



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Family Picnic

Our annual Family Picnic is fast approaching so keep Wednesday 30 November free from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Our Preps, Grade 1 Choir, Grade 2 Choir, Grade 3/4 Choir, Grade 5/6 Choir and the Orchestra will all be performing. The Padres and then the Yard Duty Birds will finish the night's entertainment.

So bring the picnic rug, sit down and relax and enjoy the entertainment. Please remember that parents need to supervise their children and students can't attend without a parent.

Chess Team

Our Chess Team played in the Interschool State Finals last week with some excellent results. All members of the team did exceptionally well and we are very proud of them. Rakshan being our highest ranked player.



Congratulations to Rakshan, Shantan, Josh, Akshay, Max F, Tom, Luca, William, Koby and Jack.

Grade 3 & 4 Camps

Our Grade 3 and 4 students attended camp last week and had a fantastic time. These camps are preceded by the Grade 1 dinner and Grade 2 sleepover and followed by the Grade 5 and 6 camps. Combined they form our camp program which leaves students with many lasting memories, new experiences, greater independence, new friends and an appreciation of their teachers and peers.



Photo above : Grade 3 Camp

Photo below : Remembrance Ceremony at Grade 4 Camp



I would like to publically thank all of our staff who attended the camps to give our students such a wonderful time. They get no extra pay, less sleep, time away from their families and work 24/7 on each day they are at camp. They do this because they feel strongly about the opportunities that camps provide for our students and wouldn't change it for the world.

Portable Classrooms 2017

As reported in earlier newsletters we will be getting a double portable which will be placed on the Poets Grove boundary in the grade 4 area. To place the portable there the old storage shed s will be demolished.

This process will start next week with the delivery of a container which will store grounds maintenance items and a skip to dispose of rubbish.

Age Article

Our school market was highlighted in the AGE two weeks ago. It was a fantastic article that captures the

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CALENDAR

Thursday 24 November

PJ Party - Ready Set Go
7.15pm School Council

Friday 25 November

Parent/Volunteer
Morning Tea

Monday 28 November

3.00pm Assembly - Senior Choir
Performing

Wednesday 30 November

5.00pm Family Picnic

Friday 2 December

House Swimming - Gr 3 to 6
Grade 3/4 Choir performing at
the Bay St Festival

Saturday 3 December

Community Market -
all Grade 6 rostered

Monday 5 December

Beach Education - Grade 6
4.15pm EOY Creative Music Concert

Tuesday 6 December

Whole School Transition Day
4.00pm EOY Creative Music Concert

Wednesday 7 December

Dramatime - Gr 2 EOY Performance
5.30pm EOY Creative Music Concert

Thursday 8 December

CyberSafety (make-up sessions)
for Grade 4 & 5

Friday 9 December

4.00pm EOY Creative Music Concert
Senior Choir performing at
the Bay St Festival

School Finish at 1.30pm

Tuesday 20 December

market and our community beautifully. See article below:

Six reasons to visit Elwood

Richard Cornish



1. Community Fair

Elwood Primary has more than 760 students and a tight-knit school community. Teachers and parents work together on the school's big fundraising effort, eight community markets spread across the year. These are held in the leafy school grounds, with parents, students, alumni and neighbours drawn by vintage clothing, second-hand homewares and offerings from local jewellers and plant growers. In all there are 150 stalls, including the ubiquitous sausage sizzle, barista, animal farm, jumping castle and cakes baked by parents. Locals have spotted Nick Cave going through second-hand records, and last year former students – now musicians – Henry and Lily performed a Missy Higgins song with Missy herself listening in the crowd. It's that sort of event and it's on today.

Elwood primary school, Scott Street, 9am-1pm

Reminder

Uniform Shop moves offsite

From Monday 28 November our uniform shop will move offsite to the PSW retail outlet at Unit 1, 596 North Road, Ormond.

By moving to their retail outlet parents will be able to:

- Access the shop from Monday to Friday between 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Access the shop on Saturday mornings between 9.00am – 1.00pm
- Order uniform online and have it delivered to the destination of your choice
- Use the PSW layby facility

We will still sell hats from the office and the 2nd hand uniform shop will still be available.

