

# Newsletter



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Dear Parents
Welcome to Term 4

Term 4 promises to be an exciting and very busy term with many events including our open day and market, Junior Tabloid Sports, Grade 3 & 4 Camps, Family Picnic, Grade 6 Graduation and lots of fantastic learning in some warm weather at last.

#### **Student and Parent Opinion Surveys**

Both our Student and Parent Opinion Survey data has been received with extremely positive results in all areas. There will be a more comprehensive report in the next newsletter. Both surveys certainly highlight our positive culture, focused learning approaches and highly engaged students and parents.

#### **School Open Day - Market**

Our open day, on Saturday 28 October, is fast approaching and is a major event in our 100 year celebrations. The market will start at the usual time but stay open until 4:00pm. During the day we expect many past and present students and families to tour the school, view the memorabilia that will be on view in the JLC and congregate in front of the stage for performances. Entertainment will include choirs, orchestra, teacher band, the Padres and some wonderful reflections and speeches. Students from the past 100 years will have their photographs taken in the senior school courtyard and there will be self-guided tours available during the day.

The following is a schedule of the events on the stage on the day:

12:30pm – School orchestra

12:45pm- Past student band

1:05pm - Memories

1:15pm - 3/4 Choir

1:30pm - Yard Duty Birds (teacher band)

2:00pm - Memories

2:15pm - Padres (parent band)

2:45pm - 5/6 Choir

3:00pm - Memories

3:15pm - Speeches, birthday cake, close.

#### **Kitchen Renovation**

The renovation is complete and the kitchen looks spectacular. Please feel free to pop in and have a look. This is a \$100,000 project fully funded from our Building Fund. The market, kitchen classes, Team Holiday and our special events will now enjoy a modern facility that is one of the main Hubs of the school.



#### Sick Leave in Term 4

I will be absent from 1 November until the last week of school. I am having a partial knee replacement which I have delayed for a long period of time (you may have noticed me limping for some time).

Nicole will be acting principal during that time and will do a fantastic job.

Rob Csoti

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## **CALENDAR**

Monday 9 October Henny Penny Program - Grade 1

**Tuesday 10 October** Sub-committees meet

**Friday 13 October**Summer Sport - Grade 5/6

**Tuesday 17 October**Division Sport Finals - Boys
Basketball Grade 5/6

Wednesday 18 October
Division Sport Finals - Softball
Grade 5/6

Thursday 19 October Regional Athletics for qualifying students 7.15pm School Council

Friday 20 October
Professor Bunsen - Grade 4
Ready Set Go for 2018 Preps

Monday 23 October
3.00pm Assembly with the EPS
orchestra performing

**Tuesday 24 October** Scholastic Book Club Orders Due

**Tuesday 25 October**Tabloid Sports - Prep to Grade 2

**Thursday 26 October**Sovereign Hill - Grade 5

Friday 26 October Summer Sport - Grade 5/6

Saturday 28 October 100 Year Commemorative Community Market & Open Day Grade 4 rostered

## A Big Thanks to Helen Radden

Anyone who has read the school newspaper, Elwood Centenary Anchor, would acknowledge its high quality, but have you ever thought about who wrote them?

Helen Radden, an Elwood mum, has devoted hundred's of hours to researching, writing, editing and formatting the school newspaper, purely for the school's benefit. As well as being a professional writer and editor and a mother of three, Helen has somehow found time to work with the whole team of students and staff in the production of the school newspapers that come out every school market, which has raised thousands of dollars for the school and its 100th birthday celebrations.

The school is indebted to Helen for all her hard work in producing these wonderful, informative and highly enjoyable newspapers and for the support she has shown to the school and other contributions this year.

Ashleigh - 67

### Leaving EPS in 2018?

Planning for 2018 is already taking place. It is very important to have an accurate picture of student movement for the upcoming year. Accurate anticipated student numbers has a huge impact on planning for the number of classes we have and our budget. If you know that you will not be at Elwood PS next year. Please complete the form on this newsletter, email or call the office on 9531 2762 as soon as possible.

Many Thanks

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## Baby chicks up for adoption!

This term, Grade 1 will be hosting the 'Henny Penny' program at our school. We will watch chicks hatch, care for them and learn all about the life cycle of chickens. At the conclusion of the program on Thursday 19 October, we will have approximately 24 baby chicks up for adoption.

