



# Newsletter

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## Extended holidays and learning

Some of our families are heading off on extended family holidays, or are planning to, or have already begun! Although we love our kids to be at school during school time and certainly concur with research about students and their attendance at school impacting their learning, we also see and appreciate the value of learning that happens out of the classroom and school. The rich learning that can take place on family holidays is deep with countless learning experiences – let alone the important time families get to spend together when on a break. Our classroom teachers do not set curriculum for extended holiday periods, but we certainly support the family decision and encourage lots of learning beyond the classroom walls. Here are some ideas:

- Keeping a journal, either digital or the old fashioned book!
- Emails and diary entries with lists, captions, labels, plans, postcards, letters, instructions, stories, explanations and information reports – along with great photos
- Write a postcard or email to a friend, or a letter
- Write some information if you have learnt something new and plot it on a map
- Read each day
- Work in some “real life” maths around money, distances, different currency
- Discuss times and timetables, eg what time does the plane/bus leave? How much time do we have to spare? How long will we be travelling for altogether?
- Play number games such as buzz, guess my number, practice those times tables!

But most importantly...take it all in, travel safe and enjoy!

## Reports

Reports will be coming home at the end of term. We hope that you enjoy reading them together, celebrating the learning and reflecting on future goals. All students have their own learning journey and certainly learn at different rates. We hope that our reports give you a clear picture of what your child has achieved so far, the skills and understandings that they have accomplished and where to next. Teachers work throughout the semester to get to know each child's individual learning journey, help them set goals, monitor, support and challenge them and constantly assess and reflect on their learning. These reports are a culmination of all the assessments, observations, goals and learning intentions that your child and their teacher have been focusing on throughout the semester. I know that you will appreciate the hours of work that they have put into this document. I would like to thank all the teachers for their work, making the reports personalized and positive. As I read through the reports, I loved reading about each child and could see the personal touches made by each teacher.

**Reports will now be emailed to families, this will ensure you always have a copy, you will be able to share the reports electronically and we do our part for the environment. This does however, mean you need to ensure we have your most up to date and correct details, particularly your email address.**

## SAKG Volunteers

We have so many lovely, unique programs that makes Elwood so special and our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden is certainly one of

**12 June 2019  
No. 09**

## CALENDAR

**Tuesday 18 June**

Grade 5 Bike Ed  
9.00am-1.30pm

**Thursday 20 June**

Mid-Year Soiree 4.30pm, JLC

**Friday 21 June**

Ready Set Go Session 2

**Tuesday 25 June**

PREP—Billy Card Incursion

**Friday 28 June**

End of Term 2 - 2pm Assembly  
2.30pm Finish

**Monday 15 July**

Term 3 Starts, Assembly

**Thursday 18 July**

State X Country

**Friday 19 July**

Grade 4-6 Athletics 11.30am-1.30pm

**Tuesday 23 July**

Grade 5/6 Division Finals

**Wednesday 24 July**

Grade 5/6 Division Girls Soccer Final

**Friday 26 July**

Ready Set Go Session 3  
Grade 4-6 Athletics, 11.30am - 1.30pm

**Wednesday 31 July**

100 Days of PREP

**Thursday 1 August**

Parent Information Night, 6.30pm JLC

**Friday 21 June  
Ready Set Go Session 2**

**Friday 28 June  
End of Term 2  
2pm Assembly  
2.30pm Finish**

these. From being in the Garden with Kathy – harvesting produce, planting from seedlings, connecting science and earth with learning and living and making the link from harvest to plate. To our Kitchen Program with Janet and Sam – where our students, teachers and volunteers develop lifelong healthier and happier eating habits in preparing, cooking and sharing delicious and healthy food.



None of this happens without our volunteers working alongside us. We are always looking for more volunteers and ways to connect with the wider school community.



We welcome not just parents of our students in any year level, but also extended family members and community volunteers.

On occasions we have to cancel classes, due to safety, as we don't have enough volunteers on the day. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested in Kitchen or Garden, please contact us and we will happily welcome and connect you to our Kitchen and Garden teachers.

## Aerobics

This Sunday, our EPS Aerobics Teams head to the "2019 AeroChallenge" at MSAC. The teams have been training, working hard and perfecting their routines in preparation for this amazing competition! If you would like to come along and watch the "AeroChallenge" and support and cheer our Teams, head to MSAC on Sunday 16. We are competing between 9.30am and 10.30am. GO EPS!