A detailed flyer is attached to the newsletter.

Rob Coati

School Council Report – October meeting

The October School Council meeting was held on Thursday 20 October 2016. Representatives from our school uniform providers, Primary School Wear, provided an overview of how uniform supply could work if the school no longer ran a uniform shop onsite. Essentially this eliminates the school holding around \$30,000 in uniform stock and provides parents several benefits including retail shop hours, access to lay-by and online shopping. It was voted unanimously to proceed with this change.

Minutes from the various sub-committees were tabled. It was noted that the OSHC contract has been renewed

with Camp Australia with School Council satisfied with the conditions of the contract and newly implemented KPIs. In addition, a significant number of mandatory policies related to the new Child Safe Standards have been drafted and are nearing completion.

In his report, Rob discussed the strong results of the recent Parent Opinion Survey, highlighting most elements scored above the state mean and noting the significant improvement across all elements over the past 3 years.

Any interested parents are welcome to attend a School Council meeting or be a part of the sub-committees. The next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 November.

Kim Annesley ... School Councillor

Centenary Update

Keep up-to-date with our centenary celebrations for 2017! You can join our mailing list. Click on the link on the school's website. Check out our **Elwood Primary School 100 Year Celebrations** Facebook page.



Pop into the EPS 100 Years stall at the market on December 3rd (we will be near the staff room). Come and have a look at some past class photos, have a chat with current staff and past and present students, bring in your EPS memorabilia. We would love to hear from you!

Paula Russell ... Centenary Committee

Music News

Band Performance

On Wednesday 30th December 2016 at 9:30am students from Turrumurra High School will be visiting us to play some music! They will have their band instruments with them and we will be treated to a huge performance of stage-band songs from over 30 students conducted by their leader Mark Barnsley. They are called the Turrumurra High Band. They have been busy rehearsing to be ready for their big day. If you see them arriving on the bus in the morning please give them a friendly Elwood Primary School welcome. You may attend this special concert if your whole class attends, depending on the timetable. We will be seated in the stage area, weather permitting.

Regards

Kaz Sieger

You Can Do It

Term 4: CONFIDENCE

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.

This fortnight, we focus on Leadership

Leadership is a combination of many skills which enable us to take control of our lives.

Although there are natural born leaders and every group requires both leaders and followers, with support and encouragement we all have potential leadership skills which can be developed and enhanced.

Leadership is about being in control of your own life. It is about thinking of things which we can make happen, rather than things happening to us.

The main areas of leadership focus on communication, teamwork, negotiation, planning and persistence.

We need to appreciate that there are times and situations where it is appropriate to switch between being a leader to a follower and vice versa. We also need to understand the importance of a good support group within the role of a follower and that there is nothing shameful or 'wimpy' about it.

Collaboration and teamwork is a key ingredient in leadership. An important part of working together and leading a group, is the realisation that a group, which may be a family or a group of friends, can get more done and in less time, rather than simply going it alone.

You Can Do It !

Nicole Richards

Manners Matters

Please and Thank You

There are opportunities everyday to say **Please and Thank You**. At home, in the classroom, visiting the office, in the yard, at a friend's home - there are people who help us and all of them need to be treated courteously.



One great way we can do this is by saying **Please and Thank You**.

You will be surprised how much people value **Please and Thank You**. These simple words let people know you do appreciate what they do for you and also let them know you are a friendly kid.

So this fortnight - let's hear lots of **please and thank yous!**

Manners Matter at Elwood Primary School!

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?

19-27 November: **Social Inclusion Week**

Social Inclusion Week aims to help ensure all Australians feel included and valued, giving everyone the opportunity to participate fully in society. It's about connecting local communities, workmates, family and friends in order to build and strengthen relationships and networks, addressing isolation and exclusion by supporting people who may be unable to help themselves.



20 November: **Universal Children's Day**

Universal Children's Day is observed as a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children.

