



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents

## 100 year Assembly

The official 100 year birthday of Elwood Primary School will take place on Wednesday 28 June.

We will make the occasion by having a special assembly at 3:45pm to:

- Sing Happy Birthday
- Place items from each grade in our time capsule
- Having a dress-up day where students can come as anyone from the last 100 years. Suggestions of what that might be will be in the Community Link next week. Our teachers will also talk to students about what might be worn
- Our commemorative photograph of the whole school will take place at one of our assemblies in Term 3

You will be able to order our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary family bricks shortly. Full details will be available next week via the Community Link. These family/student named bricks will be used to pave a special area in front of the kitchen and prep area.

## Reports

Our teachers have now completed each students report. They will now be read over the next week by Nicole, Jay, Ariana and myself. Each teacher spends up to 50 hours on student reports. They do this after school and on weekends to ensure you get accurate and informative reports. Reports will be sent home on the last day of term.

As reported in previous newsletters our report form will go through a number of changes in Semester 2. When we have a new draft of the report we will seek your input in the process to make sure we adopt a report

that meets the needs of both parents and teachers.

## School Review

Our school review was completed earlier this term with the school commended on many areas highlighted by:

- Our whole school literacy and numeracy strategies
- Our excellent student achievement data
- Our teacher PD and coaching program to enable each teacher to be their best
- Our high levels of parent and community involvement
- Our positive school tone reflected in both parent and student surveys
- Our strong leadership structure
- Our amazing extra curricula activities
- Our sense of enjoyment, fun and inclusiveness as a school

The review also looked at targets set 4 years ago in our last strategic plan. We were very aspirational when setting these targets around, high relative growth according to NAPLAN, student survey data, transition data from our parent surveys and NAPLAN band data. All goals were achieved through the 4 year period and those that weren't were missed by very small margins but major growth was recorded in all areas. A summary of the review conducted by peer principals, reviewers, School Councillors and staff is available on our website. [Click here to read the full document.](#)

The next step is to write our next strategic plan which will guide the next four years at Elwood primary School.

*Rob Csoti*

**14 June 2017  
No.109**

## CALENDAR

### Thursday 15 June

Bookstore Visit - 5J  
Netball Clinic - Gr 4  
Bike Ed - Gr 5  
7.15pm School Council

### Friday 16 June

Winter Sport - Grade 5 & 6  
Bookstore Visit - 3V

### Monday 19 June

3.00pm Assembly - Grade 2 Choir  
Performing  
Regional Cross Country - qualifying students only

### Tuesday 20 June

City Excursion - Gr 6  
Bike Ed - Gr 5

### Wednesday 21 June

NGV - 1C, 1K & 1S  
Billy Cart Building - Prep  
Bike Ed - Gr 5  
Enhanced Learning

### Thursday 22 June

Bike Ed - Gr 5

### Friday 23 June

Winter Sport - Grade 5 & 6  
Bike Ed - Gr 5  
Ready Set Go for 2018 Preps

### Thursday 22 June

**Parent Information Night  
TEAM HOLIDAY**  
(new OSHC provider)  
in JLC at 7.00pm  
(see attached flyer)

### Friday 30 June

**End of Term 2  
2.30pm finish**

## Mathematical Mindset

Earlier this term we held our Maths Parent Night. This night focused on how the school, parents and community can all support our students to be the best mathematician they can be. If you were unable to attend this night have a read of the Mathematical Mindset flyer attached to the end of the newsletter.

*Ariana Peters*

Senior School Teaching and Learning Coach

## 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:*

### Setting goals

Setting a goal, whether it is a short term goal or a long term goal, can help you be more successful at something.

Setting goals can help you to do your best in your school work such as planning your time so that you are not rushed and having all your supplies ready.

Having SMART goals assists in achieving your best:

- S pecific
- M eaningful
- A ction-based
- R ealistic
- T ime-based Goals.

**You can have a Mental Health goal for example** spend 30 minutes a day reading a book, work on projects on the first day it is assigned not the last, learn a new language. Mental Health goals get the brain more active. It is important to keep the brain stimulated. Mental goals have to do with challenging the brain.

**Emotional Goals could be to** walk away from a fight or choose not to participate in put downs. Emotional goals have to do with gaining control of our emotions. Classroom Goals could be for a class to decide it is best to do agendas in the morning, or to clean desks on a weekly basis. The goals can be decided on a democratic basis.

