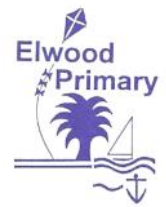




Newsletter



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Dear Parents

End of Term

Another term ends at Elwood PS. It has been a term jam packed with activities, learning, our School Review, School Council Elections, Parent Teacher Meetings, Information Nights, Sporting events, markets and our 100th Birthday Celebrations to name a few.

Our Staff

I would like to formally acknowledge and thank the wonderful, hard working and dedicated staff that we have at EPS. From the classrooms to the office to the Kitchen Garden they do an amazing job that has once again led to a smooth, happy and exciting Term 1. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team.

School Review

Day 2 of our School Review took place last Friday. The day was broken into two main parts with School Tone and Student Voice being the first focus and Building Teacher Capacity being the second focus. This involved classroom visits and forums with both students and parents who spoke about their reflections of Elwood PS both from a learning and school tone perspective. The second part of the day involved our coaches, leadership team and teachers talking about how their teaching and learning capacity is built through planning, coaching and mentoring.

Both days were cause for celebration and much reflection of our current curriculum and future focus areas. Our school data was scrutinised and positively endorsed by our reviewer and panel. Our school reviewer, Heather Norbury, will now write up the School Review report that will be tabled at School Council in May and communicated to our community through the newsletter and website. The findings from this review will

form our next 4 year strategic plan.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for Grade 3 and 5 students will commence in the week beginning May 8 (Week 4 Term 2). All parents in Grade 3 and 5 will receive a booklet next term explaining NAPLAN in detail.

NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy. All students in Australia in Grades 3 and 5, and Years 7 and 9, sit NAPLAN assessments. Students are assessed in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

All parents receive an individual report on how their child performed in the assessments later in the year. The school also receives these individual reports and data around how we have performed against state means and similar schools.

The Enhanced Learning Program returns to Elwood Primary School

Selected students from Grade 5 and 6 will be able to participate in this program. There will be two groups of 8 - 10 students in the program.

This program has run successfully over the last six years and has two main parts:

Part 1: Focused Educational Support to enhance student selected learning goals. This may also include the completion of homework.

Part 2: Enhanced Learning opportunities in an exciting range of activities linked to students interest areas.

The program will take place after school from 3:45pm - 5:30pm. Students start with a snack then move into the educational support session

**29 March 2017
No. 5**

CALENDAR

Thursday 30 March
Bookstore visit - 5S

Friday 31 March
Try & Pick Grade 5 & 6 Sport

End of Term 1
Early finish at 2.30pm

Monday 17 April
Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Tuesday 18 April
Term 2 Resumes

Friday 21 April
ANZAC Day Assembly
10.15am for Grades 3 - 6
11.30am for Prep - Grade 2
Grade 5 & 6 Sport Practice

Monday 24 April
3.00pm Assembly - Orchestra
Performing

Tuesday 25 April
ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Wednesday 26 April
Teddy Berar's Picnic - Prep

Friday 28 April
Grade 5 & 6 Sport Practice

Tuesday 2 May
National Gallery of Victoria - Gr 1
House Cross Country
Sub Committees meet

Friday 31 March
End of Term 1
Assembly 2.15pm
Early finish 2.30pm

followed by the activity based session. Each group will have at least three leaders chosen from a teacher training university (which may include Monash, Victoria, Deakin, ACU or RMIT) and trained by myself and Jenny Zimbachs. Elwood College Year 10 students will also assist with each group.

Rob Csoti

Urgent Help Required



Call out to all grades for holiday chicken helpers. Would you like to feed our chickens and collect their eggs over the school holidays? Our chickens would be so grateful for your help. I would be happy to show you the ropes. Please contact me via email.

Kathy ... Garden Specialist
beckwith.kathryn.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

From the sushi lovers in 5N

5N wants an increased variety of sushi on our lunch menu. Don't you?

Milla P and Yasmin O'K from 5N, wrote a persuasive letter to Tempura Restaurant (the sushi lunch order providers) encouraging them to increase the variety of sushi on our lunch order menu. After taking a sushi survey (see attached) in the senior school, Milla and Yasmin presented their data and statistics in their letter to Tempura Restaurant which resulted in Crispy Chicken sushi being added to our lunch order menu for \$2.80 per roll.

Congratulations to Milla and Yasmin for showing such initiative, an outstanding and delicious result!!

Crispy Chicken sushi \$2.80 will be available on Sushi Wednesday's **starting in Term 2.**

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a Centrelink, Pensioner Concession or a Veteran Affairs Gold card you may be eligible to apply. You must also be a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government primary or secondary school. Please see the office for details.

