



Elwood Primary School

Prep 2026



The Team at Elwood

Principal: Nicole Richards

Assistant Principal: Rosie Grosso

Assistant Principal: Ari Peters

Teaching, Learning & Wellbeing: Sara Walsh

Leading Teacher in Prep: Nick

Classroom Teachers in 2026:

Georgia, Ryan, Ariane

Specialist Teachers - Music, Art, Library, Wellbeing, STEM, Phys Ed,
Indonesian from Grade 2.

Additional Staff - Tutors, Aides, Business Manager, Nurse, Front Office
staff, Building and Grounds manager.



Team Kids

And our epic events

HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS AND LIFE-LONG MEMORIES!



Yummy snacks...

TEAMKIDS MENU
MONDAY

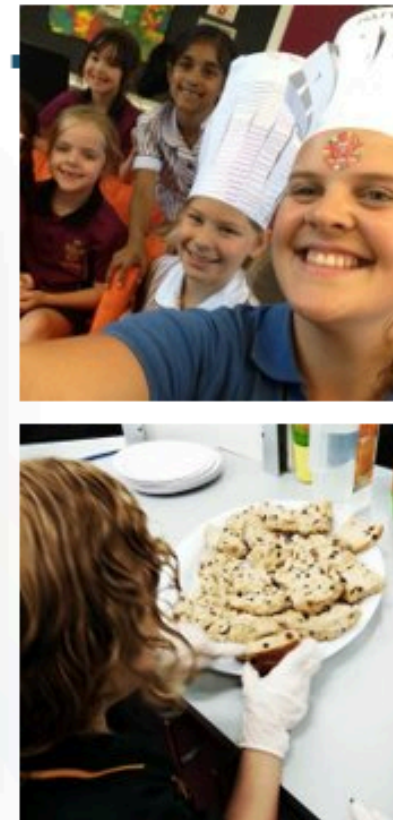
BREAKFAST
Toasted Cheese and Tomato Sandwiches and Fruit

AFTERNOON TEA
Carrot, Cucumber, Mini Pizza Faces, Muffins, Fruit, Wholegrain Crackers, Reduced Fat Cheese and Hummus Dip.

TEAMKIDS MENU
THURSDAY

BREAKFAST
Banana Pikelets/Pancakes with Reduced Fat Yoghurt

AFTERNOON TEA
Sushi, Hummus Dip, Carrot, Cucumber, Celery Sticks, Wholegrain Crackers and Reduced Fat Cheese.



Holiday programs

BEST HOLIDAY PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA! VOTED BY OUR PARENTS



BIG SCHOOL Ready SUMMER PROGRAM

Supporting your child to make a happy transition to primary school!

SKILLS IN FOCUS
INDEPENDENCE
Self-reliant children are curious explorers of new environments & relationships.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Big changes in a little person's life can feel overwhelming. Our **BIG SCHOOL Ready** Summer Program supports school readiness through a fun program, practicing the important skills your child has begun to learn at kinder, preschool & day care.

