



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents

## Respect

At Elwood PS we pride ourselves on being respectful to others, their choices and their culture. Many of our students transition to a variety of school settings either at the end of Year 6 and on occasion other year levels. Parents make decisions about the best fit of educational setting for their child based on various reasons and we most certainly respect those choices. It is important for our students to feel confident about the choices their parents have made for them and at times comments have been made from other students or parents in our community that can affect a child's perception about their new school. I ask that you please talk to your child about this topic - particularly at this time of the year when decisions are being made. We also have these conversations with our students, particularly Grade 6 and throughout the school through our You Can Do It and Manners Matter Programs.



## Anzac Day assemblies at EPS

As part of the Inquiry unit on *Communities* the Grade Four students have been working on presenting an ANZAC Day Ceremony. It has become a tradition at EPS over the last four years. There will be two assemblies held Friday 21 April.

There will be an assembly at 10:15am for the senior school and 11:30am for the junior school and they are expected

to last for 45 minutes. You are all invited to attend these respectful and humbling assemblies.

## ANZAC day Ceremony

The annual ANZAC Day ceremony will be held at 9:00am on Tuesday 25 April on the Elwood foreshore in front of the Elwood Sailing Club. Our senior choir will be singing at this event which recognises this significant day for our community. See attached flyer.

## NAPLAN

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

## Staffing

Kate Helms will be leaving us at the end of next week to start her Family Leave. We all wish Kate and Bill the best for this exciting journey.

Kate has had a significant and profound impact on the many students she has taught over the last 14 years. The Prep and Grade 1 students will always remember Kate's kind, gentle and caring approach that has made being

**18 April 2017  
No. 6**

## CALENDAR

### 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

Scholastic Book Club Due  
National Gallery of Victoria - Gr 1  
House Cross Country  
Sub Committees meet

### Wednesday 3 May

National Gallery of Victoria - Gr 1  
Silly Science Incursion - Prep  
3.30-5.45pm Enhanced Learning

### Friday 5 May

National Gallery of Victoria - Gr 1  
Grade 5 & 6 Sport Practice

### Saturday 6 May

Community Market  
Grade 3 Rostered

### Monday 8 May

3.00pm Assembly - Senior Choir

### Tuesday 9 May

NAPLAN - Gr 3 & 5

### Wednesday 10 May

NAPLAN - Gr 3 & 5  
3.30-5.45pm Enhanced Learning

### Thursday 11 May

NAPLAN - Gr 3 & 5

in 1K such a lasting experience. The start to each child's educational journey has been hugely impacted by Kate. She will be missed and hopefully will re-join us in the future.

We have however found a wonderful replacement in Billy Godfrey who will be the new teacher in 1K.

### Lions Club

Many thanks to the Lions Club of Port Phillip who have generously donated \$1,000 to assist a number of students with camp payments later this year.

### Market News

At the last assembly of Term 1, I announced that the our market was having a Children's Book drive to sell at the market on Saturday 6 May.

We are asking for second hand children's books to be sent to your child's classroom by Friday 28 April. The class that donates the most books will win a class prize. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

### Uniform

A reminder to all parents that students must be in full school uniform at all times.

Some items have been appearing that are not Elwood Primary School Uniform. Leggings are not a uniform item worn by themselves; they need to be under a dress to be acceptable. All jumpers/windcheaters worn at school must be navy blue and have the school logo.

Black is not a school colour which means black leggings, shorts or tops are not acceptable.

Our yellow commemorative t-shirts can be worn to school in 2017 only. They will be available from the school office as soon as a new shipment arrives.

### Second Hand Uniform

What is so good about EPS is the support provided by our parents. The Second Hand Uniform shop is no exception as two parents have stepped forward to take over the co-ordination and running of this very important community service. Thanks to Susan De Jersey and Merryn Sunderland who are currently busy reorganising the whole process. They will re-open the service on Thursday 27 April.

### SunSmart

Hats need to be worn until the end of April in line with our SunSmart policy. Please remind your children to have their hats with them.

### Interschool Chess Tournament at EPS

EPS is hosting an inter-school chess competition on Monday 1 May. **ALL chess players at EPS are welcome to participate!** Any EPS student who knows how to play chess, and is able to participate in 6-7 games of chess. You do NOT need to have played in a competition before: this is the perfect opportunity to give it a try!