Volunteer & Helpers Morning Tea

When: Friday 25 November, 2016

Where: Junior School Hall

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am



We would like to thank everyone who has helped Elwood Primary School in so many ways throughout the year by hosting a morning tea. If you helped in the classroom, Kitchen Garden, as an Ardoch Volunteer, as a community or class representative, with fundraising, markets, sub-committees, special projects, camps, excursions, library or in some other fashion, we would love to thank you for all your assistance and we look forward to seeing you on Friday 25 November.

27 November – 3 December: GiveNow Week

Between Sunday 29 November and Saturday 5 December, we are encouraged to visit www.givenow.com.au and consider the many ways that we; our family, friends and work mates, can make a difference to our community in the lead-up to Christmas. Visit their website: www.givenow.com.au



Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating! Perhaps we could make GiveNow Week an every week event!

Nicole Richards ... Assistant Principal

Missing Scooter

On Monday 7th Nov, a brand new scooter was taken from the Senior School bike shed overnight or on Tuesday morning. Although the bike shed was locked, access was gained somehow and the scooter is now missing.

If you know anything, or see it around, we would love to get it back to its rightful owner. Photo the base of New deck. The top is black with a sticker in bold white writing saying "DIALLED"

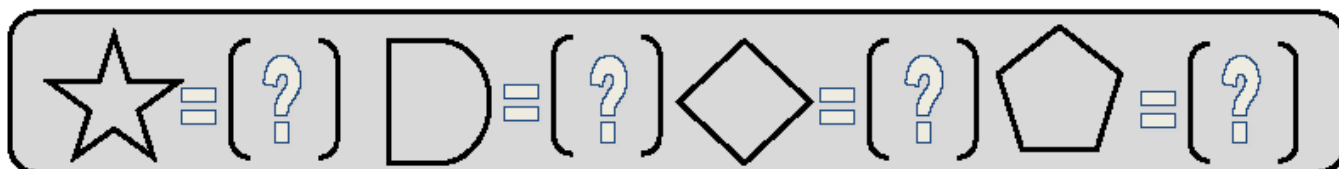


The scooter had white wheels, "TEN" brand, with rainbow interior Back Lucky handle bars with Green metallic clamps.

Attachments :

Maths Challenge no 7
What's Happening during Week 7 & 8 at EPS?
PSW Uniform Shop & Price List
Victorian Maths Challenge
Noah Code

MATHS CHALLENGE NO.7



$$\text{Star} + \text{Diamond} - \text{D} = \text{Pentagon}$$

$$\text{Diamond} \times \text{D} - \text{Pentagon} = \text{D}$$

$$\text{Pentagon} \div \text{D} + \text{Star} - \text{D} = \text{Star}$$

$$(\text{Pentagon} \times \text{Diamond}) \div \text{D} - \text{Diamond} = \text{Star}$$

Can you work out what number each shape represents? Each shape is **DIFFERENT** number.

It will take persistence, a bit of trial and error.

EXTENSION

Is there more than one answer?
Could the shapes represent more than one number?



What's happening during Weeks 7 & 8 at Elwood Primary School?

Level 1 (Prep)

Literacy: In Literacy this fortnight, we will be looking at the blends 'sp/spr' and 'dr' and how we use them to spell words. When reading, we will be learning how compare books to film by reading books such as 'The Lorax' and 'Charlotte's Web' and watching a film. For our Big Talk and Big Write session in week 8 we will be writing a narrative and using the seed 'A Secret Garden'. When writing, we will be focusing on how we can use a variety of sentence openers to engage the reader and 'Wow' words.

Maths: During maths this fortnight we will be Learning about data collection through surveys and graphing. We are also learning about location words such as: beside, under, above, next to, in front of, left and right. We will be using these words to give directions and to describe positions.

Investigations: During investigations we will continue to learn about gardens and what can be found in them. We are learning about the difference between 'needs' and 'wants' and continuing to investigate different types of mini beasts, their life cycles, habitats and food. We will also be practising our Manners Matter/YCDI foci which are 'Please and Thank you' and 'Leadership'.

