



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

## Welcome

Welcome to the 2016 school year. A special welcome to our new families and in particular to our 122 new Prep students who are starting their learning journey at Elwood PS. I look forward to working with all of you throughout the year to ensure your child's academic and social development thrives. My door is always open to discuss any issue and you can always catch me in the yard before school.

Your teachers have been working very hard over the last few weeks; creating lovely learning environments, planning for the terms to come and developing explicit and interesting learning tasks for your children so that they can have the best year possible. Please take the opportunity to pop into your child's classroom to meet your teacher and see their classroom at the start of the year.

2016 will be a big year for Elwood PS with a number of focus areas for us being:

- Continuing to embed and enhance our literacy and numeracy strategies across all grades
- Continuing to implement the VCOP Big Write program across the

school which will lead to further improved writing standards

- Continuing our focus on having high expectations for our students in all areas of the school
- Making sure all areas of the curriculum continue to be rich and exciting

## Staffing

We employed a number of key staff in Term 4 last year who are about to begin their Elwood PS time:

- Ashleigh Jordan who is enjoying Prep at EPS
- Charlie Cooper joins our Grade 1 team
- Gretl Tan is a welcome addition to our Grade 5 team
- Nat Payne has commenced in Grade 3
- Sarah Galbraith re-joins us and is part of the Prep team

## Threats to Schools

A number of schools have recently received telephone threats which have been widely reported in the media. Elwood PS has not been involved but is ready for any emergency. We practice both evacuation and lockdown procedures during each school year as part of our Emergency Management procedures. We are also informed of incidents by the Department of Education & Training

**February 2016  
No. 1**

## CALENDAR

### Thursday 4 February

Chess Club resumes  
6.00pm Kitchen Garden Volunteers  
Information Night

### Friday 5 February

Summer Sports - Grade 5 & 6

### Saturday 6 February

Community Market  
whole School rostered

### Wednesday 10 February

Prep Gap

### Friday 12 February

Summer Sports - Grade 5 & 6

### Monday 15 February

3.00pm Assembly  
7.00pm Level 1 (Prep)  
Information Night

### Tuesday 16 February

7.00pm Level 2 (Grade 1 & 2)  
Information Night

### Wednesday 17 February

School Photos for Grades 3-6  
7.00pm Level 3 (Grade 3 & 4)  
Information Night

### Thursday 18 February

7.00pm Level 4 (Grade 5 & 6)  
Information Night  
7.15pm School Council

### Friday 19 February

Summer Sports - Grade 5 & 6

### Monday 22 February

Learning by Doing - Grade 1

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

### Wednesday 17 February

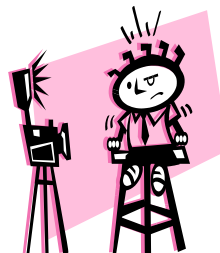
(Grades 3 to 6 + some Families)

### Thursday 25 February

(Prep, Grades 1 & 2 + the rest of Families)

**School uniform must be worn both days**

Family and extra Student Envelopes will be available from the school office shortly



**Curriculum Day  
Student Free  
Monday 7 March**

and follow their directions as to how to proceed depending on the type of incident. Hopefully we will only ever have to practice emergency procedures and not put them into real life situations.

### **Market**

Our first market will be held this Saturday; it will be a warm and sunny day and I hope to see many families enjoying the start of the market and school year.

**Please remember everyone is invited to bake something for the cake stall. This stall creates 100% profit for our school and is a great way to contribute to the market.**

### **Curriculum Day**

We will be having the third of our four allocated curriculum days on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be focussing on VCOP and our new central data and reporting program "Grade Expert"

### **Requisite packs (Student School Charges)**

These will be available from Wednesday next week in the foyer outside the art room. Please collect your packs and make payments as soon as possible. Any families who may be having difficulty in making payments please make an appointment to see me to discuss alternatives.

### **Information Nights**

Please keep the following dates free so you can attend our Information Nights. These nights are very informative with an outline of the curriculum, homework, expectations, grade level events and specialist areas discussed. They will all be held in the Junior Learning Centre (JLC).

#### **Monday 15 February**

Prep : 7:00pm – 8:00pm

#### **Tuesday 16 February**

Grade 1 & 2 : 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### **Wednesday 17 February**

Grade 3 & 4 : 7:00pm - 8:30pm

#### **Thursday 18 February**

Grade 5 & 6 : 7:00pm – 8:00pm

### **School Council**

School Council elections will take place during Term 1 with more details in next week's Community Link. If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor feel free to have a chat with me or any of our current councillors.