### Format of the chess comp:

- Every player plays 6-7 games, lasting 3-30 minutes.
- Chess players get brief breaks between every game and a lunch break.
- After the comp students return to their classroom until end of school day.

The competition is organized by Chesskids from 9.00am – 2.00pm in the school hall.

### How do I register my child in the comp?

Cost is \$20.00 payable on QKR. Please advise the school office of your child's name, grade and year of birth along with a parent's email address. If you would like to know more please contact me.

*Rob Csoti*

## Production Auditions

We are excited to announce auditions for Elwood Primary's centennial year whole school production. Senior students, please complete the attached form if you are interested in auditioning for a feature role in acting, backing vocals or solo singing. You will then receive an allocated time for a brief lunchtime audition which will focus on your chosen interests. A panel of teachers will consider the selection of students carefully to make sure the roles are distributed fairly and with everybody's best interests in mind. Remember to be yourself and have fun!

Bring your form back on Thursday 4 May and meet us at lunchtime in the Music room for a Q & A.

*Kaz & Paula*

## You Can Do It

### Term 2 : Organisation

Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher's

instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignment and homework due dates. Being organised helps you to learn at your best.



### Punctuality

Part of being a friendly and respectful Elwood Primary School kid is in being punctual to school and classes.

Being punctual simply means being on time. Unfortunately there are too many times when we are not as punctual as necessary. Being on time is very important.

At school it is important to be on time, ready and organised to begin learning whether it be at the beginning of the day or after recess and lunch.

Being on time shows that you are courteous and aware of the needs of those around you by not making them wait for you to arrive.

Children who are late to school or late to class during school time, often miss important information and this can leave them feeling left out for the whole lesson as well as disrupting classmates and teachers. If you are late to class it is hard to settle down and concentrate.

It is everyone's responsibility to be on time – mums, dads, kids and teachers. As we start a new term, we should make a special effort the next two weeks as well as throughout the year.

## Manners Matter - Give Way

Giving way is part of being polite and courteous.



With our school getting bigger and busier we really must practise the skill to **give way**. **Give way** at school is very much like **give way** on our roads. We wait first and then allow other to pass before we go. We need to **give way** to people coming *out* of doorways. Step back, perhaps even hold the door open for them. Be sensible though, if someone is carrying something heavy, then let them pass.

In the playground, giving way might mean letting some students continue their game, or retrieve their ball before you move into an area or play your game. Giving way in the playground also mean being aware of others around you, particularly adults and letting them pass your games safely, you may need to pause a game and let an adult walk through before resuming your game.

In the school buildings, **give way** means walking calmly and sensibly around corners and through corridors and ensuring that we watch for others as well as giving way at the doors.

Giving way 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?

### 22 April: Earth Day

Earth Day is a celebration of the environment we all share. It also acts as a day of conservation awareness.

### 25 April: Anzac Day

ANZAC Day is more than a commemoration of the day ANZAC troops landed on the beach at Gallipoli in 1915, it is a day of remembrance for all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We hope you can come along and take part in our special ANZAC Day assemblies being held by our students.



### 27 April: International Guide Dog Day

International Guide Dog Day is a day to celebrate the important role that guide dogs play in helping the blind and vision impaired enjoy safe and independent travel.



### 28 April: Pay it Forward Day

Based on a concept from a Catherine Ryan Hyde novel, Pay It Forward Day, urges people around the world to commit random acts of kindness. It is a day to do good deeds, and instruct the recipient of your good deed to 'pay it forward', and return the good deed to another person.



## St Kilda Footy Club visit

On Tuesday this week we had a visit from two players from the St Kilda Footy Club. We were lucky enough to have two high profile players visit our Grade 5 students and they were Nick Riewoldt and Jack Steven.

Both Nick and Jack were wonderful and held a session talking to our students about goal setting, striving for your best, what it is like to play in the AFL and then finished up with a Q & A session...with some interesting questions from our students.

All of the students and teachers enjoyed the session and hopefully we can have them come back in the future.





### 30 April: **International Jazz Day**

In November 2011, the UNESCO General Conference proclaimed 30 April as "International Jazz Day". The Day is intended to raise awareness in the



international community of the virtues of jazz as an educational tool and a force for peace, unity, dialogue and enhanced cooperation among people. Many governments, civil society organizations, educational institutions, and private citizens currently engaged in the promotion of jazz music will embrace the opportunity to foster greater appreciation not only for the music but also for the contribution it can make to building more inclusive societies.