Instrument Borrowing

Students and families who have borrowed instruments are asked please to contact me regarding either returning or continuing to borrow them. It's wonderful that so many students are taking up learning an instrument. Anyone who is learning outside of school can perform at our mid-year Soiree next term and play a music piece that you have finished and enjoy playing!

Kaz Sieger

sieger.kaz.kedumail.vic.gov.au

You Can Do It Using a friendly voice

This week, as part of You Can Do It and Getting Along – we are concentrating on using a friendly voice.



Along with body language, learning how we should use our voice is very important. Often it is not the words we say, but how we say them – that really let's people know how we feel.

We can use the tone and volume of our voice to convey lots of messages. Just think of how many different ways you can say the word "no".

Think about the way you use your voice to show people that you are friendly. Even when you have to say something that is difficult or you have to disagree with someone, you can use your voice in a way that is fair and friendly, not mean or unfriendly.

Perhaps over the holidays you can practice using your voice in many different ways and see what message it sends.

Manners Matter - Sorry

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.

Occasionally too, we make mistakes which inconvenience others. We might accidentally bump into someone or not hold a door open for them, or interrupt them at the wrong moment, or turn up late all sorts of things.

If these things do happen, quickly apologising by simply saying "sorry" shows the other person that you really did not mean to inconvenience them. And of course, try not to let it happen again. That is really saying sorry!

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



Our Global Calendar

Our Global calendar is a way to celebrate significant cultural and environmental events and is a terrific springboard for conversations at home! What's on in the coming weeks?

Month of April: **Adopt a Greyhound Month**

Greyhounds are very gentle dogs, but unfortunately the racing industry breeds far too many every year. They are exploited and mistreated by the racing industry which only has use for them while they run profitably. If the greyhound is not profitable it is most likely killed. It is a sad fact that only a fraction of the approximately 20,000 greyhounds bred each year is alive to be re-homed. Greyhounds need little exercise and generally spend about 18 hours a day sleeping, making them very suitable for people in little apartments. Website: www.adoptagreyhound.com.au/



1 April: **National Smile Day**

Smile day is The Humour Foundation's annual fundraising campaign. It is the one day of the year they ask the public to get involved in raising funds to help sick children SMILE in hospitals around Australia. Discover the power of a smile! Website: www.humourfoundation.com.au/



2 April: **World Autism Awareness Day**

Autism, a developmental disability, is a lifelong disorder that impairs social interaction, communication and behaviour. World Autism Awareness Day aims to increase understanding of the disability.



7 April: **Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide**

This day commemorates the deaths of 800,000 people who were murdered during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, central Africa.



10-18 April: **Passover**

Probably the best known Jewish holiday, Passover commemorates the story of the exodus, where the Israelites were freed from Egyptian slavery.



13 April: **Baisakhi - Sikh**

The harvest festival of North India, the beginning of the solar year. For Sikhs, it represents the founding of the Khalsa, a Sikh brotherhood. Baisakhi always falls on 13th or 14th April and this is also the Hindu New Year for North India.



14 April: **Good Friday**

Good Friday is a religious holiday primarily observed by Christians commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.



15 April: **Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD)**

Youth Homelessness Matters Day aims to raise awareness and public discussion about youth homelessness so that we can develop sustainable and innovative solutions for not only supporting the needs of homeless youth, but supporting the dreams of homeless youth.

16 April: **Easter Sunday**

On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion.

Please have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable school holiday. We shall see you in Term 2.

Nicole Richards ... Assistant Principal

School Holiday Activities

If you are looking for an activity for the kids during the school holidays there are flyers at the front office.

Artea Art School

Helen Pollard (Wednesday after-school art) is running a school holiday program. To register or for more information visit www.artea.com.au or 0415 039 791.

Melbourne Storm – Kids Free

Matches at AAMI Park
Saturday 1 April at 7.30pm
Sunday 9 April at 4.00pm
Adult tickets on sale at ticketek.com.au

Attachments:

Sushi Survey
Investigations Parent Session
Camp Australia / CSEF

Dear Tempura
sushi...

Sushi Lunch Order Survey!

Dear Tempura Sushi,

Yazzie and I are two students in 5N
at Elwood P.S and we demand an
increased variety of sushi on our Lunch
order menu.