I would love to thank Julie, Melinda and Gretl for giving up their lunchtimes during school and their weekends to rehearse with the teams, perfect the routines, organize the costumes and T-Shirts and send home all of the information! Not sure who is more excited??

## School Fees

Please note that a Family Statement in relation to school fees will be coming home by the end of this term. Excursions must be paid before students can attend. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment, please contact Nicole via the school office on 9531 2762.

## Planning Week for Staff

Next week is Planning Week for our school. Planning week is such an integral part of our school pedagogy and school life with the opportunity for our teachers to all work together in their teams for the day and reflect on teaching and learning so far, revisit the yearly and term overviews and plan for the term to come. It is a unique opportunity that we have at EPS to discuss, in depth, all core curriculum areas, plan for all students and integrate special occasions and Elwood events into our curriculum.

To be able to have this quality of time for planning and meaningful collaboration is much appreciated, effective and efficient.

*Nicole Richards...Principal*

## Mid-Year Soiree 2019

Thank you to everyone who is coming to the Soiree this Winter, Thursday 20 June in the JLC. The students who are performing have been practicing hard and we are looking forward to hearing students who haven't performed at the Soiree before too. Thank you to everyone who is participating. Remember it's not too late. Please collect a form from Kaz or at the office regarding participating. This small concert is for anyone at Elwood who learns an instrument outside as well as Brass, Woodwind or Strings students as well.

## Uniform Policy

A friendly reminder regarding Elwood Primary School's Uniform Policy. There are some students wearing uniform which is not part of the Elwood PS range. Our school uniform provider is PSW on North Road Ormond and the second hand uniform shop operates every Thursday at 8.45am in the Senior School.

See below weblink for acceptable school clothing ~

[https://www.elwoodprimary.vic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/1551924271\\_uniform\\_statement.pdf](https://www.elwoodprimary.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1551924271_uniform_statement.pdf)

## Elwood PS Additional Programs

Elwood Primary has a number of professional external therapists (Psychologists, Speech Therapists, Counsellors, Social workers) working with a number of our students to improve Student Learning Outcomes. One of these is the 'Story Dog' program.

Our four legged reading partner Mori is much loved by all our students, teachers and parents. Mori and the programs volunteers Rosie and John come to school every week and 'read' with students in Year 1&2. This is making an enormous difference to our students. Reading confidence and enthusiasm has grown. Our school is proud to support the work of the Story Dogs Program

The Year 1 & 2 students, 'Write Right Program' also commenced in term 2 focusing on handwriting. The program is run by experienced occupational therapist,

Lucy. The Write Right Program' operates for 8 weeks. Students develop skills in letter formation, sizing of letters, separating upper case and lower case letters,



writing between the lines, spacing of words and letter, pencil control and strengthening fine and gross motor skills. As you have just read these are two programs that have come on board this term to support some of our junior school students

## 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.

This fortnight we will focus on:

### Planning my time

Setting goals and planning your time means thinking about ways to help yourself become more successful at something. Planning your time also means thinking about how long each goal or task will take to get done and making sure your plan enough time to get it done properly without being rushed.

Planning your time helps you to build persistence through being able to work through a difficult or hard task because you have the time to put in more of an effort, ask for assistance or find an alternative way to doing it. The more you plan your time, the harder you can work, stay on task and the better your success will be.

Planning your time can be as simple as making a regular time that you set yourself to complete homework tasks to planning longer, more difficult tasks by breaking them into smaller, achievable goals that may be planned for over a longer period of time.

To assist with planning your time and being effective with your goals, you also need to have space and time to recharge your batteries through the week. It is important to plan to have time to yourself, with friends and family so you can keep yourself well, gain perspective and have time to think.

What will your next plan be?

YOU CAN DO IT!

## Manners Matter

Sometimes it is difficult to **share** any new or special things, but people who do share with others are seen to be generous and unselfish. Other people like to play with people who share.

### What you can try:

\*If you have something really special that you do not want to share, use it privately and don't show it off.

\*Share things if you think other will enjoy them too and if you do let others share, show them how to look after it and use it properly.