Other: Some of the Prep classes have started their garden walks. Thank you to the parents who have offered to host these and share their home with us. It is a wonderful learning opportunity for the children and a beautiful time of year to be doing it!

Level 2 (Grade 1 & 2)

Reading: This fortnight we are practicing our comprehension skill of summarising. This means that's students are identifying important ideas in a text and report on them in an organised way, either orally or written. During Guided Reading we are asking students to stop at intervals and summarise during reading of a longer text, for example at the end of a chapter. Students are practicing organising their summaries in small paragraphs, focussing on who, what, when, where and why. We are also practicing how to summarise factual information into our own words.

Writing: This fortnight the students will be exploring, planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing their very own personal recount. Our Big Write seeds will also be in the form of a recount and are based on our recent excursions to Ripponlea Estate (Gr 1) and Werribee Zoo (Gr2). Our handwriting focus this fortnight is practicing the walking stick letters m, n, r and making sure that they sit within the body line and that they have the correct opening and closing.

Maths: In week 7 we are exploring the different ways in which we can collect and sort data gained from research questions. Students will be creating their own research questions and then gathering, checking and classifying data. They will use tallies and tables to record answers to questions and then summarise the answers. Students will be exploring the many ways in which we can create displays of data such as picture graphs, bar graphs, column graphs, pie charts etc. In week 8 we are revising the concept of length. Students will be using informal (hand spans) and formal (cm and m) measurements to compare and order familiar objects based on length. They will be using a variety of tools such as measuring tapes, rulers of assorted sizes as well as trundle wheels.

Investigations:

During this fortnight we are discussing what forgiveness means and how it helps us move on with our friendships and play. We will also be investigating water and how much water a dripping tap wastes. Our Manners Matter focus is saying please and thank you and our You Can Do It focus is showing leadership.

Level 3 (Grade 3 & 4)

Literacy: In Reading, our Year 3's are continuing to research facts for their information reports using their summarizing skills and looking for key words. During book club and whole class mini lessons they will learn how to rephrase these facts into their own words. Students have begun writing their own information reports based on a subject of interest, using technical words as part of their composition. Our Year 4 students are continuing to question, focusing on asking questions during reading in particular at the beginning and end of each chapter. They are exploring the idea that some questions may not be answered. In Writing, grade 4's are continuing to explore persuasive texts. They are developing their skills in using emotive language and evidence to support their arguments to persuade the intended audience.

Maths: Year 3's are continuing to explore location, drawing maps and develop a key or scale to help the intended audience read these maps. They will also be revising the four operations (addition, subtract, multiplication and division). The Year 4 will also begin to revise the four operations and look more close at how these connect to all areas of mathematics as part of problem solving.

Inquiry: All classes will continue to explore their key learning intentions through hands on learning tasks. Year 3 are developing their knowledge of the properties of materials in preparation for writing their ERP proposals. Year 4's will also be introduced to the ERP proposal and will work with their teachers to develop this plan to include an action that will impact positively on their environment or the life cycle of a living thing.

Level 4 (Grade 5 & 6)

Literacy: In Writing, the Grade 5 classes are finishing our poetry unit. The students are continuing to write different types of poems and publishing these in different ways. Grade 6 classes will begin to learn how to write effective explanation texts. We will learn how to structure an explanation text and how to use cause and effect language to explain how and why things happen.

In Reading, grade 5 students are becoming synthesizing experts and we are beginning to use our skills while reading our Book Club books and in our independent reading 'just right' books. Grade 6 classes are taking the skills we have learnt during our analysis of short films and applying them to feature length films as we begin our movie clubs. These will run like book club with each group selecting one movie to watch and analyse together.

Maths: We are continuing our Geometry unit. Grade 5 classes will continue to learn how to connect three-dimensional objects with their nets and other two-dimensional representations. We are then learning about how enlarging and reducing shapes affects their properties. Grade 6 classes are continuing to investigate angles, using protractors to define and measure different types of angles.

Inquiry: Grade 5 and 6 classes have all enjoyed their scientific studies and are now using their new learning to work on their ERPs. They are choosing an area of interest and beginning to research about it. They are also brainstorming the best ways to present their project.