### **Library Renovation**

Our new Library is now complete giving us more space, more student work areas and a fully functional Information Learning Hub. Feel free to visit the new space before or after school. All money for the total renovation (\$150,000) has come from the generous donations into our Building and Library funds.

### **Class Reps**

The following grades still need Class Reps :

**Prep A, Prep C, 1J, 1R, 4A, 4J, 4L, 5G & 6T .**

If you would like to take on this rewarding role please contact Monica at [monica@michaelforbes.org](mailto:monica@michaelforbes.org).

### **Solar Power Program**

Our solar power installation was completed over the holidays. Solar panels are in place on the roof of the JLC. The complete system was installed at a cost of \$23,000. We received a \$5,000 grant from the Bendigo Bank with the balance coming from our Building fund. With expected savings of \$4,000 per year the system should pay for itself over the next four years and generate significant savings on our power bills which will be able to be spent on other priorities.

### **Park Redevelopment**

Our new grass areas in the park are complete and open for student use. The area is now spectacular with lush, soft and even grassed areas to be now used in PE, sport, school breaks and on the weekend. The soccer goals purchased through fundraising by the Buller Boys are now in place with football goals to be installed shortly.

### **Hot Weather**

With a hot February forecast we are well equipped to continue school as normal. We are lucky to have all teaching spaces air conditioned with funds coming from the Market and Building Fund. Students must also wear a hat in line with our Sun Smart Policy. They do not go out to recess or lunch play if the temperature is over 35 degrees. We call this a 'sweat' day and students remain in class as per 'wet' days.

### **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Volunteers**

As you know this program is a focus for Grade 3 & 4 students but any parents in the school from Prep to Grade 6 can volunteer to be part of kitchen or garden classes. We are always looking for volunteers to assist our class reps who need to enlist a total of 80 volunteers for the program every week. If you would like to be part of the program please contact the office or your class teacher.

### **Rob Csoti**

### **Children at Risk of Anaphylaxis**

There are a number of students in our school who have severe allergic reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction which can be life threatening, however with your help and careful management any risks can be substantially reduced.

The school has a number of strategies in place to support students at risk of anaphylaxis, one of which is ensuring that our community and our students are aware of, and sensitive to, the needs of these students. Consequently your child's class will participate in a workshop (conducted by Katie, our school nurse) which is intended to raise their awareness of allergic reactions, what might trigger

one, what a reaction might look like, and how they can support each other in ensuring that exposure to allergens which might result in an anaphylactic reaction is significantly reduced.

It is our policy at school to minimise the risk of allergic reactions during class time by:

- Asking that you avoid sending your child to school with food that might in some way, through accidental contact, cause such an allergic reaction
- Ensuring that children do not share food at any time and that they wash their hands after eating
- Ensuring that children always eat in a supervised environment
- Regularly cleaning spaces where children eat
- Promoting an awareness of anaphylaxis, allergens, reactions and what they can do to help should the need arise.

As we are sure you can appreciate, parents of a child at risk of anaphylaxis often worry about their children when they are at school, out of their care and relying on others to ensure their safety. We need your support to reduce the risks and thank you for your care in ensuring our learning environments are safe for everyone. *If your child is in a class with a child at risk of anaphylaxis you will already have received a letter advising you of their allergy and what triggers a reaction. Please make sure you check your child's bag for any notices sent home from school.*

## Class Lists for 2016

Class Lists are produced from information downloaded from our data base and then sent to the class representative for distribution to your class. These lists are private & confidential and are to be only used for school based communication.

This list has the following details The student first name and surname, Adult A name, home phone number, mobile number, Adult B name and Adult A email address. Students with two families who would like the **ALTERNATIVE FAMILY** details included please email me. If you have any questions call the school on 9531 2762.

*Sharron Hoggett*

hoggett.sharron.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

## Volunteering at the Elwood Community Market

Thank you to everyone for your contribution to the EPS Community Market in 2015. Your efforts over the past couple of years have helped with the beautification of the central space and front garden plus the extension of the Information Learning Hub.

The next school market is this **Saturday 6 February**. Due to the short time frame between school starting and the market it was not possible to allocate volunteer activities to particular classes.

