



Newsletter

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Welcome Back

It was a lovely sunny day on Monday – our first day back – and it was lovely to see all of the students and teachers smiling, rested and ready to begin the term. I most certainly enjoyed my break with my family and catching up with friends and was ready to hit the ground running. We also welcomed a few new EPS students at assembly on Monday – some brand new to EPS and others who have returned from overseas and interstate. Great to see you! So, Term 3 begins another exciting term with Grade 5/6 camp, Grade 1 dinner, the School Production, athletics, Trivia Night, community markets and of course, all that we do in the classrooms!

Production

Throughout Term 2, our students and staff continued to learn their songs and are now ready for our Term 3 weekly Production rehearsals in school. Our Production 2019 theme is Sustainability. We have a LIVE band made up of volunteer parents and music teachers, with some other wonderful parent and community volunteers helping out with such things as the professional lighting design! Each grade will sing 4 to 5 songs on stage and shine! When our students are not on stage, they will get to sit in the audience, not out the back and get to watch it too. We also have some wonderful opportunities for special roles for our students in Grade 5 and 6. They are rehearsing and learning their lines and helping the whole school to pull it all together. Along with the weekly rehearsals during school Production time, we will have an all day rehearsal at school on Tuesday 3 September and then a whole school rehearsal at the Palais on Wednesday 4 September during the day in preparation for the big night! So....make sure you keep the date:

Wednesday 4 September free. Look out for tickets; they will go on sale Tuesday 30 July through Ticketmaster. We will make sure you have all the details soon.

Parent Opinion Survey

We want you, our parents, to tell us what you think! The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is an important part of parent engagement and assists us with future planning and improvement. It is designed to assist us in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22 July to Sunday 11 August**. Those parents who have been randomly selected to take part will receive a log in code and password shortly. The survey will be conducted **online** and only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Nicole Richards.....Principal

Garden call out

We are preparing our chicken coop for a new brood of chickens. Chickens can happily forage and fling food scraps around all day; so to help us contain the mess, we are looking out for a small, enamel bath to serve as their snack bar / play



17 July 2019
No. 11

CALENDAR

Thursday 18 July

Casual Clothes Day
State X Country

4A Bookstore visit 9am-11.30am

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

Monday 29 July

100 Days of PREP

Thursday 1 August

Parent Information Night, 6.30pm JLC

Friday 2 August

2020 Prep Enrolments Close

Thursday 8 August

Grade 1 Dinner

Friday 9 August

Trivia Night 6.30pm

St Kilda Town Hall

Thursday 15 August

Grade 1 Excursion, Port Phillip Eco-Centre

Mon 19 August - Friday 23 August

Book Week

SOLD OUT

Friday 9 August
Trivia Night

Monday 14 October
Curriculum Day
Student Free Day

space. Should you know of anyone renovating their bathroom, please get in touch with me - we'd love to repurpose their old bath.

Please find me in the garden, or email me at Beckwith.kathryn.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kathy and the garden team.....

Camp for Grade 5 & 6

Information regarding Camp Arrabri for Grade 5 & 6 will be released shortly. Grade 6 Camp is from 16-19 September and Grade 5 Camp is from 18-20 September. Keep your eyes out on email and Konnective!

Scholastic Book Club

The Book Club catalogue will be coming home soon with your child. **DUE DATE: Tuesday 30 July** and Online ordering at : <http://scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/> Please ensure you link each child's order to their class. Classes listed under Teacher's surname eg. PC Lomp / 1L Thomas. Please remember we are no longer accepting cash or cheque orders. Do not bring your order to school. If you have any queries please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you.

Book Club Parent Volunteers

YOU CAN DO IT!

Term 3: Persistence

Persistence means trying hard to do your best and not giving up when something feels like it's too difficult or boring. Examples of persistent behavior are continuing to try even when schoolwork is hard, not being distracted and checking work when it's finished to make sure it's correct.

This fortnight we will focus on:

"I can do it!"

This is an important part of the year to stop and think about our learning, celebrate what we have achieved so far and then remember to reflect on our goals. We need to ask ourselves, are we still sticking to our goals? Do we need to adjust the goals? Or, are we achieving them and setting new ones?

"I can Do it" is thinking that we are more likely to be successful than we are to failing.

"I can do it" means not thinking badly about ourselves when we do make a mistake.

"I can do it" is thinking that it is good to try something new even though we might not be able to do it and that it is important to try new activities.

"I can do it" means being independent, accepting yourself, taking risks and having the confidence to have a go.

YOU CAN DO IT!

Manners Matter

Respecting the Opposite Gender

There are so many things we have in common and so many interests we share, that often we assume that everyone thinks and behaves the same as we do. Certainly there are

many things that all, or nearly all kids like; playtime, PE, Music, winning a prize, playing with our friends. There is a huge list. But sometimes we need to consider that there are people who have different interests to us and that their interests are just as worthwhile. Sometimes that difference is between boys and girls. While many girls and boys share the same interests, sometimes they do not.



Sometimes they like to play different games, or watch different TV shows, or listen to different music. All of that is OK! It does not make one better than the other. We need to respect both males and females and the choices they make, and be happy that there are at times, differences. Manners Matter at Elwood Primary School!



Come in your comfortable clothes with a gold coin donation to raise money for Cancer Council Australia.

When: Thursday 18th July

Why: To raise money for a good cause and stay warm and comfy

What: Some examples of comfy clothing could include trackies, jumpers, pyjamas or anything that makes you feel warm and cosy!



Attachments ~ Elwood Parent Information Night. City of Port Phillip Information Night.

EVENT: AT ELWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

KEEPING KIDS SAFE... IN THE REAL (AND VIRTUAL) WORLD

*Understanding body safety, protective behaviours,
and social media safety.*

PRESENTED BY: Clinical Psychotherapist, Heidi Rogers

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:

- How to uncover what your child is not telling you, and why,
- The 3 Key Preventative Steps to help keep your child safe,
- How to prepare your child for potential dangers of social media,
- The tell-tale signs that your child is feeling unsafe or bullied,
- How to approach conversations around safety.

DATE: Thursday 1st August 2019

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

VENUE: Elwood Primary School

COST: \$25

BOOK VIA: bit.ly/ElwoodKeepSafe

ABOUT HEDI

Heidi is a psychotherapist and counsellor with 17 years of experience in mental health counselling and trauma therapy. Heidi has worked in both the US and Australia and has extensive experience delivering therapeutic services to children and families.

She works in private practice in Melbourne and tours with her tailored talks specialising in children's issues, and their solutions.





*Family Youth and Children 2019
Parenting Information Sessions*

Reflective Parenting

Strength based parenting is an approach that looks at why children behave the way they do. A strength based approach to parenting includes practical and positive strategies for supporting and encouraging children and guiding their behaviours and emotional development in effective ways.

Prue Blackmore is a Social Worker who has worked extensively with children, young people and their families. She currently works for Parentline, a Victorian Government service.

- Location:** Port Melbourne Town Hall
333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne
- Date:** Thursday 25 July – 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- Cost:** \$10, or free with a concession card
- Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BALEY>

Please note that child minding facilities are not available.