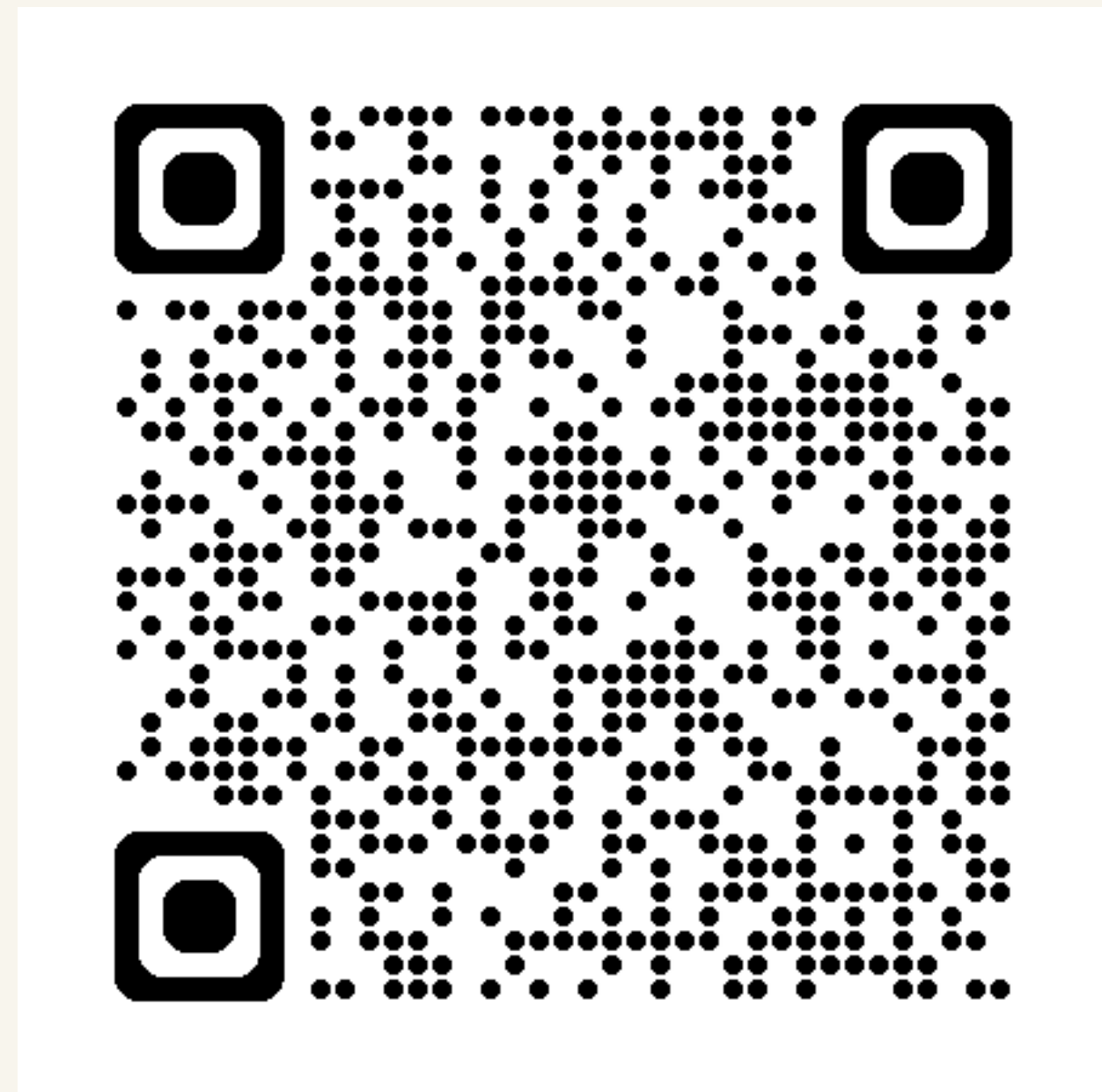
REGISTER AND BOOK HERE!

Booking is easy

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

- 1 Sign in to your TeamKids account.
- 2 Select the following:
Add/Change bookings » Care Type »
Child's Name » Date (it will turn green).
- 3 Click "**Next**".
- 4 Double check your bookings and click
"**Confirm Changes**".

The screenshot shows the TeamKids booking interface. At the top right is the 'Team Kids' logo. The main heading is 'Update After School Care Bookings for Child's Test'. Below this are input fields for 'Service Name' (with a dropdown arrow) and 'Child Name' (with a dropdown arrow). A yellow banner below the inputs contains the text: 'For any on the day bookings or questions please call the service directly on 0407 860 150'. Below the banner is a legend for 'Program Type' with color-coded boxes: Available (orange), Cancelled (grey), Full (red), and Service not opened (light grey). The main area displays two calendar grids for May and June 2019. An orange arrow points to a date in the June calendar, with a callout box stating: 'Choose the day(s) you would like to book your child in, simply by clicking on the date'. Below the calendars is a 'SCROLL DOWN' button with a downward arrow. At the bottom, there is a summary section with a dropdown menu set to 'add' and a text field containing 'all Weekdays', followed by 'between' and 'and' fields, and an 'Apply' button. Below this are 'Next' and 'Back' buttons. An orange arrow points to the 'Next' button, with a callout box stating: 'Scroll down to the bottom and click next'.