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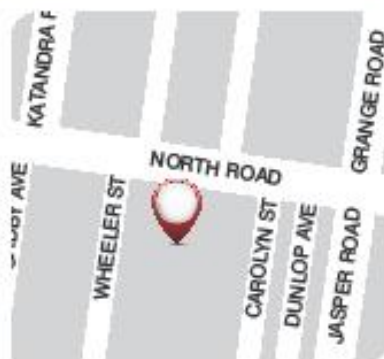
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***School Price Lists are subject to change throughout the year.

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALISTS



Price List - Elwood Primary School



STYLE	GARMENT	COLOUR	COLOUR ID	PSW SIZE	PSW PRICE (INC GST)
Uniform Items					
1100115	Short Sleeve Polo - Stripe Collar <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Navy_Gold	700	4 - 14 S - M	\$25.95 \$28.95
1100185	Long Sleeve Polo - Stripe Collar <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Navy_Gold	700	4 - 14 S - M	\$27.95 \$30.95
1100199	Short Sleeve T-Shirt <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Ink	12	4 - 14 S - M	\$21.95 \$24.95
1100280	Bomber Jacket <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Navy	1	4 - 14 S - M	\$38.95 \$42.95
1100271	Open Hem Rugby Windcheater <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Navy_Gold	700	4 - 14 S - M	\$37.95 \$41.95
1100299	Polar Fleece Jacket <i>Embroidered Logo</i>	Navy	1	4 - 14 S - M	\$46.95 \$50.95
1100355	Gaberdine Zip Pocket Shorts	Navy	1	4 - 14	\$22.95 \$25.95
1100445	Cargo Pants	Navy	1	4 - 14	\$38.95
1100378	A-Line Skort	Ink	12	4 - 14 S - M	\$28.95
1100470	Trackpants w Zip Cuffs	Ink	12	4 - 14 S - M	\$28.95 \$32.95
1100465	Bootleg Pants-Polyester	Ink	12	4G-14G	\$30.95 \$32.95
1100468	Bootleg Pants-Cotton Elastane	Navy	1	4 - 14	\$29.95 \$30.95
1104002	Box Pleat Tunic	Navy	1	4G-10G	\$50.95
1104001	Box Pleat Skirt	Navy	1	12G-16G	\$50.95
1103088	Semi Fit Darted Dress	White/Royal/ Navy/Yellow Check - 8008	153	4G-16G	\$45.95
Accessories					
1100520	Acrylic Beanie <i>Gold Embroidered Logo</i>	Navy	1	ALL	\$13.95
8300396	Primary Pete Bookbag <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Navy	1	ALL	\$13.95
1108041-2	Bucket Hat Adjustable <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Navy/Gold	1	ALL	\$16.95
1100507	Legionnaire Hat <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Navy	1	ALL	\$11.95
8302250	Explorer Bag with Laptop Insert <i>Gold Printed Logo</i>	Navy/Gold piping	1	ALL	\$46.95

[VICTORIAN] MATHS CHALLENGE!

September 6 – November 29 2016

Information for Students

Just launched – the Victorian Maths Challenge for students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8

Get together with your parents, brothers, sisters and other relatives to tackle this exciting Maths Challenge.

Here are some to the Challenges for you to solve:

- Eureka – *build a tower*
- Making the most – *make shapes*
- Paper Planes – *fly paper planes*
- Right Direction – *navigate blindfolded*
- Rock Scissors – *play a challenging game*
- Symmetry – *make patterns*
- Titanic – *float a paper boat*
- Traveller – *find the shortest path*

Next steps

Go to the web site at <http://vmc.global2.vic.edu.au/> and begin the Challenge.

Submit a photo or video to the <http://vmc.global2.vic.edu.au/> web site to get your certificate of participation.

If you would like your work displayed on the Maths Challenge website, make sure you have an adult member of your family give permission.

Join in and get involved in the Victorian Maths Challenge!

Need help?

Contact Victorian Maths Challenge Team

vmc-community@mav.vic.edu.au



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