



Newsletter

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End of Term 2

We all welcome a little break during these colder months and we encourage everyone to rest, relax and reconnect with each other – re-energise for a new term.

During the school holidays you will see some building action taking place in the Junior School with the footings and underpinning of the new building. The current fencing area will be brought out, taking over much of the Junior School playground to accommodate all of the contractors and work during Term 3. The Junior School sandpit, play equipment, bike shed and access to the garden will still be OK and the Junior School students will also have the turf and stage area to play and as usual, the park. Action on the building site will then be minimal until we see the modulars delivered in August. Then – voila! A brand new building!

Sadly we are losing some trees in the Junior School to make room for the new building footprint, but also due to the wrong trees being planted too close to buildings and roots taking over underground, causing major problems to some existing buildings and pipes. However, once all the building works are complete – we will work with the students, community and school to commence a new grounds masterplan to include new playscapes.

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 assessment, 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.

Regional X Country

Jones (6M) and Miller (4C) competed in the Regional Cross Country Competition last week. It was held in Hastings on a day that was good for running with a good, flat track. Jones ran 3kms and Miller 2kms. Both did extremely well in representing our school. Jones came third and Miller running 32nd. Jones will now compete in the State Cross Country early next term. Go Jones!

Pokemon Champions

Since late last year, two of our students Nathan (3R) and Riley (3N) have been playing the Pokemon Trading Card Game competitively.

Last month, Nathan placed in the top 8 at the Melbourne Regionals and this made it possible for him to qualify for the Pokemon World Championships this year! Nathan spent a grueling day competing in two Pokemon tournaments – a league cup and a league challenge. He played really well and won both. He now has enough championship points to be invited to the World Championships. These take place in Nashville at the end of August. Great timing, as the family are moving to the US for 4 months. We look forward to Nathan reporting to us when he gets back to Elwood.

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CALENDAR

Friday 29 June

End Term 2
2.30pm finish

Monday 16 July

Start Term 3
Assembly

Thursday 19 July

State X Country

Friday 20 July

Grade 4-6 Athletics Practice 2
Aerobics State Competition

Monday 23 July

Grade 6 Health Education

Tuesday 24 July

Division Winter Sport Final

Wednesday 25 July

Division Girls Soccer Final
Grade 5 Health Education
Class Rep Meeting
Enhanced Learning

Friday 27 July

Grade 4-6 Athletics Practice 3
Big Night Out

Monday 30 July

Grade 2 Mad About Science
Grade 6 Health Education
Assembly Senior Choir

Friday 3 Aug

**Biggest Morning Tea &
Bake Off**

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Absences and notifications

From the start of Term 3 all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

We will then let you know of the unexplained absence through our Grade Expert SMS messaging system. If you can't be reached because we do not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), we will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

Online: log the absence directly via our website : www.elwoodprimary.vic.edu.au

Telephone: the school office via the telephone absence line. Leave a message including your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Email: the school : Elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying us of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let us know in advance of any upcoming absences or let us know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for us to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the office with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the office to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

If a student is late to school, please ensure you sign them in through the office, filling in the yellow "late" slip and leaving it at the office for the staff to enter details onto our roll. This will ensure that you don't receive an "unexplained absence" text unnecessarily.

Please work with us during this time of initialising the new mandate. We realise this will be a big learning curve for all!

Nicole Richards...Acting Principal

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Thanks Dean for taking conducting duties for the orchestra. We are enjoying seeing the students do so well in the orchestra. Thanks to all the members for

their effort in practicing and turning up for rehearsals. They are showing big improvements in playing together. We are still looking for more string, brass and woodwind instrumentalists. Please consider joining the orchestra in time for our big performance at the Art Show this year. We rehearse Wednesday mornings. All instruments welcome!

Kaz

Winter Solstice

On June 21, Grade 6 families rugged up and gathered at the school for a night time walk along the canal with beautiful lanterns, glow sticks and torches. Then a walk to the Scout Hall on Ormond Rd for a BBQ around fire pits, with marshmallows and music. and A great time was had by all! Maybe this can become an EPS tradition, as it was a lovely community event.



End of term movie

The End of Term movie at the classic is now sold out. Unfortunately tickets **cannot** be purchased at the venue. This event is not a fund raiser and is always a well attended school community event.

Big Night Out

Early Bird Tickets (\$40) for the Big Night Out are still available via the QKR! App. From Term 3 tickets are \$45. There are only 88 tickets left so pop onto QKR! to secure your tickets and avoid disappointment.

Attachments: Teamkids Newsletter

Elwood TeamKids Newsletter



What's Been Happening!

We have redeveloped our space and children have loved the new layout, especially the 5/6 children who have designed their own 5/6 area. We are excited about the school holidays next week especially ice skating, seeing *The Incredibles 2* at the movies and Pyjama Day! If you haven't already head to our website and book in.

Please also be aware that the new childcare subsidy will replace the current childcare benefit and rebate on the 2nd July. This requires you to go online and set the account up through the Mygov website and have it linked to centrelink.

<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>

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



TeamKids Clubs - Upcoming

Junior Chefs



Wednesdays and
Thursdays ASC

Epic Games



Wednesdays and
Tuesdays ASC

S.T.E.M

Tuesdays ASC



Art Attack



Mondays, Tuesdays
and Fridays ASC

Homework
Helpers

Thursdays ASC



Important Dates

- 29th June Last day of Term 2- 2.30pm finish
- 2nd July- Holiday program begins
- 16th July – Term 3 begins

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