Market date - 6th
December

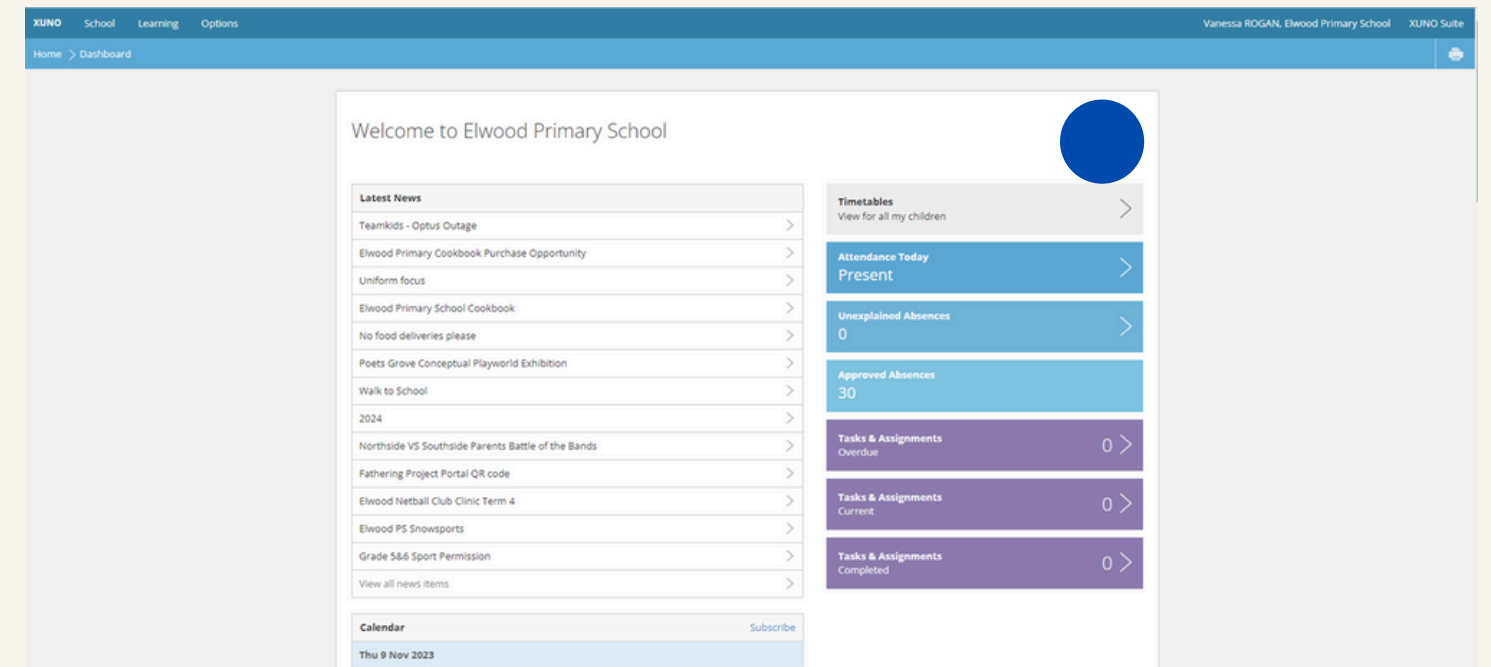
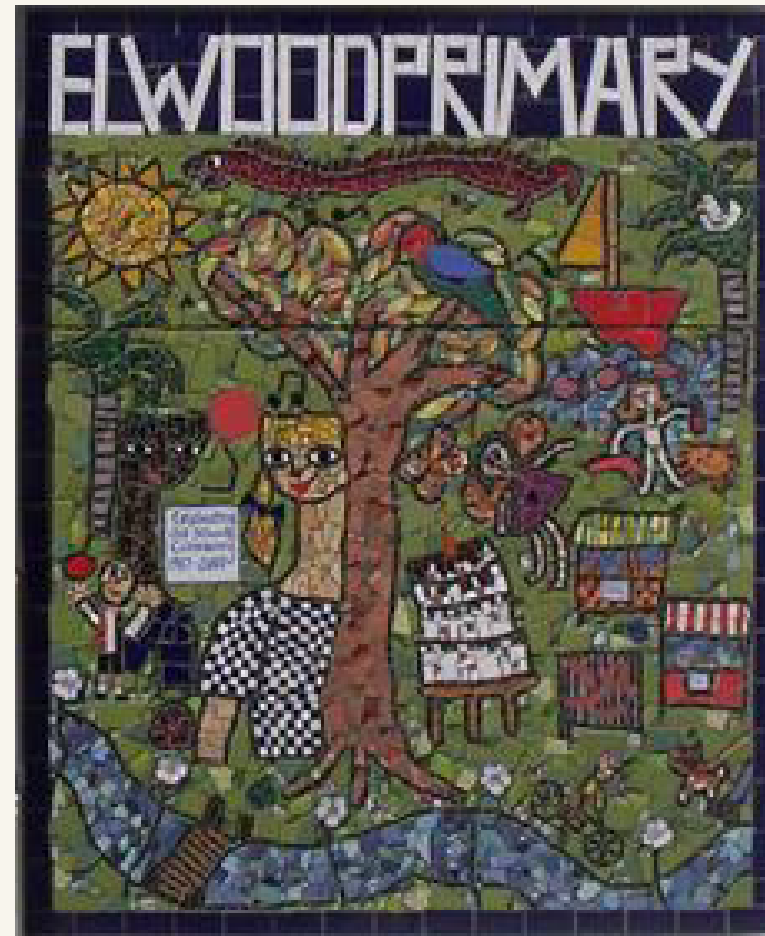
Website: <https://www.elwoodmarket.com.au/>

