



Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the over 100 parents who completed the Parent Opinion survey in Term 3. The results of the survey were overwhelmingly positive affirming the hard work that is occurring in all aspects of our school.

The survey is reported back to us in the form of positive responses, neutral responses and negative responses. Some highlights of the survey were positive ratings in the following areas:

- Effective teaching 87%
- Stimulating Learning 85%
- High Expectations for success 86%
- Confidence and resiliency skills 91%
- Promoting positive behavior 96%
- School connectedness 95%
- Parent participation and involvement 96%
- Physical environment 96%
- General satisfaction 93%

There were 20 areas surveyed with all areas receiving a positive response rate of at least 80% with the majority of the remaining percentages being in the neutral category.

100 year Open Day and Market has arrived!!!

On Saturday the EPS Open Day marks a significant time for our school both now and in the past. The market has extended hours and will be open until 4.00pm. During the day we expect many past and present students and families to visit and tour the school. There will be memorabilia on display in the JLC. Entertainment will include choirs, orchestra, teacher band, the Padres and some wonderful reflections and speeches. Martin Foley the member for Albert park and a past parent of our school will join us for the grand finale on the stage.

You will be able to purchase or donate to:

Centenary T- Shirts : \$30.00

Available in a range of sizes



Elwood Anchor Newspapers :

Black & White \$2.00
or Colour \$3.00

Elwood Centenary
ANCHOR



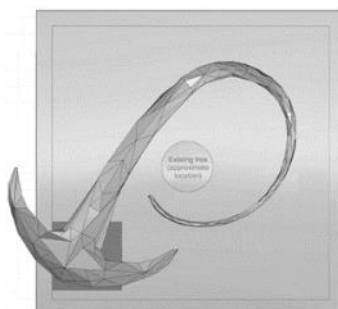
Centenary Pavers :

Single \$30.00 or Double \$55.00



100 year Badges :
\$6.00

Centenary Sculpture: Make a contribution and have your name on a plaque.



**25 October 2017
No.18**

CALENDAR

Thursday 26 October
Sovereign Hill - Grade 5

Friday 27 October
Summer Sport - Grade 5/6
Mad about Science - Gr 3

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

Monday 30 October
Ceres Excursion - Prep C, J & M
State Athletics – Finals

Tuesday 31 October
Ceres Excursion - Prep A, B & S
Sub-committees meet

Friday 3 November
Summer Sport - Grade 5/6

Monday 6 November
3.00pm Assembly - EPS Orchestra
performing

Tuesday 7 November
Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup Day

Wed 8 - Friday 10 November
Grade 3 Lady Northcote Camp

Thursday 9 November
Grade 6 Art Show

Friday 10 November
Summer Sport - Grade 5/6
Ready Set Go for 2018 Preps

Monday 13 November
Bike Ed - Grade 4

Tuesday 7 November
Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday

Entertainment Schedule :

12.30pm : School Orchestra
12.45pm : Past student band
1.05pm : Memories
1.15pm : Grade 3/4 Choir
1.30pm : Yard Duty Birds (teacher band)
2.00pm : Memories
2.15pm : Padres (parent band)
2.45pm : Grade 5/6 Choir
3.00pm : Memories
3.15pm : Official Closing & birthday cake

I hope to see you all at this fantastic event on Saturday.

Nicole Richards Acting Principal

I will be absent from 1 November for the rest of the year. I will be having a partial knee replacement which I have been putting off for a long period of time.

Nicole will be Acting Principal during this time and will do a fantastic job with both Sara Walsh and Ariana Peters taking on the Acting Assistant Principal role in the Junior school.

Grade 5J

Earlier this year 5J wrote to a number of significant people telling them about our 100th Birthday – Queen Elizabeth II, Malcolm Turnbull, Daniel Andrews, Louise Asher and Bernadene Voss (the Mayor of Port Phillip).

Small groups of children worked with two parents to draft and publish letters telling our significant people about our 100th Birthday. Included in the letters they sent was a badge, newsletter and photo of 5J in their 100 year birthday hats.

Attached to the newsletter are letters from Daniel Andrews and Queen Elizabeth II.

Rob Csoti

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 call the office on 9531 2762 or email elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au as soon as possible.

Many Thanks

Rob Csoti

Professional Learning at Elwood Primary

We have a very strong growth culture at our school. Our Coaching model with the support of Teaching and Learning Coaches means that all staff and teams are constantly reviewing, reflecting and developing their professional knowledge and practise. This semester our staff have had access to many internal and external PD. Some of the professional learning includes:

- ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Dyslexia
- PAT Maths
- Growth Mindset in Maths
- Walker Learning - Engaging Environments
- SMART Spelling
- Writers Workshop with Deb Sukarna
- VCOP and Big Write Organisation *BASTOW Leadership
- Indigenous Culture

Our students truly benefit from this continual growth as high quality and well researched strategies are implemented and refined in all classrooms.