### 1 May: **Kiss Goodbye to MS**

Throughout May you can get involved in Kiss Goodbye to MS events and activities taking place across the country. By taking part you will be helping support people with MS through funding vital research into the cause, cure and better treatments for the disease. The vision is to create a world free of MS.

### 1 May: **Beltane**

Beltane was a traditional Gaelic harvest festival, and was popularised as the 'Celtic new year.' It traditionally marked the beginning of summer.

Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating! Make sure you commit random acts of kindness and make Pay It Forward Day everyday!

*Nicole Richards* ... Assistant Principal

### **Attachments:**

Maths Challenge no 2

Audition Expression of Interest

EPS Children's Book Drive

Ladies who Lunch Fundraising Event

ANZAC Day in Elwood



## ELWOOD COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

— THURSDAY 27 APRIL 6.30PM —

Meet our teachers and learn about our new facilities.

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

For prospective Year 7 students and families:

Tuesday 21 March ..... 9.15am

Tuesday 16 May ..... 9.15am & 5pm

For all other prospective students (starting Year 8-11):

Tuesday 28 March ..... 9.15am

**BOOKINGS:** Online at [www.elwood.vic.edu.au](http://www.elwood.vic.edu.au)  
look under the **CONTACT** tab.

Phone 9531 9566 or email  
[elwood.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:elwood.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **Scholastic Book Club**

The Book Club catalogue will be coming home soon with your child.

**DUE DATE: Tuesday 2 May**

If Paying by Credit Card and/or Vouchers – please order online at [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

No need to return any forms to school. You can order for multiple children with the one transaction.

Please ensure you link each child's order to their class. Class names are listed as the two digit code (eg 1K) and the teacher's surname.

If Paying by Cash or Cheque – please return your completed order form with payment to the classroom teacher. Please ensure cash payments are the correct amount as we are unable to give change.

If you have any queries please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you

*Book Club Parent Volunteers*



# TERM TWO SPECIALIST OVERVIEW

## Music Program - Kaz Sieger

**Preps** come to Music once a week to sing and play. We will explore and develop greater understanding of musical concepts through musical games, dancing and using instruments. We are continuing to focus on performing accurately and identifying musical elements of rhythm and pitch. Students are encouraged to perform confidently in front of an eager audience and have fun!

**Grade 1 & 2** will be performing and creating music by singing, playing instruments and musical games. Through class activities students find ways to compose, improvise and perform in groups. We're continuing to improve in reading and writing rhythm and pitch. We'll explore new musical concepts and enjoy making music together! Each student is asked to perform in the Grade One or Grade Two Choir at assemblies throughout the year.

**Grade 3 & 4** are continuing to learn how to play the recorder! We will be learning, practicing and analyzing the pieces to reinforce music concepts. We'll create music through composing and improvising. We are working on playing in tune with good tone, tonguing notes and reading music fluently.

Each individual Grade Four student will begin to concentrate on a modern instrument. They learn more challenging notation and develop their aural skills through activities and games. Students will be continuing to improve in reading and writing music. They share musical ideas with others and are working towards composing with more complex structures. Students may still join the 3/4 Choir if they're interested.

**Grade 5 & 6** are working on forming a band. They choose to whether to compose their own material or learn a song. Students will make a contribution to the band by playing, organizing parts, writing arrangements, refining their performance, learning the chords and helping each other. They write a plan and reflect on what they've achieved. Students share their feedback about performances, which the class may discuss. Students use computers and percussion instruments to develop their musicality and reinforce musical knowledge. The Music Leaders coordinate and run the Talent Show on Wednesday lunchtimes. Thanks.

## PE & Sport - Sam Casey, Jay Tucker & Sarah Galbraith

For more information on all things Sport and PE @ Elwood PS, check out the website: [www.elwoodpspe.com](http://www.elwoodpspe.com)

**Prep** are continuing to develop their understanding of rules and boundaries of more complex games, while increasing their confidence moving around in different spaces. They are learning the techniques for different types of throws and how to apply these skills within minor games.

**Grade 1 & 2** will begin to apply throwing and catching skills to small-sided games and investigating how passing skills can be used in minor games, whilst using different equipment. They will also develop their kicking skills and apply these within minor games, as well as continuing to build an understanding of how we work in a team environment. Through this we are also developing knowledge of rules to different games.