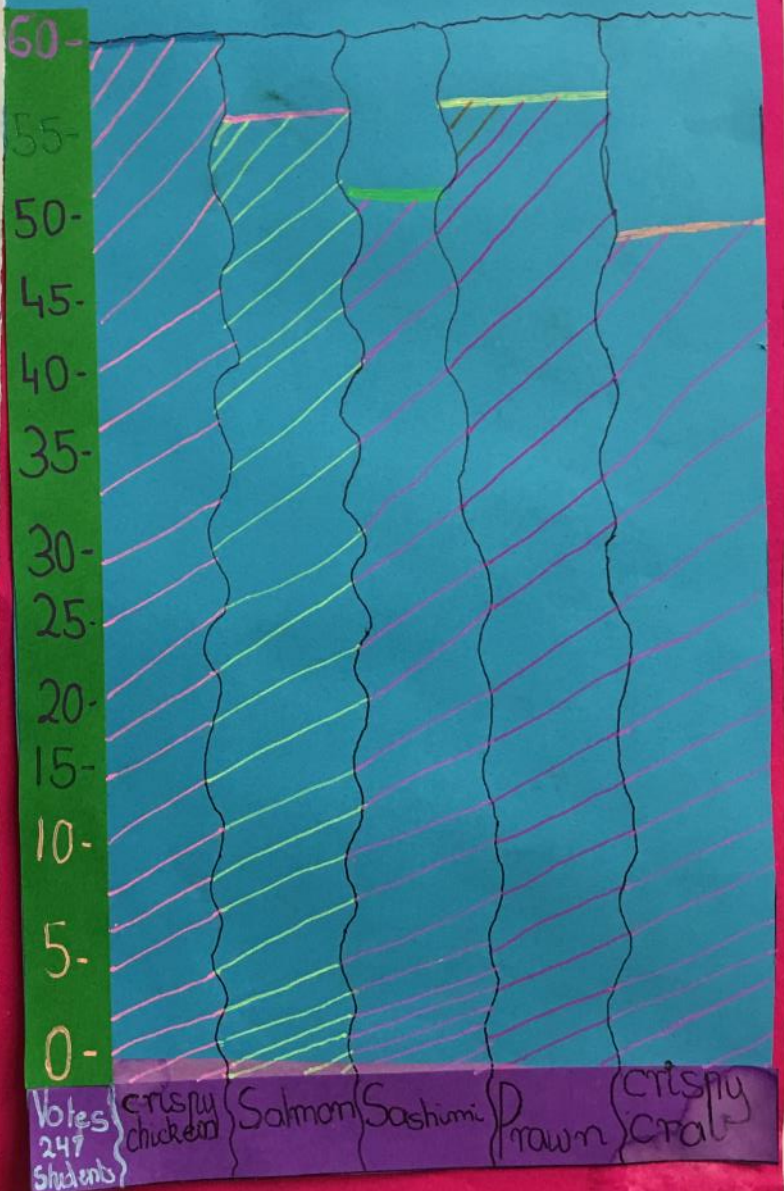
If you commit, you will make more money
because the students from Elwood P.S
will order more sushi from you due to
your larger selection.

ELWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE SICK
OF SAUSAGE ROLLS, MEAT PIES & HOT DOGS.
WE DESIRE & INSIST ON A MORE OF A
SUSHI OPTION!

We took a survey from 247 Students
and recorded the results. Please look
at our graph to see which ones we want
at school the most.

Tempura sushi... we challenge you to
Better our lunches. Are you up for
it? if so chop up that sushi, roll it and send it
our way.

From Yazzie and Milla





Elwood Primary School
Celebrating 100 Years 1917 - 2017

~Investigations Parent Session~

On the 8th of March over 50 parents joined us in the JLC to learn about Investigations in our Prep, One and Two classrooms. The parent feedback has been very positive and many found the night informative and inspiring.

Rob set the tone of the night by going through our beliefs around personalisation and teachers, Jacq, Steph and Lauren shared information on the thorough planning and structure of Investigations.

Nicole & I encouraged parents to be the Focus Children and they visited different Year 1 classrooms to see if they could identify the learning opportunities at all the different areas.

It was positive to hear so many parents being able to see beyond the initial play to uncover the learning that can be scaffolded through teacher questioning and direction.

A repeat of this Investigations session will be held during the day next term, so if you would like to know more about Investigations keep an eye out for the date in the newsletter.

Thank you to those that came out that night to hear us share our passion for Investigations at Elwood Primary.

Sara Walsh

Teaching and Learning Coach





- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities

GREAT FUN



HOLIDAYS!!!

Part 2

As the end of term is fast approaching, just a reminder to go to the Camp Australia website to look for the nearest Holiday Club and book your spot! There will be lots of fun activities taking place as well as a few excursions.

We would like to wish Divya and her husband all the best as they welcome their bundle of joy into their lives at the end of March. We will miss having Divya at the service but would like to thank her for all that she did, her dedication to the service was one we will not forget.

The Camp Australia Team

Program Details

Before Care: 07:15 – 08:45
After Care: 15:30 – 18:00

To find out more about the program, view fees and to register visit www.campastralia.com.au

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we make kids smile

THE
EDUCATION
STATE

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

