



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents

## Christmas Market

It was with great disappointment and dismay that we had to make the call to cancel our wonderful Christmas Market last Saturday. The decision was made even harder with the fact that it was Michael Feferkranz's last market with us as the coordinator for many years. I will write more about the great dedication and commitment that both Michael and Pip have made to our school, but for now we say, thank you and although not how we wanted to end the market coordinator role, we know that both Michael and Pip will be regular faces around the markets to come.

## Family Picnic

Thank you to all of the families, friends and staff of EPS who came along to the Family Picnic last Wednesday – it was a fantastic night of musical celebration and gathering with all our EPS community rejoicing the ending of another wonderful year. With only two weeks left of the school year, it was a lovely way to spend some time together and just enjoy the company. We congratulate and thank Kaz in particular for the organisation and set up of the picnic, along with all the staff and students who also helped out behind the scenes.



## Report Info Night

Last Thursday, Ange, Stephanie and I held an Information Night in regards

to the new formatting of our student reports. We had very positive feedback on the night with parents in attendance commenting on the information packed into the new look reports being transparent, informative and very easy to read. Once reports have been sent home in the final week of term, we will be seeking feedback and comments from our community to assist us in any further development.

## Transition Day

We are all excited and looking forward to our Transition Day Tuesday 12 December. This is always a wonderful part of celebrating the year that was and looking forward to the exciting and new things to come.

Students will meet their 2018 teacher in their new classrooms, spend time with their new classmates and learn all about the events, learning and activities for the following year.

Our staff have worked extremely hard over the last three weeks to make certain we have the best teaching and learning combinations possible and we know that it is often hard for our students to leave their current grades and teachers, but that the possibilities of new friends, new learning and new adventures are an exciting prospect too.

## Encircle

Unfortunately our commemorative sculpture wasn't ready for installation at the Family Picnic, but we are underway for our massive anchor to find its new home! Concrete footings for the sculpture have been laid this week and our time capsule will soon be buried. Hopefully we shall see the amazing sculpture shortly. We shall keep you posted!

**6 December 2017  
No.21**

## CALENDAR

**Wed 6 - Friday 8 December**  
Grade 4 Camp

**Wednesday 6 December**  
7.00pm 'In the Know Parenting'  
Seminar - tickets \$10 on QKR

**Monday 11 December**  
4.15pm Creative Music EOY Concert

**Tuesday 12 December**  
Whole School Transition Day  
4.00pm Creative Music EOY Concert

**Wednesday 13 December**  
5.30pm Creative Music EOY Concert

**Thursday 14 December**  
3.45pm UkeKids EOY Concert  
4.45pm Summer Soiree in the JLC

**Friday 15 December**  
4.00pm Creative Music EOY Concert

**Monday 18 December**  
DramaTime EOY Concert - lunchtime

**Tuesday 19 December**  
Big Day Out - Grade 6

**Wednesday 20 December**  
Grade 6 Graduation & Dinner  
DramaTime EOY Concert - lunchtime

**Friday 22 December**  
Last Day for 2017  
1.00pm Assembly  
1.30pm Finish

**2018 School Resumes**  
Wed 31 January : Grade 1 - 6  
Thurs 1 February : Preps

**Last day for 2017  
Friday 22 December  
students finish  
at 1.30pm**

### Centenary Brick Pavers

Our brick pavers are also near completion and will be delivered in January, ready to be laid shortly after. It will be great fun to hunt for names.....

*Nicole Richards* ... Acting Principal

### Class Lists for 2018

Class Lists are produced from information downloaded from our database 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 **both** families included please email the school at [elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:elwood.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) as soon as possible. If you have any questions call the school on 9531 2762.

### Elwood Centenary Anchor – final edition now out!

The 7th and final edition of the Elwood Centenary Anchor has arrived! Featuring highlights from the EPS Open Day, interviews with legendary families, and the lucky last puzzle pages, it completes the limited-edition newspapers celebrating the school's 100th birthday. Don't miss this bumper edition, as well as all previous editions, on sale at the school office. If you prefer a full set – a terrific stocking filler – you can buy the lot for \$14.00.



### Elwood Community Market – 2 December 2017

It was with much regret that the December market was cancelled due to the forecasted weather event. The decision was carefully considered and after receiving advice from various authorities including Department of Education, it was determined that in the best interests of the students, staff, volunteers and stallholders, that the market should be cancelled.

As this was to be the final market of the year, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the following people and groups:

Thanks to the wonderful performers who entertained us at the market throughout the year, in particular to our regulars Henry Parkinson, Lily Paloma, Kayla Skafta, Randal McDonnell and of course, the Padres. We are very lucky to have such talented performers who volunteer their time to entertain us on market days.

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who have helped put on the market throughout the year. It takes around 100 volunteers to stage each market, it really is an unbelievable community effort, one that the Elwood Community should be very proud of. We sincerely thank all the passionate and enthusiastic volunteers who have donated their time, cooked, served, set up and packed up in 2017. The market cannot operate without the help of the volunteers, so thanks to everyone who contributed to the market.

Thanks also to our long-standing supporters from the local business community, who generously support our market each month. We thank Bakers Delight Elwood, The Leaf Store Elwood, Foodworks Elwood, Bendigo Bank Elwood, Trialto Meats Elsternwick, Tempura Japanese Café Elsternwick, and Sensory Lab Coffee for their continued support.