**Grade 3 & 4** are developing more sports specific skills for kicking and throwing and catching sports, including AFL and Netball. The students will also be learning how to make links between invasion games to develop understanding of tactics. Through this they will build knowledge of the rules for each sport and identify similarities between different invasion games, using this knowledge to develop how we play.

**Grade 5 & 6** are continuing more complex, sports specific skills for throwing and catching sports, as well as kicking sports. They will continue to make links between invasion games and further develop an understanding of tactics. The students will build understanding of moving into space, effective communication, timing and effective decision-making. Furthermore, they will also have the opportunity to take on different roles of positions, umpires and coaches. This will build understanding of the difference and importance of each roles and why we need them.

**Grade 5 & 6 Winter Sports & Round Robin** : The sports for this term are AFL, Netball, Soccer, T-Ball and Hula Hoop & Skipping. After several practise sessions we compete against other schools in our district in some friendly matches. Like term 1, we will again have a Round Robin day against other schools in the Balaclava District which will be held on Friday 16 June.

## **LOTE Program - Kirsteen Reid & Made**

**Grade 2 :** After an exciting start to the year we will be starting a new topic and learning vocabulary and sentence structures related to describing our pets and farm animals. Students will also be learning how to describe the location of the animals by using prepositions such as on top, underneath, in front, beside and behind.

**Grade 3 & 4 :** We kick off Term 3 with a look at Transport in Indonesia. Students will compare the similarities and differences between our transport systems. Students will then learn the vocabulary and sentence structures related to transport and travel. They will use this information to write sentences which describe the various forms of transport they use to get to certain locations.

**Grades 5 & 6 :** This term our focus is on Housing in Indonesia. We will explore what factors influence housing styles in Indonesia and compare those to Australian homes. Students will learn housing vocabulary and use this new information to design a dream house plan and write a real estate advertisement which describes their dream home.

## **ICT/Library - Ange Dawson & Debbie Packham**

Please feel free to come and see us in the library before school every day, or just pop in to say hi during the day. We love to have helpers in the library at any time, so if you have an hour or so where you would like to cover books, shelve books, or even help students with books or computers, feel free to email me on [dawson.angela.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:dawson.angela.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) or pop in and see me.

Students begin each Information Learning Hub session by immersing themselves in books. They search for and borrow books that interest them and that also support their classroom learning, and students use the library search engine to find these books.

This term in ICT, **Prep** students will investigate how books are organised in our library into fiction (picture books) and non-fiction (information) books and develop their skills at choosing appropriate 'just right' books to borrow from the library. They are continuing to develop their understanding of the procedures and protocols we use at EPS when on the computers, such as why we log on and off and how to use a mouse accurately.

**Grade 1** are continuing to use simple, step-by-step procedures to explore a programmable device, in particular a Bee-Bot robot. They are jointly writing and entering simple instructions to sequence the actions their Bee-Bot undertakes.

**Grade 2** are now using their own individual usernames and passwords when logging in to our school system, which gives them access to their own private folders and files. They are also delving deeper into how to use visualisation software to create mind maps (brainstorming).

**Grade 3** have set up an organised folder and file system in their Drive and are now collaboratively working within Docs, Slides and Sheets. They will also create questionnaires in Forms and will learn about how responses can be collated automatically in a Sheet.

**Grade 4** have a focus on manipulating and presenting data this semester. They will be collecting, accessing and presenting different types of data using simple software (Google Sheets) to create information and solve problems.

**Grade 5** will be presenting data and information in a visually appealing way as an infographic. They are planning the design of their product and developing criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of their infographic.

**Grade 6** are developing their understanding of how information is transmitted between devices, through the use of Makey Makey - an invention kit where students can turn everyday objects into touchpads.

## **Performing Arts - Paula Russell**

**Prep :** As part of our Performing Arts program, students in Prep will explore Dance and Drama through a variety of fun activities and games. A range of music and imagery stimuli will be used in dramatic play and to create dance sequences. Students will also gain an introduction to circus skills.

**Grade 1 :** As part of our Performing Arts program the Grade One students will develop their circus skills. Students will devise and present their own circus acts to peers using: juggling scarves and balls, hoops, hat spinning, acrobatics, flags and poi. Students will also continue to learn folk dances.



# MATHS CHALLENGE

## No.2



### DANNY'S PENCIL CASE

Danny was given a brand new pencil case as well as \$12 to buy stationery.