Read the tips below before adopting and bringing home your new furry friends.



Prepare for Enough Space- Those tiny little chicks will grow up and will need enough space to live in. Prepare for a space when they are young and for when they are old enough to be transferred outside into a chicken coop. If you are looking to provide your family with steady supply of eggs, you will want between four and six chicks. There are many different options and styles for chicken coops and you can even make one yourself! Inside the coop there should be a nest box for laying eggs, perches where the chickens can sleep, an outdoor area (weather permitting) where the chickens can eat and run around and dropping boards or straw to collect the poop. Make sure to lock the coop each night with the chickens inside to protect them from other animals. Make sure that the coop is well ventilated.

Bringing the Chicks Home: The chicks will need water immediately. Once you transfer them into their new home, keep an eye on them. You want to make sure they can find the food and water. If they are not eating or drinking, show one chick where the water and food is. Once one of them figures it out the others will follow.

**Schedule :** Baby chicks require constant care. They should be checked on at least five times a day for the first four weeks.

**Upkeep:** The chicken coop will need to be cleaned at least once a week, but you should rake the straw around once a day. Make sure to have a feeder and feed, a water container, and dust free wood shavings for the floor.

## Take home chick packs are available for \$30.00 (cash on pickup), they include:

- 1 large feeder
- 1 large drinker
- 2kg chick crumble
- Shavings for bedding
- An adoption certificate
- Information sheets

If you are interested in adopting a furry friend and/or ordering a take-home chicken pack, please see a Grade 1 teacher by Thursday 19 October or alternatively email <a href="mailto:du.diana.d@edumail.vic.gov.au">du.diana.d@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>

#### You Can Do It!

Confidence means...feeling I can do it. Confidence also means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. Confidence also means standing up tall and speaking with a clear voice (not too loud, not too soft).

Work confidence means choosing to participate in new, difficult activities or classes, doing hard work without asking for help, offering to take responsibility and trying problems and answering questions when not too sure of the answer.

Social confidence means meeting someone new, sharing ideas with classmates, speaking in a clear voice so that you are heard and starting up conversations.

## You Can Do It! Nicole Richards & the UCDI Leaders

#### **Manners Matter**

Winning is great fun but we should remember that we need to win in a way that keeps our friends and promotes others' respect for us. Celebrate our successes but do it in a way that does not offend or hurt others.

#### DO

- Keep celebrations low key
- Comment on good players
- Always try hard, even when winning
- Thank others for the game

#### DON'T

- Boast about your ability or victory
- Comment on how far behind others are
- Point out where others are going wrong
- Act happy about others' mistakes
- Cheat or manipulate others

At all times, we play fairly. Give others a go and stick to the spirit of the rules.

In the end, the game should be fun for all; win, lose or draw.

Being a good winner and a good loser shows everyone that we are thoughtful, considerate and friendly children. All part of being an Elwood Kid.

This fortnight for Manners Matter, we will be focusing on: Taking turns



Almost every day at school we need to take our turn. Sometimes it is in the classroom and other times, outside in the yard. In the classroom we may need to wait for our turn to see the teacher or to use some equipment.

In games, we need to take our turn to bat or bowl and all sorts of play.

When turn taking, it is important to wait patiently, allow others to finish and give others a chance to have their go too.

You Can Do It!

#### **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?

#### 15-21 October: National Carer's Week

Carers Week recognises and celebrates the 2.6 million Australians who are carers in our communities. Carers Week events across Victoria provide opportunities for carers to get together and support one



another, exchange ideas and information, and spread awareness about caring.

#### 15-21 October: National Nutrition Week



National Nutrition Week encourages Australians to learn about making healthy food and lifestyle choices. Great timing with the opening of our brand new kitchen!

#### 15-21 October: Anti Poverty Week

Anti-Poverty Week aims to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and to encourage research, discussion and action to



address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

#### 16 October: World Food Day



World Food Day is a reminder that everybody deserves and needs access to food, particularly those who can't keep up with rising food prices.

#### 19 October: Diwali

Diwali is a festival of lights celebrated by Hindu, Jain and Sikh religions.



## 21-27 October: National Week of Deaf People (NWDP)



Every year, Deaf Australia and its state branches gear up to organise events through a week long period which is focused on celebrating Auslan, Deaf people and the Deaf

community in Australia.