Life-long learning is well and truly modelled by our staff here at Elwood.

Sara Walsh & Ariana Peters

Teaching and Learning Coaches

Softball Divisions

Last Wednesday 18 October, the school mixed softball team went to Glen Eira playing fields to compete in the softball finals. Our first game was against a tough Oakleigh South Primary. Both teams scored the maximum of 7 runs in the opening innings. Elwood was able to score another maximum of 7 runs in the 2nd innings and then were sent into the field. This is where Elwood took the game by the scruff of the neck, with Wesley taking command at catcher and Jack pitching well from the mound. With another 7 runs made by us in the 3rd innings, we put ourselves into an unbeatable position. Our second game was to be played against Toorak Primary, and the winner of this game would go through to the State Finals. The opposition was tough and both teams struggled to score runs early on. Baxter, Ben and Ilona used their big hitting to get onto base, and Leo and Kai provided great run. Toorak got on top and looked to be in control heading into the 3rd innings. Elwood displayed a 'never say die' attitude and in the 3rd innings we came out swinging. Maddy R was able to use her 4 ball strategy to get onto base and the whole team lifted to make a full 7 runs. Unfortunately Toorak were able to get on top of us and get a few extra runs and put themselves into the State Finals. Elwood Primary put up a great effort and should be proud of their efforts on the day, Baxter and Wesley led by example and served their team well as team captains.

Tim Ghys

Summer Soiree

Students who learn with Dean or with Jesse or who learn outside school are invited to perform at the Summer Soiree. It's held in the JLC Thursday 14 December 2017 at 5pm. You get to play in front of an audience of family and friends. Please collect a form from the office and ask your instrumental teacher before bringing back your form. Well done for all your hard work this year and looking forward to seeing you there!

Kaz Sieger

Junior State Chess Competition

On Wednesday 25 October, eleven of our students competed amongst 270 of the top chess players from across Victoria.

The whole team were focused and ready to play and I could not have been prouder of the way they represented our school. It was a very intense day with each student playing nine games of competitive chess over six hours.

Well done to all our players Akshay R, Anthony H, Henry L, Jasper L, Jenna M, Josh F, Koby VL, Luca D, Tom W, William B and Zach F. Our top performers on the day were Akshay, Anthony, Jenna and Josh who all won five of their games. Elwood Primary School finished 15th out of the 49 schools, a great effort!

A special thank you to the parents that drove or picked up the students from Wantirna.

Sara Walsh

Teaching and Learning Coach





BALMORAL CASTLE

To: Lola, Olivia, Toby and Finn
Class 5J at Elwood Primary School, Scott Street, Elwood, Victoria 3184

c/o: Mrs J Allen

The Queen wishes me to thank you for your splendid letter, received at the end of July, with which you enclosed a lovely photograph of you and your classmates, and a copy of your school's newspaper.

The Queen was pleased to hear from you and your classroom teacher, Mrs Julie Allen, and interested to know that Elwood Primary School celebrated its centenary on 1st June 2017. Her Majesty thought it most kind of you to tell her of your exciting plans to mark this milestone, including the commissioning of an Elwood Anchor sculpture, under which you will bury a time capsule.

Although unable to write to you personally, The Queen hopes you enjoyed the celebrations for your school's special birthday. Her Majesty sends warm congratulations and good wishes to you and to all those involved with Elwood Primary School for a happy and successful year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Sarah Whitehead'.

Lady-in-Waiting

10th August 2017



The Hon Daniel Andrews MP

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Dear Elwood Primary in 2117,

The class of 5J in 2017 wanted me to write something for their time capsule, so I asked some of my Facebook followers to make a few predictions about what life will be like in a hundred years' time.

(Facebook is one of the main ways people communicate in 2017. Most people in Australia have a Facebook page on the internet that allows them to talk to their friends and see the news).

Below are the questions I asked people to answer.

In the year 2117:

- 1) How many more AFL Premierships will Essendon have won?
- 2) What will be the most played sport in Australia?
- 3) Where is the tallest building in the world?
- 4) How old is the world's oldest person?
- 5) What movie/book from our era will people still watch/read?

I've attached some of the responses and names below, the way they were written. I've also included a copy of the beautiful letter I received from Class 5J.

I hope in 2117 that Victoria is still the best state in Australia, and I hope it still has a Government that cares as much about a child's education as we do.

Yours sincerely


The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier

Why Volunteer for Investigations?

Recently we have been collecting data from parents and students about why it is so great to have family members volunteering for Investigations. Please read below to see both sides of the story and then...

Come and join the fun!!!