What stationery can Danny buy with his \$12, selecting items from the list below?

Pack of 12 coloured pencils \$5.00 each 	Rubber 50c each 	Sharpener 80c each 
Pack of four pens \$4.00 each 	30cm Ruler 60c each 	Pack of 3 Highlighters \$3.00 each 
Pack of 12 Textas \$6.00 each 	Glue Stick \$2.00 each 	Pack of 5 Grey lead pencils \$2.50 each 
Sticky Note pad \$1.00 each 	Scissors \$1.50 each 	Sticky Tape \$1.80 each 

How many different combinations can you work out?

Make sure you spend EXACTLY \$12.

(Junior school students can use a calculator)



## Audition Expression of Interest

### School Production 2017 – Palais Theatre

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited to announce auditions for Elwood Primary's centennial year whole-school production. The production will be in the evening on **Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Palais Theatre in St Kilda**. Please complete this form if you are interested in auditioning for a feature role.

There are large and small roles in acting, backing vocals and solo singing. All of the parts are important to the story and enjoyment of the performance. Students bring back this note by **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017** and please attend an **audition meeting at lunchtime** that day with your note if you haven't already returned it. Students will be allocated an audition time and this will be displayed on a notice board and in the music room. During the audition students will either be asked to read a short 'news desk' drama script or sing 'Happy birthday' or 'Twinkle, twinkle little star'.

A panel of teachers will consider the selection of students carefully to make sure the roles are distributed fairly and with everybody's best interests in mind. The roles will be announced at a special cast meeting once all of the auditions have been completed. There may also be the need for some of the students to audition again, a bit like a call back. This is at the discretion of the panel and will depend on each specific situation.

It's an exciting experience for all involved. Students only need to be themselves and be prepared to demonstrate confidently how willing and enthusiastic they are about taking on the responsibility of a feature role, keeping in mind the supportive audience of family and friends on the night.

For more information please contact Kaz: [sieger.kaz.k@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:sieger.kaz.k@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Choose an area you are most interested in: (Please circle one)**

Acting

Backing Vocals (small group)

Solo Singing

#### Student

I, ..... Grade: ....., agree to take part in the audition process for the School Production 2017. I agree to be accepting of the panel's decision. If offered a part I agree to demonstrate commitment towards thoroughly learning what is required for the role received. I also agree to uphold the responsibility of taking on a featured role throughout all rehearsals and the performance on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Signed: .....

#### Parent/Guardian

I, ..... agree to support my child throughout the audition process for the School Production 2017. I agree to be accepting of the panel's decision. If my child receives a part, I also agree to commit to aid and support my child in preparing for the performance and in understanding the commitment involved to successfully perform on the night. This may entail special rehearsals out of school hours and greater communication with teachers, volunteers and staff with regards to my child's involvement.

Signed: .....



# Elwood Primary School

## CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE



# 01

### MARKET BOOK STALL

The Elwood Market needs your help. We are starting a 2nd hand children's book stall. The stall starts at our next market (May 6th).

### DONATIONS WANTED

We would love you to donate a pre-loved book (or several) if you can. Maybe friends and family could help. Children's books only please.

# 02



# 03

### FUNDRAISING FOR EPS

The Elwood Market raises funds for our school. Any books you donate puts money back into our school (and helps declutter your home at the same time!)

### CLASS PRIZE

Bring your books into your classroom before Friday April 28th. The class who donate the most books to the school market will win a class prize.

# 04



**PLEASE BRING BOOKS TO YOUR CLASSROOM  
BEFORE FRIDAY APRIL 28TH. THANK YOU!**

# Ladies who lunch

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ELWOOD PRIMARY'S  
MOTHERS DAY COCKTAIL LUNCH.**

**When: Friday 12th May.**

**Where: Mangata @ the St Kilda Surf Life Saving Club**

**Time: Midday until 3.30pm**

**Dress: Splash of pink**

Tickets are \$55 per head and include delicious finger food and a glass of bubbles on arrival.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Drinks at the lunch will be at bar prices and any pink drinks purchased on the day will have some of the proceeds going back to BCNA.

Be Quick ticket numbers are limited and we don't want you to miss out. Buy tickets on Qkr!