Sharing shows others that you are thoughtful and considerate and that our manners do matter. All part of being an Elwood Kid!

## Scholastic Rewards

Thanks again to all those involved in our Scholastic Book Fair especially Sarah Clair and our parent volunteer Merryn. We are thrilled to announce the below Scholastic Rewards which was earned for the school.



## Up and Coming Events.....

LAST DAY OF TERM  
**MOVIE AFTERNOON**  
INVITATION OPEN TO STUDENTS AND SIBLINGS OF ELWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



WHEN: FRIDAY 28th JUNE AT 4.00PM  
WHERE: CLASSIC CINEMA  
9 Gordon Street, Elsternwick  
COST: \$15.50 (Movie & Popcorn)  
BYO WATER BOTTLE  
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ON QKR  
BOOKINGS CLOSE 20th JUNE  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Friday 9 August, 6.30pm, St Kilda Town

ELWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

*A Star is Born*

TRIVIA NIGHT

Attachments ~ Prop Request, Hero's Of Change production, TeamKids newsletter.

Hello Elwood families! Our whole school production **'HEROES OF CHANGE'** is on September 4<sup>th</sup> at The Palais Theatre. We have started learning our songs in Music. Senior students have auditioned for main roles. Now we are on the hunt for props. Can you help us? If you have any of the following at home please email Paula on [Russell.paula.p@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Russell.paula.p@edumail.vic.gov.au) and leave your item (clearly named) at the office. Then we can use it in rehearsals and return to you after the show. Thank you!

Old fashioned chair



Rainbow ribbons x3



Green helmet



Toy jackhammer



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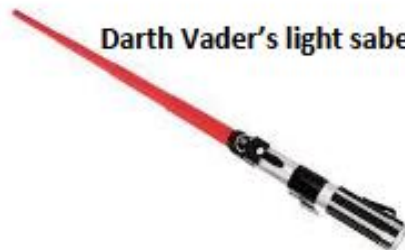
Voldemort's wand



Claw grabber toy



Darth Vader's light saber



Witchy broomstick



Yellow or golden fitball



Koala beanies



Aussie themed inflatables



Little scooter



Social justice flags - large



Rainbow umbrellas



Elwood Primary School presents our whole school production



'With a bam and kazam, we stand up for all it's worth,  
up, up, up and away, we'll heal our planet Earth'

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**THE PALAIS THEATRE  
SHOW STARTS AT 7PM**



**Help our superheroes defeat the Eco Villain!**

**Tickets available from Ticketmaster**



# Elwood TeamKids Newsletter



## What's Been Happening!

### Clubs

We have been loving our clubs this term and its not long now until our big celebration week!

Art Attack – 24th June – 28th June Art Show

Epic Games – Lunch Time Tuesday 25th  
June Teachers and Educators vs Children

Cooking Club – ASC Thursday 27th June we will be having a bake sale!

### Holiday Program

Have you booked in for Holiday Program? Due to parent feedback we are now opening at 7:15am in Holiday Program the same as Before School Care!

We have some great excursions such as going to the movies to see Toy Story 4, Bounce and Tunzafun. We also have great activities and incursions at the program such as DIY drumsticks, Avengers game day and a ninja challenge. Make sure you book in early to avoid missing out!

**Parent Breakfast – Wednesday 19/6 BSC 7:30– 8:30**  
Come down and enjoy some yummy breakfast with us. Children will be helping cook bacon and eggs and we will have coffee!

As we say at TeamKids *'Let the fun begin!'*



## TeamKids Clubs Term 2

**Tuesday ASC**  
Epic Games



**Wednesday ASC**  
Art Attack



**Thursday ASC**  
Cooking Club



**Friday BSC**  
Running Club



## Important Dates

- Wednesday 19th June – Parent Breakfast
- Last week of Term 2 24/6 - 28/6 - **TeamKids Art Show**
- Thursday 27th June - **Cooking Club Bake Sale**
- Tuesday 25th June lunch time – **TeamKids Kids vs Teachers Dodgeball Game!**
- Monday 1st July- **Winter**

## M.A.D Awards

**Annabelle 5M – Fun**

**Leif 3C - Involved**

**Make a Difference**  
Awards are awarded each assembly for children who have been demonstrating our TeamKids Values.

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