, so thanks and keep up the good work!

Sarah Gyopar (sarah@gyopar.com)

Elwood Community Market Committee

Message from Joanna Stanford - Principal Intern

Thank you to all the Elwood Community for welcoming me into such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

As a part of my "Unlocking Principal Potential" course at Bastow Institute I have a four week internship with a high performing Principal. My goal was to be placed in a school that had high standards for all students, and had strong community engagement, both locally and globally.

For two weeks, I have been part of your wonderful school community. It has been an honour to see the dedication of all staff to ensure learning is engaging and personalised for every student and the strong sense of community in every layer of the school. I have been fortunate to see, hear and be a part of many of these, from welcoming the new 2017 Prep families, the Community Market, School Council, Enhanced Learning and the preparation for the Biggest Morning Tea, just to name a few.

I have learned so much that will be of benefit to Derrimut Primary School and my leadership development and I am looking forward to continuing this learning journey with you in Term 3.

Thank you again.

Joanna Stanford - Assistant Principal
Derrimut Primary School



Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea

Join us in raising funds for the Cancer Council here at EPS in the Hall on Friday 3 June from 9.00-10.30am. Yummy treats donated by local bakeries and cafes, plus food from the Great EPS Bake Off will be on offer with tea and coffee. Senior School Choir performances, raffles, fun and chatting! **100% of note donations for entry and coins for raffles and any other proceeds go directly to the Cancer Council.**

Staffing

Kristy Nicola and Leyna Parkes are both finishing at Elwood PS on Friday to commence Family Leave. Both Leyna and Kristy are excited about the birth of their first child in the next 4 -5 weeks.

Leyna has conducted an amazing Visual Arts program allowing each student to build their skills and flourish creatively. The pieces our students complete are truly amazing with the art show a real highlight.

Kristy has worked in both Prep and Grade 2 over the last three years having a huge impact with many students. Both teachers will be missed and we wish them all the best.

Rob Csoti

Team Holiday Elwood

We're loving being at Elwood Primary and according to your feedback, you are too! We just wanted you all to know we have a long standing partnership with Elwood Primary School and are completely committed to providing quality care, quality staff and amazing experiences each and every holiday period.



We look forward to seeing you and your little treasures over the Winter break.

Attachments:

What's Happening at EPS Week 7 & 8
Big Night Out
Code Camp

Visit from The Hon. James Merlino MP and Stephanie Alexander

The Deputy Premier & Education Minister; The Hon. James Merlino MP and Stephanie Alexander attended Elwood PS to tour our Kitchen Garden Program yesterday.

They made a significant announcement pledging 2.1 million dollars to further develop the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program across Victoria.

Two of our student leaders (Coco & Thomas) spoke beautifully about the program and led an impressive tour of the kitchen and garden.

Congratulations to all of the kitchen garden team for the amazing program they put on. Our wonderful program is a shining light amongst the many schools involved in the program.

Rob Csoti



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



What's happening during Weeks 7 & 8 at Elwood Primary School?

Level 1 (Prep)

Literacy:

This fortnight in Literacy we will be continuing to learn all about digraphs by introducing the 'sh' and 'th' sounds. When reading, we will be looking at how we can make connections between characters and settings from different stories. We will also be practising how we can chunk sounds together when we are reading to help us decode unknown words. During our Big Talk and Big Write we will be learning about 'Fantasy'. Our VCOP foci are 'Openers' and 'Connectives'. We will also be continuing to work hard on include lots of 'wow' words into our writing.

Maths:

This fortnight in Numeracy we will be revising location. This will include building our vocabulary about location, using and drawing maps from a bird's eye view and describing positions of objects such as: next to, beside, above, below and in front of. We are also learning about 2D shapes. The children will be using describing words such as: sides, straight and curved and recognising shapes in the world around us. During week 8 we will be learning about how we compare and measure lengths of objects through informal measurements such as using blocks and string.

Investigations:

Following on from our Silly Science incursion, we will be continuing to conduct a number of science based experiments during our Investigations. The children will also be immersed in 'Fantasy' through books, dress-ups and special interest tables. We will be looking at our YCDI and Manners Matter of setting goals and how we can include others.

Level 2 (Grade 1 & 2)

Reading: In Reading we are immersing ourselves into the text type of Poetry. Classes will be gathering their favourite poems and sharing them with each other. We will be looking for colourful language that helps us visualise as readers.

Writing: This week we are continuing to investigate homophones and homographs as well as adjectives for our VCOP vocabulary focus. Next week we will begin to plan and draft our very own poems, we look forward to sharing them with you. For handwriting we are practicing the stand alone letters s, i, x, e.