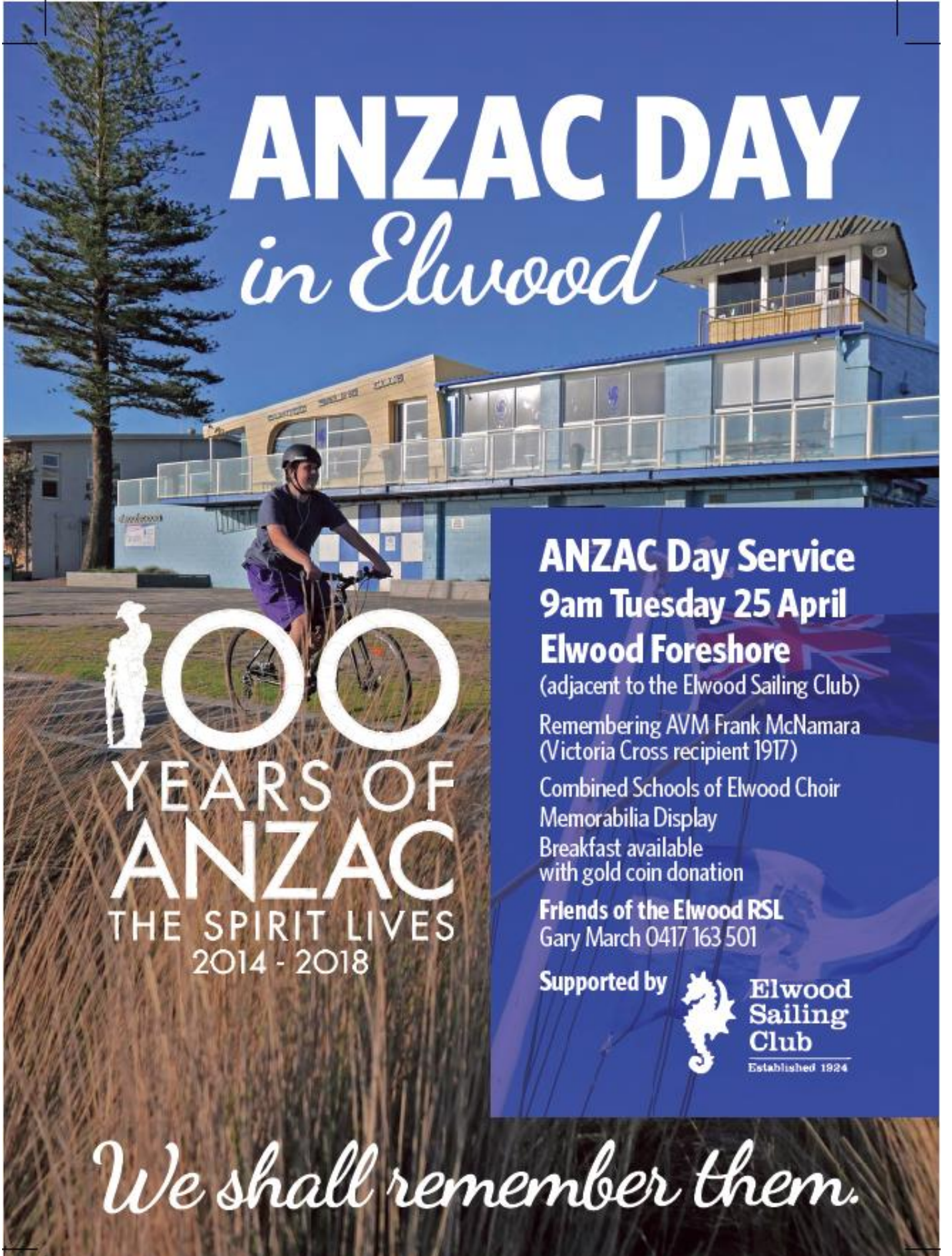
**Please make payment by QKR under School Events.**

**If you require any assistance please contact the school office.**



# ANZAC DAY

*in Elwood*



100  
YEARS OF  
ANZAC  
THE SPIRIT LIVES  
2014 - 2018

## ANZAC Day Service 9am Tuesday 25 April Elwood Foreshore

(adjacent to the Elwood Sailing Club)

Remembering AVM Frank McNamara  
(Victoria Cross recipient 1917)

Combined Schools of Elwood Choir  
Memorabilia Display  
Breakfast available  
with gold coin donation

Friends of the Elwood RSL  
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*We shall remember them.*