Facebook :

www.facebook.com/elwoodcommunitymarket/

Information Pack

School Handbook
Team Kids flyer
Xuno
Parent Contribution



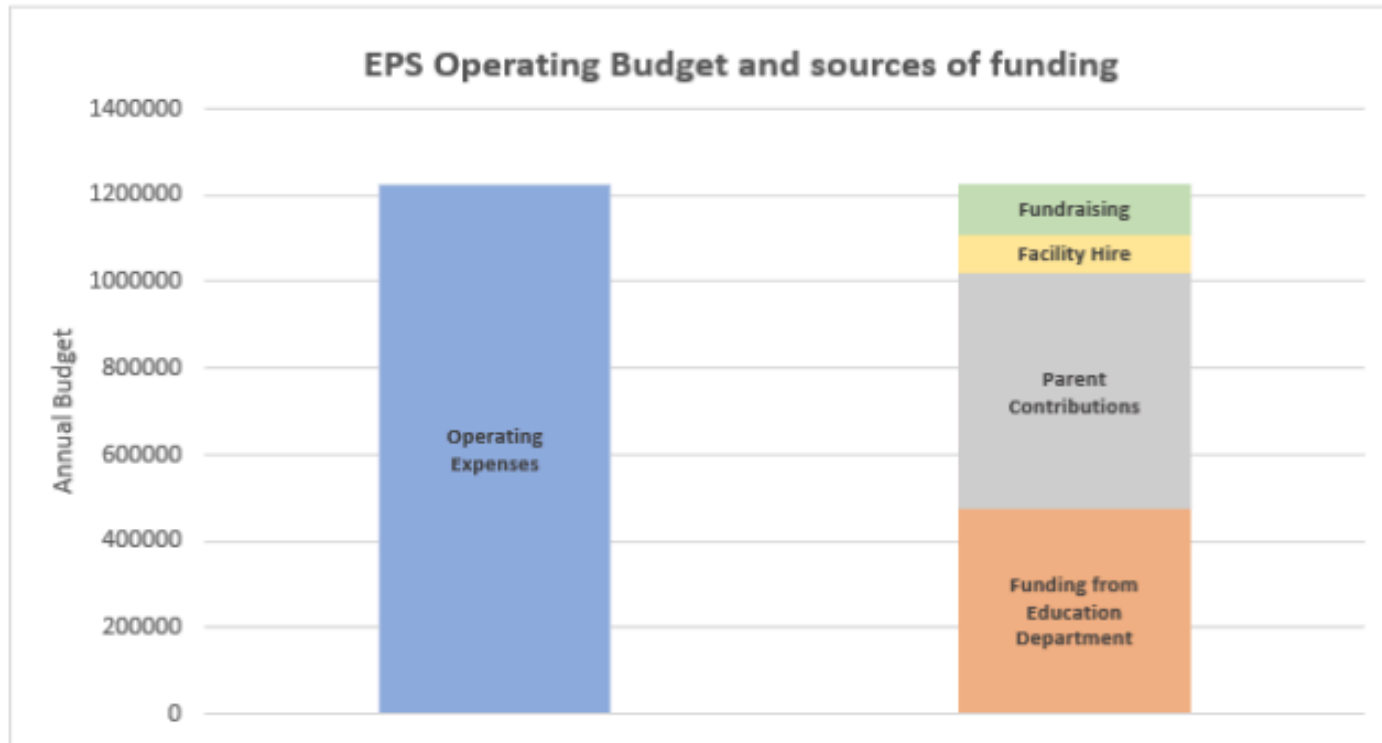
Family Payments

- *Beyond the standard education

- *Office or Xuno

- *Term by term or year





*Annual operating expenses
of around \$1.2million
*\$470,000 from
Government Funding

A shortfall of \$750,000 for stationery and replenishment throughout the year, iPads, pencils, bills, playgrounds, excursions, cleaning, utilities, calculators, incursions, art and craft supplies, produce for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, buses to sport, laptops and all the things that make EPS amazing - The POD, Whole School Productions at the Palais and Art Shows, Learning and Teaching Coaches, our own Speech Pathologist and School Psychologist and more...