Maths: In Maths we are learning about subtraction. We will be using a range of different strategies that can be used to solve addition and subtraction problems. We aim to use the most efficient strategy. Subtraction is the inverse of addition, that is, one undoes the other e.g. $5+8=13$ $13-5=8$. Knowing addition facts helps you to learn subtraction facts and there are specific symbols that are used to represent subtraction.

Investigations: During Investigations this fortnight we are monitoring our use of energy in terms of heaters and power points. We are aiming to minimize our black balloons in the classroom.

Level 3 (Grade 3 & 4)

Literacy: This fortnight our Year 3 students will continue to explore persuasive texts through looking at key text features and the text structure. Our students will begin to further unpack elements of a persuasive text such as arguments and the use of emotive language.

Our Year 4 students continue to explore an explanation text looking at the key features of how and why something works. This fits perfectly into our physics inquiry as we begin to unpack forces such as magnetism, gravity, friction and push and pulling.

As part of V.C.O.P our Level 3 students are continuing to explore scaffolded and modelled writing analysis and self-reflection through a fortnightly break down buddies session. From this the students self-select writing goals to help them up level (improve) their work and focus on their area of need.

Maths: Students in Level 3 will continue to focus on the operations of multiplication and division. Students will have lots of opportunities to practise skip counting, recalling multiplication facts and their related division facts in various orders and understand the connection between these fact families. It is a national expectation that students are able to quickly recall all multiplication and division facts up to 10x10 by the end of Year 4. We encourage a strong conceptual understanding of arrays and sharing before we move onto further strategies and formal algorithms in Year 4.

Inquiry: This fortnight Year 3 students will also begin discussions into their Term 2 Education Research Projects (ERPs) highlighting their inquiry into Earth Science. Students will be working closely with their teacher to complete their proposal forms. Inquiry sessions will begin to focus on learning about a variety of research sources and how to use these to effectively answer their learning intentions within their projects.

During this fortnight our Year 4 students will also begin discussions around their Physics based ERPs. Students will work in small groups or pairs choosing a force to explore and design an experiment to complete. Students will work together to plan their experiment, ensuring that they are conducting a fair test and completing a scientific write up sharing their findings.

Level 4 (Grade 5 & 6)

Literacy: In reading grade 5 classes are developing their comprehension skills through visualisation. We are improving our ability to picture the text in our minds as we read to further engage in written work and make meaning from words. During regular Book Club sessions we will practise visualising and compare and contrast our different views. Grade 6 classes are continuing to analyse the texts we read. This fortnight classes will be exploring a variety of literary devices that authors use to convey meaning and add spice to their writing. We are also working on using evidence from the text to justify our opinions.

In writing grade 5 classes are working on planning fantasy stories in a thorough manner ensuring we include the most important features of the genre. We will be working on carefully crafting engaging openings that set the scene and draw in our readers. Grade 6 classes are continuing to plan and draft our discussion texts, looking at different persuasive techniques we can use and exploring different connectives that help us to link our paragraphs and present both sides of the argument.

Maths: Grade 5 and 6 classes are finishing our focus on multiplication and division and beginning work on our measurement unit focusing on length, area and perimeter. Grade 5 classes are focusing on choosing appropriate units when measuring length, area and perimeter. Grade 6 classes are focusing on converting between metric units of measurement.

Inquiry: This fortnight in physics, grade 5 classes will be exploring the variety of sources that can be used to generate electricity. We will be looking at the different types of energy that are used around the school. The students have loved conducting experiments in class and are now beginning to develop their own ideas for their ERP (educational research projects).

Grade 6 classes have identified issues relating to the biodiversity of our local area and students are choosing an area of interest to them and beginning to develop Educational Research Projects that can help to bring awareness and solutions to the issues.

Camp: Camp is approaching and many students are looking forward to this highlight of the year. This year Grade 5 and 6 classes are headed to Anglesea YMCA located on the Great Ocean Road. Our students will be enjoying activities including mountain bike riding, geocaching, nature walks, and more. Grade 6: Monday June 6th - Wednesday June 8th. Grade 5: Wednesday June 8th - Friday June 10th.

Elwood Primary School
proudly presents

CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA

★ **FRIDAY 29 JULY** ★
AT 7PM

THE BIG NIGHT OUT
AT THE ST KILDA TOWN HALL

TICKETS ON SALE FROM WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE

Food & entertainment provided in ticket price.
Drinks at bar prices.



CODECAMP

LEARN TO CODE

Build your own iPhone app at Elwood Primary School



Learn to code, have fun, be creative, and enjoy using logic and problem solving to build your very own iPhone app at Code Camp at Elwood Primary School during your school holidays!



Elwood Primary School



June 29 - July 1
9am-3:30pm



Beginner
Years 2-6



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