The market committee is appealing to **everyone** regardless of your grade to help out for a couple of hours this Saturday. If you can help, please select a **volunteer** activity for the February market at: [www.elwoodmarket.com/volunteer/february](http://www.elwoodmarket.com/volunteer/february)

*Elwood PS Market Committee*

## “Welcome back” and “Welcome to” Junior School 2016

Welcome to all of our new Preps and their families who started on a rather wet and soggy Friday last week! Although there was great excitement, enthusiasm and eagerness from all, including our parents and teachers, it was a very calm and settled first day.

We were extremely impressed with our Preps knowing where their classrooms were; they were able to find their bags and their classrooms and even more impressively, found their way back to class after the breaks! Our Preps even showed the whole school how to listen and behave during assembly on Monday. What terrific role models and Elwood Primary School kids already!

It was also great to see our Grade 1 and 2 students back with us after their fun-filled and action-packed holidays. It was exciting watching them all catch up with school friends, chat to their new teachers and hear them discussing what the school year may bring..... Grade 1 Dinner and the famous Grade 2 Sleepover!

The first few weeks are a big step on the journey towards growing up and being part of a school community, particularly for our Prep Students. It was very pleasing and exciting to see and hear all of our Junior School Students being keen to make new friends, learn new things and being happy to be here!

A reminder to our Prep Families that you will need to book in a time with your Prep Teacher for testing on one of the Wednesday GAP days during February. If you haven't done so yet, please see your classroom teacher or just pop your name on the GAP day testing list found in each room. The “test” is a very casual, one on one time for your Prep child and their teacher to get to know each other and for the Prep Teachers to gauge the students' Literacy and Numeracy development thus far. This is done through reading together, games, rhymes and play. This is all just a part of getting to know your child the best we can and then help them along their learning journey that they have begun with you at home and kinder. If you have any questions, please see your Prep Teacher.

### A few tips for our Junior School and the beginning of a new year:

- A sound night's sleep is vital in giving our Junior School students energy for the new day
- A relaxed start to the school day goes a long way towards making it a good day

- Check school bags each evening for letters, notices and messages from school or your classroom teacher
- Encourage a good breakfast and give time for them to eat without rushing
- It is important that your child arrives at school on time. They like to have a few minutes before the day starts to do things like catch up with friends.

Again. Welcome to and welcome back to 2016 at Elwood Primary School. Enjoy!

*Nicole Richards* ... Assistant Principal

## Welcome back to the EPS community for 2016

I hope everyone had a fantastic break! I am excited to be back for 2016 at Elwood Primary School in the role of Senior School Assistant Principal and I'm looking forward to working with all of our wonderful students, teachers, support staff and parents. 2015 confirmed for me that Elwood PS really is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century school that puts the student at the centre of learning. The attitude of the students, culture of the staff and the community involvement is the best I've seen and all of this makes our school an excellent place to learn.

My main role this year will be to support the teachers with the curriculum and welfare of the students. My office door is always open, so please feel free to pop in any time. It's been a busy start to the year and the students have settled in to term one very well.

It will be great to catch up with everyone at the Community Market this weekend.

Have a fantastic week.

*Jay Tucker* ... Senior School Assistant Principal

## You Can Do It

### Term 1: Getting Along

Getting Along means working well with teachers and classmates, resolving disagreements peacefully, following the rules of the classroom and making positive contributions to school, home and the community including protecting the rights of others and looking after the environment.



**This fortnight with You Can Do It!**  
we will focus on: **Smiling**

Our very first You can Do It focus is an easy one to do, but sometimes we forget just how important this one is and how it can make people feel happy, safe and welcomed.

As everyone returns for the new school year, or new students, families and teachers are welcomed for the first time to Elwood Primary School - a welcoming, happy smile will make all the difference.

Smiling is such a wonderful, friendly thing to do. It is fun and contagious and a smile is always returned with another.

When greeting old friends, trying to make new ones or just passing along the feeling of friendship and happiness - smile!

**You Can Do It!**

## Manners Matter

**This fortnight with Manners Matter, we Will focus on: Saying Hello!**

Manners Matter at Elwood Primary School and along with a bright smile, a welcoming "Hello" shows that you are a friendly and polite Elwood Primary School kid. You can make a new person in the playground or in your classroom feel less alone with a happy "Hello" and a smile.