*We anticipate needing parent contributions of about \$550,000 for us to have sufficient funds.

*@\$1000 per child for the year OR around \$290 a term OR
\$6 per school day per child.

Elwood Primary School - Above the standard

It is the financial contributions from parents that allows Elwood Primary School to deliver a stronger & more diverse program that is *above the standard* of other schools and beyond the current government funding received.

With your contributions in 2025, we can continue to offer & provide the many things that make Elwood Primary School unique & above others!



Extensive Specialist Programs & Whole School Production & Art Shows

A focus on the creative and visual Arts, enhanced by wonderful opportunities to shine such as our Whole School Production and Art Show.



Teacher Aides

Additional staff, providing one on one support in classrooms and in the playground.

Kitchen & Garden Program

Over 16 years of educating our students on the philosophy of harvest to plate.

A leading school in the Beachside Network.



Smaller than standard class sizes

Our class sizes are kept as low as possible.



Nurses Onsite

Registered Nurses on duty in the First Aid room each day. They provide staff with anaphylaxis and EpiPen training also.

Student stationery supplies

Purchased for you in bulk to ensure quality and cost effectiveness & replenished throughout the whole year.



Tech Savvy

Learning enhanced by quality IT equipment in every room. We have dedicated learning hubs with computers and 3D printers, iPads and laptops available.

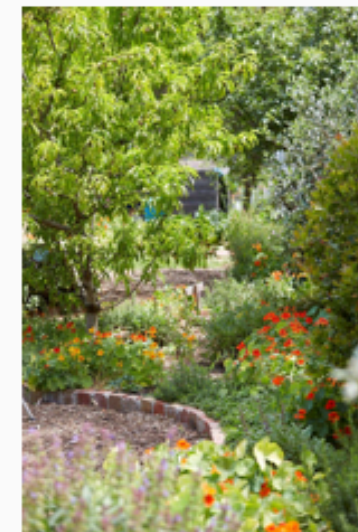


Wellbeing First

Specific focus on student and family mental health & wellbeing. Providing supports such as our own Speech Pathologist & Child Psychologist



Elwood Primary School - Above the standard



Beautiful Grounds

Well maintained gardens & play spaces, cared for by dedicated grounds staff.

Parent Networks

Opportunities to connect with other families, staff and experts, tap into parent clinics to help at home and get involved!



The POD

First school in Victoria to trial the creative imaginative Play Pod that is now embedded in our student play.



Tutors

Targeted Literacy and Numeracy Boost and Intervention programs Prep to 6



Education Support Staff

Professional, experienced and additional office staff for family communication and school needs.

Investigation and Inquiry Resources

These programs are successful due to the rich and innovative resources that are available to us.



Teaching & Learning Coaches

Provide support and professional development for staff and parents. Advocate for students and have expertise in curriculum and student learning.



Quality Literacy and Maths Resources

Every year we are able to update and access new and high quality resources for our students and teachers to enhance our excellent programs & teaching.



THANK YOU!

In 2026 Your Child's Grade

- The grades are organised to come up with the best combinations for teaching & learning and socialisation.
- We want a successful year, just like you.
- The structure of the grades are based on kinder input, parent input, friendships and kinder groups.
- We do not take requests for teachers - they are all fabulous!



PREP GRADE PLACEMENTS 2026:

Dear 2026 Prep Parents and Families,
Very soon the prep teachers will be creating classes for next year. When we create our classes there are various factors which influence our decisions. Could you please assist us in making these decisions by filling in the form below and returning it to the school office by Wednesday 26 November 2025.

Please note that not all names listed on your child's request can be accommodated.

Please have trust and faith in the Prep Team; we will be creating the best teaching and learning combinations possible, and we have all our students' best interests at heart.

Your child's name	
Parent contact name	
Parent contact phone number	
Your child's kinder name & group	

Please list **four names (WITH SURNAMES)** of friends you might like your child to possibly be in a class with.
This list is NOT in preferred order:

_____	_____
_____	_____

Transition Day

Tuesday 9th
December
11.30 - 12.30



11 weeks til school life begins...

What can you do to make sure it is a smooth start?