Website: deafaustralia.org.au/nwdp/

#### 21-29 October: Children's Week



Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia during the fourth week in October. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents,

skills and abilities.

Website: www.childrensweek.org.au/

Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating. Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you are all relaxed, rested and raring to go!

Nicole Richards

**Assistant Principal** 

#### Walk to School this October!

Elwood Primary is excited to be taking part in VicHealth's Walk to School from 9 - 31 October.

Walk to School encourages primary school students to walk, ride, scoot or skate to and from school every day in October to highlight the ways active travel improves children's health and wellbeing. Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

We'll be encouraging families and students to walk, ride, scoot or skate to and from school as often as possible during October to help students learn healthy habits for life. Teachers will use classroom calendars to record each time students walk, ride or scoot to and from school.

The City of Port Phillip Council have donated some prizes that we will award to students with high participation.

You can visit the Walk to School website for more information: www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Not sure how to get started?

There are lots of ways families can get involved.

You might like to:

- walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to chat
- \* connect with other families and friends on your way to school, and share the journey
- \* walk part way, that's ok if you live a long distance from school or have limited time, drive part of the way to school and walk the rest
- \* mix it up if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that's great too!

## Grade 3 Camp Info Night

An information night will be held next Wednesday 18 October at 7pm in the Junior Learning Centre for any Grade 3 parents who are wanting general information about the school camp. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### Scholastic Book Club

The Book Club catalogue will be coming home soon with your child.

#### DUE DATE: Tuesday 24 Oct



If Paying by Credit Card and/or Vouchers —please order online at <a href="www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP">www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP</a>
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. Class names are listed as the two digit code (eg 1K) and the teacher's surname.

If 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.

If you have any queries please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you Book Club Farent Volunteers

Intention for Next Year					
I wish to advise that my child/children will NOT be returning to Elwood Primary School next year.					
Student	:/s Name/s & Grade/s :				
Reason	: We would very much appreciate your comments/feedback to assist with future planning.				
	Moving House :				
	Family moving Interstate :				
	Transferring to another Victorian State School:				
	Name of School (to assist with transfer documents):				
	Transferring to Private School: Name of School:				
	Other: I am happy for a member of the school staff to contact me.				
Parent S	Signature:Date:				

## **TERM FOUR SPECIALIST OVERVIEW**

## **Music Program - Kaz Sieger**

All students had the opportunity to perform in our whole school 'Celebration' at the Palais Theatre, enriching the Performing Arts.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

**Prep :** Students will explore making music with their voice and instruments, applying their skills. They will continue to dance and move to different styles of music from around the world. Students will continue to work on making music with percussion in small groups. Students will continue to explore and understand musical concepts through focused listening, writing activities and lots of games. Students will also be getting ready for a performance at the Family Picnic.

**Grade 1 & 2:** Students will be applying their knowledge and musical skills in activities and games. We work in groups, create and explore accompaniment on percussion and with singing. We choose instruments and make musical choices. Students explore how parts may be complimentary to the melody. Students continue to work on improving in improvising and creating music with meaningful dynamics and expression.

**Grade 3 & 4:** Students are continuing to improve their musicality through using a method book, singing, playing games and performing. They provide feedback for each other about what they observe and explore what musicians likes to do. Students compose their own songs exploring compositional ideas, using their musicality for expressing ideas and feelings through music.

**Grade 5 & 6:** Students will work even more closely on making a composition of their own to share for the class. We have created songs with multiple, interlocking parts using percussion instruments. Students will continue to explore using loops and recording their voice. Students consider each other's feedback on compositions and effectiveness of the ideas. Students enjoy working with their peers and being an audience member. Students consider how they use their time to learn their parts and perform them comfortably as a band.

### PE & Sport - Sam Casey, Jay Tucker & Leyna Parkes

For more information on all things Sport and PE @ Elwood PS, check out the website: www.elwoodpspe.com

#### Prep

During our final term the Preps will be developing basic Tennis skills including handling the racquet, feeding to a target, and underarm hitting from a feed. We will then move onto Gymnastics, with a focus on balancing, moving, rolling, jumping and landing on the floor and using small equipment.