There are many different greetings from "Hello", "Good morning" and "Good afternoon" to "Hi" and "G'Day!" You might even know some other languages to say "hello" to someone.

Give it a go in the school and watch the happiness, smiles and friendships pass on to each other and make our school an even better one!

**Remember, 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?

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Setsubun Sai (Shinto)

Setsuban Sai is a Shinto New Year celebration based on Japan's old lunar calendar. It is celebrated as a good luck festival and a celebration of the traditional beginning of Spring.

### 8<sup>th</sup> February: Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year falls on the first day of the Chinese calendar, and continues for 15 days. During celebrations people clean their houses to drive away the bad luck of the previous year. 2016 is the year of the Monkey.



### 9<sup>th</sup> February : Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet day encourages families, libraries and schools to learn and connect together. Take positive actions and teach each other about staying safe online.

### 13<sup>th</sup> February: Apology Anniversary

Today is a mark of respect of the achievement that was the apology to the Stolen Generations, and a reminder to the broader public, to the country's politicians and policy makers, that sorry is more than a word, and that communities, Stolen Generations focused community and peak body organisations, and government politicians and policy makers must continue to work together in order to achieve key outcomes for the Stolen Generations. For more information go to: [healingfoundation.org.au/](http://healingfoundation.org.au/)



### 14<sup>th</sup> February: International Childhood Heart Disease (CHD) Awareness Day

HeartKids aims to raise awareness for all aspects of children's heart disease. They support children with heart diseases, as well as their families, including those who have lost young children. Heart Kids works towards reducing both the incidence and the mortality rates of childhood heart disease.

### 14<sup>th</sup> February: Sweetheart Day

HeartKids Australia is launching Sweetheart Day on 14 February to raise awareness of childhood heart disease and encourage donations to continue their work in providing support, advocacy, growing awareness and enabling further research into children's heart disorders.

### 14<sup>th</sup> February: 1 Billion Rising

1 Billion Rising aims to mobilise, engage, awaken and join people worldwide to end violence against women - and make violence against women a global human issue not relegated to country or tribe or class or religion.



### 18<sup>th</sup> February: International Asperger's Day

International Asperger's Day aims to highlight the significance of Asperger syndrome for both society and individuals and also illustrates one of the many challenges to the newcomer trying to understand the autism spectrum.

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

*Nicole Richards* ... Assistant Principal

## Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a Centrelink, Pensioner Concession or a Veteran Affairs Gold card you may be eligible to apply. You must also be a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government primary or secondary school. Please see the attachment for full details.

## Requisite packs (Student School Charges)

A pack for every family will be available next week from Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 February. They can be collected from the foyer outside the art room in the main school building. Each pack contains permission forms and student payment information.

Payment and completion of permission forms is essential to enable your child to participate in all school programs. Please collect your packs as soon as possible. Any families who may be having difficulty in making payments please make an appointment to see me to discuss alternative arrangements.

## Lunch Order Menu

A copy of the 2016 Lunch Order Menu will be included in your Requisite packs. This menu replaces all previous ones and is effective immediately.

## Personal Goods

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. It is not advisable to bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

## School Camp Dates

Grade 3 : 7 - 9 November at Rowsley  
Grade 4 : 9 - 11 Nov at Mt Martha  
Grade 5: 8 - 10 June at Anglesea  
Grade 6 : 6 - 8 June at Anglesea

## News from the kitchen

### Happy New Year

Welcome our new kitchen specialist Sam Somerville who will be working Thursday and Friday please make her feel welcome. We are both looking forward to commencing our cooking sessions in the kitchen both with our new Grade 3 students and our experienced Grade 4 students.

### Reminders:

- Allergy forms please return to school as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
- If you are able please sign up on the Care Bookings visit [www.carebookings.com.au](http://www.carebookings.com.au) and enter the event code D2TFT for volunteering in kitchen or garden as a community volunteer, parent, friend or grandparent, we would welcome any assistance .
- If anyone has access to lemons please drop them into the school kitchen.



Special thanks to our garden helpers who maintained the garden over the summer and to Kate Bulling for all her dedicated hours spent in the garden over the holidays. The garden looks amazing ! Many thanks.

*Janet Cameron*

## Garden News

The garden has thrived over the summer. The children who were in the program last year will be surprised to see how much has changed. We are looking forward to introducing our new Grade 3 students to the delights of gardening and nature.