I love getting to know the children. I enjoy watching them interact and learn together. And they make me laugh a lot. Molly has also enjoyed being in class with her brother and watching all the classroom activity. I think it's nice for her starting school next year to see how the classroom works. But most of all, Oscar loves me coming to visit his class, and that makes me happy!

Delyse Hutchinson

We get to try lots of new things that we may not have known about otherwise. Sometimes the parents actually share a bit about what they like to do and what they are interested in which is really fun. Zadie.

I love having parents in for Investigations because they help us solve problems. Oscar.



I have learnt how to make lots of different things because of our parent helpers like paper snowflakes, sushi, planting seeds, science experiments and even how to use a microscope! Louis.



The best part about parents coming in for investigations means that we have an extra 2 hands to help us work on our amazing creations!

Allegra.



Being a class volunteer is the best way to really get to know the kids and a great opportunity to get to see your own child in his/her learning environment. It's also a pretty big thrill for your child to have you involved!

Laura Bock.

Helping with investigations is always a delight. It's such a great insight into the range of creative paths the children choose to focus on and persevere with. Listening to them explain their intentions and choices, and providing them with some support and scaffolding when needed, is a very rewarding and fun experience. I have a new appreciation for the box constructions that get brought home!

Nina Perkinson.

WE ALL LEARN DIFFERENTLY

Everyone's learning is unique. No student learns exactly the same way as another. There are many benefits to discovering how you personally process information best. Some of these include:

Academic

- gives students a head start and maximizes their learning potential
- provides students with techniques to do better in class
- allows students to learn "their way" – through their own best strategies
- reduces the stress and frustration of learning experiences

Personal

- increases students' self-confidence
- improves students' self-image
- teaches students' how to use their brain best
- gives insight into students' strengths and weaknesses
- inspires greater curiosity and motivation for lifelong learning
- shows students how to take advantage of their natural skills

It is important to remember that there is no right or wrong learning style. Each style has advantages and disadvantages. Knowing a students' learning style is not meant to limit students, but rather expand them – by helping them to work, learn and live more efficiently.

For more information on learning styles visit :

www.vark-learn.com/the-vark-questionnaire/

The five main learning styles are
Visual, Aural, Read/Write and Kinaesthetic

Poppy



Ariana Peters and Nicole Richards

The most common learning difference affecting 10% of the population is Dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning difference that affects fluency in reading, writing and spelling. Dyslexia is not a disability, but rather a different way of processing information.

People with Dyslexia have above average intelligence and are creative thinkers. Due to this creativity, famous Dyslexics include Tom Cruise, Steven Spielberg, Mohammed Ali and Albert Einstein.

Traditional methods of learning are not always effective for people with Dyslexia so at times their learning may look different to others.

Thoughts about being Dyslexic from Ari 4R

"People with Dyslexia need to learn never to give up and how to get around their struggles because we will always have challenges in our lives."

"We don't have more struggles than other people – we have different struggles."

"I like school being equal for everyone."



Just remember that all students learn differently and are at different stages of their learning journey. If you are lucky enough to be part of the classroom - you may see these unique styles in action! ☺



Team Holiday Elwood: Program Update

This week at Team Holiday we are celebrating National Week of Deaf People and working with the children to learn some sign language. We are also taking part in Walktober and doing some walks around the school to promote fitness. Children will have the chance to decorate their shoes as well.

Next Monday 30th October we will be having a Birthday Party to celebrate all children who had a birthday in October. It's also Liz's 30th Birthday so why not throw a party! We would love for you to join us!

Please remember children will need to bring their hats to Team Holiday. If the UV rating is above 3 children will need to wear hats outside.

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: Epic Games	Lazer Maze	TH Club: Super Sports	Face Painting
Craft/Cooking	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Junior Chefs	TH Club: Art Attack
Games/Sport	Gymnastics	Tiggy	Capture the Flag	Circus Skills	Children's Choice game

The Team:

Liz : Director of Service
 Brody: Assistant Coordinator
 Educators: Emma, Andrew,
 Emily, Nikita, Maddie, Fi, Phil
 and Shaun



Meet Nikita!

Nikita began working for Team Holiday in 2015 at the GESAC holiday program. She loves that Team Holiday allows her to combine work and fun, as there are loads of activities to take part in. Nikita is studying a Bachelor of Primary Education and working at Elwood B&A has given her more experience and ideas to use for when she becomes a teacher. Nikita also coaches Calisthenics and loves smashed avo and poached eggs for brunch!

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Fees and Times

Program	Times	Full Fee	Out Of Pocket
Before School	7:15 am - 9:00 am	\$19.50	\$6.78 to \$9.75
After School	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	\$25.95	\$8.74 to \$12.98

Important Info:

Dear families, please remember that you will need to enroll and book you child/ren into Before and After school. To find out how, please go to our website: www.teamholiday.com.au