**Goals can also be wider than personal and school goals, we can also have Community Goals** (*Local or Global*). There could be a variety of important community issues that are in need of help. Some examples are feeding the homeless, raising money to create a skate park, or foster a child in a developing country.

Try setting some goals for yourself at school and home and remember that you will often need someone to help you. A friend or family member can keep you on track, remind you of your goals and celebrate with you when you have achieved them.

**YOU CAN DO IT!**

## Manners Matter

Good manners or acting appropriate in a way that's acceptable and respectful shows other people respect, care and consideration. Excellent manners can help you to have better relationships with people you know and with people you will meet.



Including others is another valuable skill to learn. Including others in your games and activities makes everyone feel good. It means that you are generous and willing to share your time with others and care about their feelings. If you include others in your games, they are more likely to include you when you are looking for someone to play with or talk to.

Look around and see if there are others who might like to join in. Sometimes they might not even ask but stand close by. Try to include them. Put the team interests ahead of your own interests and recognise everyone's contribution to the team and congratulate them.

Including others shows you are a friendly and considerate Elwood Primary Kid and that Manners Matter.

## 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?

### 14 June: World Blood Donor Day

World Blood Donor Day is a reminder of the importance of blood donation. 1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime, while just 1 in 30 people currently donate. Website: [www.who.int/worldblooddonorday/en/](http://www.who.int/worldblooddonorday/en/)



### 14 June: **International Bath Day**

Observed annually on June 14, International Bath Day goes back to Greek Archimedes who discovered on this day that an object's volume can be measured by submerging it into water. Archimedes discovered this while being in the bath!

International Bath Day is celebrated by letting children play in the bath enabling them to explore and rejoice over their own new amazing bath time discoveries!



### 18-24 June: **Refugee Week**

Refugee Week is used to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.



While a refugee's journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope: they hope to find freedom from persecution, and safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma.

### 20 June: **World Refugee Day**

World Refugee Day is used to raise awareness of the difficult lives led by refugees.

### 21 June: **International Day of Yoga**

Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness.

### 25 June: **Eid al Fitr (Islam)**

During the month of Ramadan Eid al-Fitr is a time of charitable giving, peace-making and spiritual renewal.



Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating!

*Nicole Richards* ... Assistant Principal



School Enrolment and Registration for our Ready Set Go Transition program for Preps in 2018 are now available. Our Second Ready Set Go session is on Friday 30 June 30. If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

*Sharron Hoggett* - Administration

### **Kitchen Garden Request**

Do you use a wood burning fire to keep warm in winter? The wood ash remnants are a useful source of potassium for flowering plants. We would love your spent wood ash, to build up our kitchen garden beds. To donate, please contact Kathy, the garden specialist, at: [beckwith.k.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:beckwith.k.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **Attachments:**

Mathematical Mindset  
Team Holiday – new OHSC provider  
EPS & Australian Timeline

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM?

# AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

WHEN: FRIDAY 30TH JUNE AT 4.00PM  
WHERE: CLASSIC CINEMA  
9 Gordon Street, Elsternwick

COST: \$15.00 (Movie & Popcorn)  
BYO WATER BOTTLE  
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ON QKR  
BOOKINGS CLOSE 19TH JUNE

## DESPICABLE ME 3





# MATHEMATICAL MINDSETS

Thanks to the 28 parents who attended our Maths Information Night in May. For parents who were unable to attend - here is what you missed!

Our workshop focused on discussing the biggest impact on student learning (particularly in maths); the students' attitude and perception of themselves as mathematicians.

Students' perception of mathematicians is heavily influenced by the media - have you ever noticed that the mathematicians in movies are always male, lonely, quirky, strange and wear glasses (think "A Beautiful Mind")? It is no wonder that our children often find it difficult to aspire to this image. Research from Jo Boaler Professor of Mathematics at Stanford University tells us that:

- What we believe about our potential impacts what we learn
- The idea of a 'maths brain' is a myth that leads to underachievement
- If you believe in your unlimited potential (have a growth mindset) you can achieve at a higher level.
- Your brain grows more when you make a mistake than when you get something correct.

## Jo Boaler TED Talk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3icoSe6gQtY>

## JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT WORKSHOP Prep - 2 Parents

How to build your child's maths vocabulary

Early Term 3...Stay tuned



## How is Elwood Primary School responding...

- Developing a clearer picture of what mathematics is
- Showing how mathematics is useful in everyday life
- Sending a positive message of what it is to be a mathematician
- Encouraging a growth mindset in our students
- Developing an understanding that maths is a social activity that requires lots of discussion and collaboration
- Respecting and learning from mistakes



Australia's only premium OSHC provider has arrived at Elwood Primary School to provide next-level before and after school experiences for your kids.