## Thank you

A big thank you to Victoire Blom, Jenny Wilson, Jenni Marshall, Kim Thomas, Jillian Dunn and Amy Davis-Rogers who shared the enormous job of caring for the chickens over the holidays. Some of them even helped with watering as well. John Watkins helped us by removing all the garden waste that was too large to compost. Heather Geerts and Debbie Packham made heaps of jars of jam from our apricots. Our program would not be able to run without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

## Retirement Village for Chickens?

Unfortunately our chickens are getting a bit aged and are now producing few eggs. It might be time to get a new batch of young ones. First we need to find a place for our elderly girls to go. Do you know someone, probably in the country, who would like to take some of the chickens to live out the end of their days?? If so, please contact me at [bulling.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:bulling.kathleen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au).

*Kate Bulling* ... Garden Specialist

## Attachments :

Scholastic Book Club  
Mini Picasso's Art Class  
Financial Assistance for Parents

## Separate Attachment:

Extra Curricular Activities A4 Flyers

# TERM ONE SPECIALIST OVERVIEW

## MUSIC Program - Kaz

**Prep :** Students come to Music once a week to sing and play! We'll begin to explore and understand musical concepts through singing, games, dancing and using instruments. Students are encouraged to perform confidently in front of each other and have fun!

**Grade 1 & 2 :** Students in Grade 1 and 2 learn to perform and create music through singing, games and playing instruments. We learn to read and write rhythm and pitch, explore new musical concepts and enjoy making music together! Students perform in the Grade 1 or Grade 2 Choir at assembly throughout the year.

**Grade 3 & 4 :** Students in Grade 3 learn how to play the recorder! Students work on reading and playing fluently, individually and with others. Each individual Grade 4 student will begin to concentrate on a modern instrument. They learn more challenging notation and develop greater aural skills. All students are also welcome to join the 3/4 Choir and the Recorder Ensemble.

**Grade 5 & 6 :** Students in Grade 5 and 6 will amp it up a notch and join a band! Bands are made up of class members which write and rehearse together. Students choose what they practice and decide the arrangement of the songs. Students can join the Senior Choir and school leaders have the opportunity to run the School Talent Show on Lunchtimes.

# Term 1 Specialist Overview continued

## Performing Arts – Paula

**Prep** :As part of our Performing Arts program, Preps will develop fundamental movements through different activities and games. In Dance, students will explore movement safely to improvise ideas in response to a range of music and imagery stimuli. In Drama, students will use dramatic play and mime to convey meaning through improvisation and games.

**Grade 1** : As part of our Performing Arts program, Grade One students will gain body awareness through structured and improvised activities using body parts, shapes and locomotor / non-locomotor movement. In Dance, students will explore personal and general space and work independently or with a partner. In Drama, students will use mime and gesture to build on character representation in short dramatic plays.

**Grade 5** : As part of our Performing Arts program, Grade Five students will explore creativity, peer relationships and gain an appreciation of the Performing Arts. In Dance, students will use choreographic devices to choreograph a group dance composition. Students will make choices regarding music, movements and connections. In Drama, students will develop their improvisation skills through Theatresport games. Students will explore narrative structures and devise, rehearse and perform an individual or group act.



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VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS  
*Spectacular*

## Attention Year 6 students: State School Spectacular performance opportunity!

This year Elwood Primary School will be participating in the Victorian State School Spectacular!

*The Spectacular includes a cast of 3000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria's government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a 2-3 hour scripted show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.*

*The Spectacular promotes student engagement and educational outcomes by boosting motivation and student attendance, building confidence and self-esteem, leadership skills, cooperation, collaboration, forging friendships and a sense of belonging.*

*Students who participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.*

As part of the Mass Dance group EPS is searching for sixteen year 6 students (boys and girls) who love to dance. We need students who are excited about the opportunity of performing in a large scale show at Hisense Arena. The performance is recorded and later in the year presented on TV. As this is a big undertaking, we are looking for students and their families who are willing to make the required commitment. As the group is small we are looking for parents to assist with transport to rehearsals.

If you would like to participate please come to an audition in the hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at lunchtime 1.45. Don't be late! I will teach you a short dance. Have fun!

I can be contacted at Elwood PS on Tuesdays and Thursdays in or near the hall. Please email me if you have any questions: [russell.paula.p@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:russell.paula.p@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Paula Russell** Performing Arts Specialist Elwood Primary School

# Term 1 Specialist Overview continued

## LOTE Program - Kirsteen

Selamat Tahun Baru ! (Happy New Year !)