- *Let them hear you speak positively about school.
- *Build independence for self care and advocacy.
 - *Bathrooms and locks
- *Build time away from you and routines to separate.
 - * Time on task – should be 10 minutes or more.
 - *One teacher, so need to build their wait time.
- *Uniform, packing bags and lunchbox practice.
 - *Visit the school often.
- *Practice conversational skills and confidence with others.
 - *Have fun together with pencils, books, counting.

Also You Know Your Child BEST so...

Will they like to hear about school starting often?
Or are they more low key and may find a build up too much?

Starting at Elwood PS in 2026

Acknowledge all feelings

Your child will look to you for reassurance.

On the first day, bring your child to the classroom, please stay, take a few photos & when you feel the time is right say see you later.

If your child is upset, please stay a little longer. Sometimes passing your child to a teacher and quickly heading off is best.

We will be led by you,
We will always call you if your child is distressed and can't be settled.

You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So get on your way!

- Dr. Seuss, *Oh the Places*

You'll Go!



First Day of School

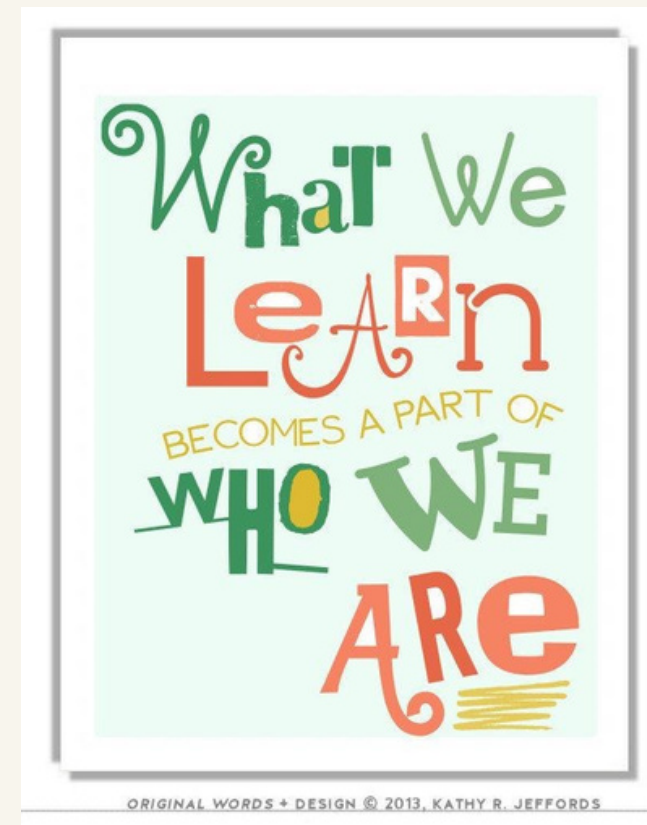
The first day of Prep is...

Thursday 29th January 2026

Staggered starts from 8.50am



The First 'Full' Week of School



**From the 30th January the Preps attend 4
days a week.**

**Prep students do not attend school on
Fridays till March.**

First 5 day week begins Monday 3rd March.

‘Getting to know your Child’ Session

On Fridays the students do not attend school.

Each teacher meets with every child one on one for 30 minutes to get to know them and note where they are at with their learning.

Please sign up on Transition day or early next year for 1 time that suits you.

Friday ‘Getting to Know Your Child’ Session 2026

Write your child’s full name, your name and contact number

Times	Friday 30 January	Friday 6 th February	Friday 13 th February	Friday 20 th February	Friday 27 th February
9.00 - 9.30					
9.30 – 10.00					
10.00 - 10.30					
10.30 – 11.00					
11.30 – 12.00					
12.00 – 12.30					
12.30 - 1.00					
1.00 - 1.30					



School Uniform

PSW Quality Apparel
Unit 1, 596 North Road
Ormond



Phone : 9768 0387

Online:

www.psw.com.au



School Supplies



Provided in the
classroom.

Blue reading bag
Library bag
Pencils
Glue sticks
Rubbers
Scissors
Books & folders

(Stationery replenished throughout the
year)

What you will need
to buy/bring...

School bag
Water bottle
Change of pants/
undies/socks
Tissues for the
classroom

'Anaphylaxis/Asthma

- We are a nut aware school
- At present we have a number of anaphylactic students at Elwood Primary School, most of which are food related
- We have a number of students who suffer asthma requiring intervention
- These are managed by an Anaphylaxis/Asthma Management Plans which has been signed off by a doctor
- Students with Anaphylaxis/Asthma meet with Rosie and Katie/Sue (School nurses)



Q and A



Get ready for
a great Prep
year at
Elwood in
2026!