#### Grade 1 & 2's

The students will be developing further developing their basic Tennis skills. Some of the skills we will focus on will be developing skills using the racquet, feeding to a target, learning a ready position, and forehand and backhand shot. Gymnastics will be our next activity, with a focus on balancing, moving and linking movements on our own and with a partner. The students will also develop skills in rolling, jumping and landing safely, on the floor using small equipment.

#### Grade 3 & 4's

More complex tennis skills will be the focus in the first part of the term. We will focus on our ability to perform forehand and backhand shots, as well as develop consistency when hitting from a partners' feed working towards a rally. All of the their learnt tennis skills will then be put into practise within short games. During the second half of the term, Gymnastics will be taught, with a focus on balancing, moving and linking movements on our own and with a partner. We will also develop our rolling, jumping and safe landing and dismounts. The students will practice techniques and develop control during jumps and rolls and landing over different apparatus.

#### Grade 5 & 6's

Our senior students will be developing their leadership skills and what roles they can take on in leadership in small groups. They will plan, develop and coach a game to the rest of the class with a selection of different equipment. For this to happen, they will create a written plan, clear rules and demonstration of their game. Gymnastics will be our next activity, with a focus on balancing, moving and linking movements on our own/with a partner. This will incorporate mirroring, timing levels and transitions. We will also develop our rolling, jumping and landing and dismounts. These techniques and skills will be developed using control during jumps and rolls and landing over different apparatus. We will also develop our ability to observe others and give feedback on our performances.

## **LOTE Program - Kirsteen Reid & Made Ardana**

**Grade 2 :** This term students will be revisiting our numbers 1-20 and participating in number recall activities and games. Students will also explore the wonderful folk stories of Indonesia and have an opportunity to role play one of their favourites.

**Grade 3 & 4:** This term students will be working hard to complete their personal Family Stories that they started writing in term three. Students will also be introduced to the new vocabulary for body parts and learn how to write simple sentences, which describe ailments such as headaches, stomachaches and broken bones.

**Grade 5 & 6 :** This term students will be revising numbers One-Million and will design a game or worksheet that revises these words. Students will also continue with a cultural focus on Religion in Indonesia, researching and writing reports about religious practice and ceremonies.

## **Performing Arts - Paula Russell**

#### Prep

As part of our Performing Arts program, Prep students will use elements of Dance and Drama in structured and improvised activities and games. In Dance, students will explore fundamental movement skills including galloping and skipping. They will also create dance sequences in response to a range of music and imagery stimuli. In Drama, students will use dramatic play to explore ideas for characters and situations.

#### **Grade One**

As part of our Performing Arts program, the Grade One students will use elements of Dance and Drama in structured and improvised activities and games. In Dance, students will develop fundamental movement skills including galloping and skipping. They will compose and present a group 'box dance' to explore dance sequencing. In Drama, students will use voice and gesture to build on character representation and story-telling through school-based plays.



## Team Holiday Elwood: Program Update

Welcome to Term 4! We are very excited to be commencing our second term at Elwood PS. Term 4 is a very exciting term and we will be able to celebrate so many community events such as 100 years of Elwood PS, Halloween, Christmas, our grade 6's graduating and welcoming new preps for 2018! Another important thing for Term 4 is children will need to bring their hats to Team Holiday. If the UV rating is above 3 children will need to wear hats outside. We have a lot of lost property, if your child has misplaced a hat or jumper last term or on the holidays please come have a look, it will be all moved to the JLC at the end of this week. As we say at Team Holiday 'Let the Fun begin!'

### Activities for the next fortnight

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Club/Special Activity	TH Club: Epic Games!	TH Club: Super Sports	Musical games	TH Club: Epic Games!	Treasure Hunt
Craft/Cooking	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack
Games/Sport	Gymnastics	Children's Choice games	Dodgeball	Gaga Ball	Dodgeball

## The Team: Educators: Brody, Andrew, Emily, Harriet, Nikita, Maddie, Jess and Shaun

Program	Times	Full Fee	Out Of Pocket
Before	7:15 am -	\$19.50	\$6.78 to
School	5:00 am		\$9.75
Affer	3:30 pm -	\$25.95	\$8.74 to
School	6:00 pm		\$12.98

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#### Contact: Fees and Times

eed to enroll and book you chid/ren into lefore and After school. To find out how, pleasego to our website.

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