Great to see so many excited students looking forward to a fun year of learning "Bahasa Indonesia". Each student will be given an exercise book which their Indonesian work will be completed in this year. These books will be stored in the LOTE classroom in the JLC.

**SUPPORTING LOTE AT HOME-** If you wish to encourage Indonesian language development at home the school has access to a wonderful language site that provides vocab lists and great games and activities to complete. You can access this by going [www.langaugenut.com](http://www.langaugenut.com), user name: **elwoo4791**, password: **elwoo0523**, then enter the 'Modern languages' and click on 'Indonesian,' I would suggest levels 1-6.

**Grade 2 :** Students will be introduced to the wonderful world of Indonesian! Students will learn the answers to pressing questions such as, 'Where is Indonesia?' and "Why do we study Indonesian at Elwood Primary ? Students will study the vocabulary associated with basic greetings, colours and numbers during term one.

**Grades 3 & 4 :** Students will revisit the daily language related to basic conversations and greetings as well as further develop their language skills using more complex colour and number sentence structures.

**Grades 5 & 6 :** Students will explore commonly used classroom language in Bahasa such as please enter, sit down, please be quiet and learn how to use and respond to these appropriately. Students will write and translate simple passages which include common greetings and expressions.

## Visual Art - Leyna, Andrea & Jo

We are looking forward to a fabulous year of creativity, passion and imagination. 2016 is going to be marvellous!

This year we are showcasing students' artwork at our biennial **Art Show** in Term 4 (more information closer to the date!). The art room will be storing most art pieces until then, so please remember to check out [www.ourartadventures.blogspot.com](http://www.ourartadventures.blogspot.com) to see what students have been creating.

**Prep :** are learning about lines, shapes and colours and will create a variety of watercolour paintings.

**Year 1 :** are learning to use new materials including india ink and a variety of watercolour paints. Students will be inspired by themselves and animals. Students will learn how to create detailed patterns in their art.

**Year 2 :** are learning to create a variety of self-portraits. Students will learn a variety of painting techniques.

**Years 3 :** are learning to weave using wool and cardboard looms. Students are learning that art can tell a story by creating their own stories and finding colours that best represent their ideas.

**Year 4 :** are learning to create their very own softie/feltie. Students will use a variety of sewing techniques to create their softie.

**Year 5 :** are learning about the artistic process in preparation for planning and creating their own art pieces.

**Year 6 :** are setting goals and identifying their second year of their personalised learning curriculum. Students will also create a self-portrait inspired by "I am, I love, I will" statements.

## PE & Sport - Amy & Tara

**Preps :** are taking part in different tasks and games to develop their spatial awareness, boundaries and knowledge of different rules. We are also learning how to use different pieces of equipment. Then we are developing their ability to throw and catch on our own and with a partner improving our hand eye co-ordination.

**Grade 1 & 2 :** are completing tasks and problem solving activities to develop our ability to work as a team in a co-operative way. We are also exploring different striking and fielding games such as Cricket, Rounders, Kickball and developing the skills and knowledge we need for these games.

**Grade 3 & 4 :** are taking part in team building and problem solving activities to improve our skills in co-operation, communication. We are then moving on to striking and fielding sports such as Cricket, Rounders, T-ball, Kickball and developing the skills and knowledge we need for these through skills' stations and other conditioned games.

**Grade 5 & 6 :** are taking part in team building and problem solving activities to explore the different roles that we can take part in and develop our ability to communicate and work together. We are then moving onto striking and fielding games such as Cricket, Rounders, T-ball, Softball and other conditioned games and skills' stations to help develop our skills.





**Due Date for Term 1:  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**Dear Parents**

Once again Elwood Primary School will be participating in Scholastic Book Club this year and every term a Book Club catalogue will be sent home with your child.

Every purchase made through Book Club generates 'Rewards' for our school, which we use to build our classroom resources so we continue to provide quality educational material for your children. There is no obligation to purchase.

**Paying by Credit Card** – 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.

**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.

**DUE DATE** - Orders are to be either returned to school or processed online by **Tuesday 16 February** – no late orders accepted.

If you have any queries regarding Book Club, please speak to your child's teacher. Book Club is managed by parent volunteers.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATON FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

