



Newsletter

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Another busy week for us at EPS and more opportunities to work in partnership and collaboration with our parents, families and communities!

100 days of Prep

Congratulations to our prep students for achieving this massive milestone and thanks to all of the Prep Teachers and families for making this day such a wonderful celebration. There were parades and dress ups and all things 100 but most of all, there were celebrations of the Preps' start to their learning journey with all of us at EPS!

Parent / Teacher Interviews

A reminder to please log in and book a time for Parent Teacher Interviews for Week 7. Attached is a flyer with the log in details as well as booking open and closing times. Parent-Teacher Interviews are an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and a great way to promote communication between school and home. Parent Teacher Interviews is another way to enable us to continue to work together toward our students' learning and social wellbeing. The objective of our parent-teacher interviews are to: involve you in the educational process, to document progress, reflect on learning outcomes and goals, give you the opportunity to express feelings, questions or concerns and continue the ongoing communication networks between us. We hope to see you.

Aerobics set for Gold

Our champion EPS Aerobics teams performed at our August Market in front of a packed onesie-wearing crowd. We are all so proud of the teams, their dedication to rehearsals and teamwork and to Julie, Melinda and Gretl for giving up their many lunches and spare time to help

rehearse for the Nationals coming up in Queensland at the end of term. We have donation tins at the office if you have a spare goldie to help with the Nationals Comp. We wish them all well.

Report feedback

Over the last two years, staff and the community have worked on our reporting processes and format to ensure our reporting is consistent, informative and Level appropriate across the school. We believe our reports on student learning are clear, individualised and provide accurate information about student learning. We value being able to partner with you and receive your feedback for further reflection and ongoing development of our reporting. Below is a link to our Feedback survey so that we may continue to reflect on our reporting processes and continue to make any necessary changes or improvements. We appreciate your time and feedback. With thanks, Nicole and Ange:

<https://goo.gl/forms/DBg5IIIdebfXbR12>

Father Bob Foundation

We are so proud of our Level 3 team and kids who decided to donate their kitchen food for the week to the homeless, lonely and food insecure of our community in light of



Homelessness Week. Our Grade 3 and 4 students, along with their teachers, volunteers and our kitchen specialists, cooked and baked goods such as

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CALENDAR

Thursday 16 August
School Council Meeting

Mon 20 August—Fri 24 August
Book Week

Tuesday 21 August
7.00pm Maths Information Night

Wednesday 22 August
PREP Grandparents Day
Book Character Parades

Friday 24 August
District Athletics
Ready Set Go 4

Monday 27 August
Assembly—Grade 2 Choir

Thursday 30 August
Father's Day Stall
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 31 August
Grade 5/6 Sports
Father's Day Stall

Saturday 1 September
Community Market

Thursday 6 September
Prep S & Prep R
Collingwood Children Farm

Friday 7 September
Prep C, Prep J & Prep M
Collingwood Children Farm
Grade 5/6 Sport

Monday 10 September
Assembly Grade 3/4 Choir performing

Tuesday 11 September
String Ensemble JLC

Thursday 12 September
Grade 6 City Excursion

muesli slices and chocolate brownies. We even had Janet, Julie and Valerie help out at the Father Bob Foundation one night, talking to the community they served. They met some beautiful people who were so grateful that EPS were there. They couldn't thank us enough when told that the students at Elwood Primary made the food. They loved hearing about the school age children who had cooked the food and made an amazing donation and connection to their wider community. I would also like to thank Janet, Sam, Kathy, Valerie, Julie and Ange for giving of their time to make this event and connection so special.



Biggest Morning Tea



Many thanks to both Alexa and Sally for organising such a wonderful event to raise money for the Cancer Council and for the opportunity for our students to be involved with both the poster competition and the Great EPS Bakeoff. The hilariously fabulous Julia presented our winners: Georgia (4C) and Evelyn (4C), Benny (5N) and Chelsea (5S) and Alice (6B) and The Thomas Family - with wonderful prizes from both the Classic Cinema and Grummy Swimmer who we thank for being involved. Our Poster Winners in the Junior School were: Mabel (PR) and Mia (PC), Jensen (1J) and Eliza (1P), Mia (2O) and Asher (2JL) and Alfie (3N) and Ville (3N) - winning a Will's Batch Gift Voucher.



Thanks also to: Garden of Eden Nursery, Hawken Bakehouse, Bakers Delight, Mr Tuppy, Elwood Bakery and Patisserie and

Wills Batch for donating gifts and food. So far this event has raised over \$600 with more money coming in from the sale of the cakes at our Market and a huge raffle taking place at our next market - with thanks to Julia - a Logie pack worth over \$1800! Lookout for raffles!

Nicole Richards... Acting Principal

New Principal Update

I wanted to update everyone on what is happening to appoint a new principal since Rob's retirement at the end of last term. We have commenced the recruitment process and we expect to appoint a new principal in early October who would most likely commence in late October. I know this seems like a long time but given it's such a critical appointment it warrants a rigorous, merit-based process that we can all have confidence in

to get the best outcome for the school. The selection process will be done by a panel of five people made up of; the school council president, school council parent representative, nominee of the Secretary of the Department of Education, a practising principal of a similar sized school and an EPS staff member, to ensure wide range of views. A final recommendation will then be made to the school council for endorsement. The process is highly confidential and as such unfortunately I won't be able to provide any updates in the interim. Nicole Richards will remain as acting principal until the commencement of a new principal.