Money raised from the Elwood Community Market funds projects at Elwood Primary School that the whole community benefits from. This year, market funds have gone towards improvements of the school grounds. In 2017 the Elwood Community Market raised over \$50,000!

We look forward to seeing you at the next Elwood Community Market, on Saturday 3 February 2018. On behalf of the Elwood Community Market Committee, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year.

Elwood Community Market Dates with rostered grades for next year :

February 3 : Whole school  
March 3 : Grade 6  
May 5 : Grade 3  
June 2 : Grade 5

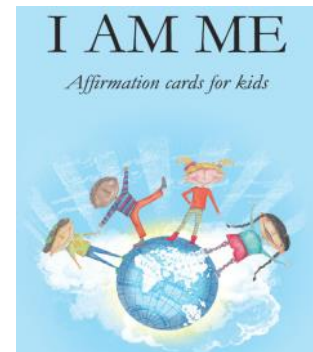


August 4 : Grade 1  
September 1 : Prep  
November 3 : Grade 4  
December 1: Grade 2

*Elwood Community Market Committee*

## Affirmation Cards

Chelsea Aylward, one of our prep parents, makes Affirmation Cards and some of our teachers have been using them in their classrooms with students. I AM ME cards create and help maintain positive thought patterns in our children. Implementing life tools to cope with bullying, promote confidence, build resilience and learn healthy boundaries. For kids aged 5-13. If you would like more information go to [www.iammecards.com](http://www.iammecards.com)



## Elwood Community Market Retirees

The Elwood Community Market is run by volunteers made up of parents and teachers from the school. This year marks the last year on the committee for of few of our members, after very long tenures.

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank Barb and Trev for their incredible service, hard work and support as part of the committee, as they retire from their roles. This year, we also farewell Michael, our 'Chief' and Market Committee Chairman. Michael turned his first sausage on the BBQ back in 2006, and a few years later took the helm on the committee.

Everyone who has ever been to a market will know Michael for his boundless enthusiasm and incredible energy. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Michael, (and his wonderful wife Pip) for all the hard work and effort in leading the charge over the many years. We are incredibly grateful to you for all your hard work, energy and leadership.

*With thanks, Elwood Community Market Committee*



# SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS — THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Written by Rosie Davies

## THE COUNT

In term 2 we did a biodiversity audit of all the trees, rocks and things like that, to see how many insect, plant and animal homes there are around our school. This also helped our sustainability rating for the school, as we work towards our second star.



## BIRD HOUSES

In term 2 the sustainability leaders, Louisa (a grade 6 teacher) and Sharron and Gio (from the Eco Centre) made bird boxes for birds such as Eastern Rosellas who struggle to find old tree hollows in the area of Port Phillip. The bird houses are like a replica of hollows and help them to reproduce, stay safe and do all the things a real hollow would do. Make sure to look out for the bird boxes near the oval and in the kitchen garden.

## NURDLES

Sharron from the Eco Centre taught the sustainability leaders about how bad nurdles are for sea creatures. Nurdles are small plastic beads that are used when plastic is melted down to be made into more plastic products. These are then shipped over to different countries (including Australia). Nurdles are so light that when they are unpacked they blow away easily and usually go into stormwater drains and down to the beach. When this happens, unfortunately, birds and sea creatures think they are food and keep eating them until their stomach fills up and they die.

To stop these tragedies from happening, the sustainability leaders and the local wildlife would appreciate it if you could pick up rubbish around the beach, at the school and anywhere it could threaten animals and plants.







5-12YRS  
**Team Holiday**

Save 50%!  
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program

# Summer Holiday Program

## Elwood Primary

### Kicking off in January



8am-6pm daily



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03 9532 0366

Check our website for what's planned these holidays at your preferred venue.



Slime Time



Trampoline Parks



Water Play



Movies



Zoo Visit





## Team Holiday Elwood: Program Update

We would like to say thank you and good luck to Nimah who has been working with us the last few weeks and had her last day on Monday. And we would like to welcome back Rhiannon and Brody from placement, they will be back in the last week of term. The last two weeks of term are going to be jam packed with some fun activities and lets hope the weather improves so we can play lots of games outside. Please remember children must have a hat to take part in our fun outdoor activities. We hope to see you in the school holidays, remember to book online! As we say at Team Holiday 'Let the Fun begin!'

### Activities for the next fortnight

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Club/Special Activity	Charades	Box construction	Obstacle course	Gymnastics	TH Club: Epic Games!
Craft/Cooking	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Cooking Club	TH Club: Art Attack	TH Club: Cooking Club	TH Club: Art Attack
Games/Sport	Badminton	TH Club: Epic Games!	Musical Statues	Gaga Ball	Dodgeball

#### The Team:

Liz : Director of Service  
 Rhiannon: Assistant Coordinator  
 Educators: Brody, Andrew,  
 Emily, Harriet, Nikita, Maddie,  
 Jess and Shaun



#### Meet Emily!

(you can call her Em!) Em is studying primary school teaching and has one more year to go. She cannot wait to be a teacher and loves working with kids, playing games, reading stories and participating in arts and crafts activities. When she's not at work she loves dancing and taking her golden retriever for a walk. Look out for Em these school holidays!

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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](http://www.teamholiday.com.au)

Friday 15th September ASC we will be operating in the Art room and the Library, not the hall due to the Grade 2 sleep over.