**Join Team Holiday for before and after school care as of  
Term 3  
and let the fun begin!**

Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider, having developed a strong reputation as the leader in the vacation care sector by providing the highest quality school holiday programs, including right here at EPS.

Over 95% of parents rated Team Holiday higher than any other holiday program – and now we are bringing that renowned level of service excellence to before and after care in your school community.


Team Holiday's specialist crew is owned and run by qualified educators, and with a ratio of one educator to just ten kids, we have the time and resources to curate fun, safe and educational experiences in a nurturing and engaging environment.

[Click here](#) to find out more and for our After and Before School Bookings!

**We look forward to seeing you at our  
Parent Information Night  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June @ 7pm in the JLC building.**

James Taylor  
Operations Manager



<p>ASTA</p> <p>Approximately 40,000 years ago</p> <p>The Boon Wurrung people lived on the plains of Port Phillip Bay.</p>	<p>12,000 years ago</p> <p>The Ice Age ends and the mainland of Australia is separated from Tasmania.</p>	<p>6 - 8,000 years ago</p> <p>Port Phillip Bay is flooded by glacial run off creating the bay we know today. The Boon Wurrung people lived along its shoreline.</p>	<p>1642 (375 years ago)</p> <p>Dutch explorer Abel Tasman navigates the coast of modern day Tasmania.</p>	<p>1770, April 20th (247 years ago)</p> <p>Captain Cook sights land off the South East Coast of Victoria. The land sighted is now known as Points Hicks.</p>	<p>1770, April 29th (247 years ago)</p> <p>Captain Cook on his ship the Endeavour lands at Botany Bay (NSW). He has a hostile encounter with the Gweagal Aboriginal people.</p>
<p>SAHDL</p> <h1>TIMELINE</h1> <p>Approximately 180,000 years ago</p>					
<p>1914 - 1918</p> <p>World War I. Many Australians, including Aboriginal Australians, go off to war. Many never return.</p>	<p>1901, January 1st</p> <p>Federation. The 6 colonies of Australia come together to form one nation. Edward Barton is appointed Australia's first Prime Minister.</p>	<p>1851 - late 1860s</p> <p>The gold rush of Victoria begins and ends. The suburb of Elwood was formed. The Boon Wurrung people are moved to a reservation in Mordialloc.</p>	<p>1835, June 6th (182 years ago)</p> <p>John Batman signs a "treaty" with Wurundjeri people for land that, in 1837, becomes the "township" of Melbourne.</p>	<p>1802 - 1835</p> <p>Many violent encounters between European seal hunters and Boon Wurrung people. Small Pox first identified in the area. Australia is considered 'Terra Nullius'.</p>	<p>1802, February 14th (215 years ago)</p> <p>The sailing ship Lady Nelson enters Port Phillip Bay and stays for 25 days. Contact made with Boon Wurrung people.</p>
<p>1917, June 28<sup>th</sup> (100 years ago)</p> <p>Elwood Central School is established and opened with 450 students enrolled. The principal was Mr George Robinson.</p>					
<p>1939 - 1944</p> <p>World War II begins and ends. The war comes to Australian shores and many people, including past students of Elwood Central School serve. Many never return.</p>	<p>1967, May 27<sup>th</sup> (50 years ago)</p> <p>A referendum is held and passed recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as citizens of Australia. Elwood PS celebrates its 50th birthday.</p>	<p>1988, January 26<sup>th</sup> (29 years ago)</p> <p>Australia celebrates its bicentennial. More than 40,000 people march in Sydney to demand land rights for traditional owners.</p>	<p>1992, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (25 years ago)</p> <p>The High Court of Australia recognises Indigenous Australians as the traditional owners of the land. It is known as the 'Mabo decision'.</p>	<p>2000, September 25<sup>th</sup> (17 years ago)</p> <p>Cathy Freeman storms to victory in the 400m Sprint at the Sydney Olympics. she becomes the first Aboriginal Australian to win an individual gold medal for Australia.</p>	<p>2017</p> <p>Elwood Primary School celebrates 100 years. Australia is working towards constitutional recognition for Aboriginal people.</p>





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