Ralf Huempel... School Council President

Parent Opinion Survey

The 2018 Parent Opinion Survey will run from the 23 July to 26 August. The survey will be conducted online and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed via desktop, laptop, tablet or mobile through a secure online portal. It is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. All responses are anonymous. The survey is designed to assist us in gaining an understanding of your perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. We will use the survey results to help inform and direct future planning and improvement strategies. A friendly reminder should you have been selected, to please complete the online survey. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Aerobics Competition

20th of July 2018. It was the day we have all been training for; the Aeroschools, Aerobic Gymnastic Competition. We all woke early to get to Diamond creek by 8:30am. Once we had all arrived we warmed up and did some group stretches. We were ready. To check out our competition we watched all the other groups compete on the big stage. We went over all our routines, advice and technique. We knew we had a good chance to come home with pride and hopefully place in the top ten. We were competing against 31 other teams so a top 10 ranking would be a huge achievement. We were nervous lining up to go on stage, but when we got on the stage we were much calmer. When we did the routine we felt like we had the judges in the palm of our hand! Watching the other teams made us nervous because they were so good and we thought we might not make it. But then 2026. We checked the sheet and we MADE IT TO FINALS!!! Our teams placed 2nd, 3rd and 5th!! To make it to nationals we had to perform twice. We did our second performance and we did really well. Now we had to wait for our results. The results came and we were all sitting on the stage while the announcer called out the rankings, our teams PLACED IN THE TOP TEN YAY!!! They were 7th , 3rd and 2nd. WE'RE GOING TO NATIONALS!!! Nationals is in Queensland and to go we would like some money

donations to help pay for us and the teachers to go!
You can donate at the September market and maybe at some assemblies too!
Mischa, Abigail, Lotti and the Aerobics Teams

Parent Helpers Workshop

Last week over 20 parents attended the workshop that focused on the benefits of volunteering in the classroom and how you can help in Literacy and Numeracy sessions. It was great to hear the many positive stories from the parents that are already helping in a variety of settings across the school. We discussed how the addition of extra adults in the room can have a huge impact on the teaching and learning of all students from Prep to Grade 6. We encourage all our families to make contact with their class teacher and/or Specialist teachers to offer their time to support our Elwood Primary students with their learning journey. The presentation has been added to the school website if you are interested in having a read.



Sara Walsh ... Teaching & Learning Coach

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!

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.

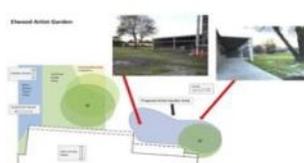
"I can do it" means being independent, accepting yourself, taking risks and having the confidence to have a go.

YOU CAN DO IT!

Nicole Richards

PICK MY PROJECT

Voting has just opened for all in our local community to support the two great Elwood College community projects accepted in the new Victorian State Government "Pick my Project" scheme. The first project is for a Community Art Garden with seating, edible and indigenous plants with student and local artists artworks. The second project is for an Outdoor Sports Courts Community Hub which includes shading, seating, line marking and landscaping around the new outdoor courts, which are used extensively by our local sports groups in our broader community and students at Elwood College. Register and vote today at www.pickmyproject.vic.gov.au. Select Elwood College by searching in locality.



Elwood College Community Art Garden

An inspiring, quiet place enriching community with plants and art.



Elwood Outdoor Sports Courts Community Hub

An outdoor sports court hub supporting community sports participation.



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on: **THURSDAY 30th AUG from 3:40pm until 7:30pm.**

BOOKINGS OPEN TUESDAY 14th AUG BEFORE 11.00am

You can get online to book interviews at times that suit your family best.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 24th AUG at 4:00pm



Go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code.

Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN TUESDAY 14th Aug SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, you can still make bookings by either calling the office or your child's teacher and they can access the times for you.

Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. We understand that for some parents, this date may not be suitable and classroom teachers may be available at other times and days for you, such as before or after school. If this is the case, please check the times of availability on School Interviews Online or contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

If you have more than one child at school and are making bookings across the day for various teachers, please leave time between meetings to allow for moving to the different rooms.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the office or class teacher directly.

If you have any problems, please contact me directly or the office staff and we will endeavour to assist you.

Regards,

Nicole Richards
Acting Principal



We would like to welcome parents to our

Maths Information Night



Tuesday 21st August
7 00pm
JLC

Learn more about...

- *Growth Mindset linked to success*
- *What is a Challenging Maths Task?*
- *Unlocking the potential of all students through Challenging Tasks*

Presented by Louisa Lauren and Ariana

Elwood TeamKids Newsletter



What's Been Happening!

The grade 4 children worked on designing, baking and decorating cakes to enter in the Bake off for the Biggest Morning Tea. It was amazing to see their creativity come to life. This week is National Science Week. Keep your eye out for our epic experiments next week!

We would like to thank the Lorden family for donating a new rug and the Maticka family for donating toys and puzzles. Please remember to update your bookings on Fully Booked. When we know how many children are coming each session it helps us effectively plan for the session. There is a \$5 fee applied for late bookings.

Please also be aware that the new childcare subsidy has replaced 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



Epic Games



Monday and Wednesday
ASC

Tuesday and
Thursday ASC

S.T.E.M
Thursday ASC



Art Attack



Super Sports
Monday and Wednesday
ASC



Tuesday and Thursday
ASC

Important Dates

- 13th August – National Science Week
- 20th August – Book Week

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