



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

## ANZAC Day

Our Grade 4 students and teachers put on two heartfelt assemblies last Friday. The assemblies were a culmination of recent classroom focusses and were an example of authentic learning. Our Grade 4 students were respectful and very knowledgeable about ANZAC Day. Our community were involved with talks from Gary March and Army Cadets, the Last Post played by Aaron Eidelson and the bagpipes played by Stewart Curnow. The many members of our community were very touched by the assemblies.

Here is a parent comment I received:  
"Just wanted to say how lovely the Anzac Assembly was on Friday, and what a fabulous job 4R and 4T did taking the whole service. I thought it was so nice the way everyone had a say, whether they felt confident to do it themselves, or whether a friend spoke on their behalf, reinforcing the true mateship of the Aussies! It was really touching and beautifully put together. Kudos to you all!"

On Monday morning the Senior Choir attended the Elwood ANZAC service

which was held on the foreshore in front of the Elwood Sailing Club. Laine (6J) delivered the ANZAC prayer, Ati (6R) and Brie (6J) laid a wreath on behalf of Elwood PS and the Senior Choir combined with the Elwood College Choir to sing the National Anthem. It was a touching service and a credit to the whole Elwood community.



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## CALENDAR

### Friday 29 April

Winter Sports - Grade 5 & 6  
Professor Bunsen - Grade 4

### Monday 2 May

Supporting Reading - Parent Session  
for Prep & Grade 1 Parents  
(see attached flyer)

### Tuesday 3 May

House Cross Country - Grade 3 to 6  
Sub-Committees meet

### Wednesday 4 May

Enhanced Learning (Session 1)  
7.00pm PFA Meeting

### Thursday 5 May

Mothers Day Stall

### Friday 6 May

Mothers Day Stall  
Winter Sports - Grade 5 & 6

### Saturday 7 May

Community Market : Gr 3 rostered

### Monday 9 May

ESC Casual Dress Day - wear a  
touch of pink for Breast Cancer



**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing will take place in two weeks' time beginning Tuesday 10th May. All parents of Grade 3 and 5 students will receive a booklet and letter further explaining the NAPLAN process shortly. Our students and teachers have been working hard in preparation for these annual tests and we hope to improve further on our excellent results from last year.

**Market**

Just a reminder that our next market is Saturday 7 May with all Grade 3 rostered. The roster still has many places unfilled so anyone from any grade is welcome to help. Come along and enjoy all that is on offer - I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

*Rob Csoti*

**EPS Centenary**

**Our School turns 100 next year!** As part of our planning for the celebrations we are beginning to collect memorabilia, stories and contacts of people who would like to be involved in the recording and celebration of our 100 year journey.

At each of the forthcoming markets look out for our stall where we would like you to register as a 'Friend of our 100 year Celebration', share a personal anecdote of your time at Elwood **or bring any photos or items of school history that you might like to donate to our school.** We are happy to photocopy precious photos, reports, letters, magazines etc and return them to you on the day.

We would love it if you could ask relatives, neighbours or friends who may have a connection to our school if they have any special memories or items they may wish to contribute.

We will continue to remind you during the year and update you on the progress of our collection.

Looking forward to seeing you at the market.

*The Cultural Leaders*

**School Hats**

In line with our Sun Smart Policy students do not need to bring their hats to school from Monday 2 May until Thursday 1 September.

**Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) - Closing Soon**

If you hold a Centrelink, Pensioner Concession or a Veteran Affairs Gold card you may be eligible to apply. You must also be a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered government primary or secondary school. Please see the office for details.

**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?

**30<sup>th</sup> April: International Jazz Day**

This day is intended to raise awareness in the international community of the virtues of jazz as an educational tool and a force for peace, unity, dialogue and enhanced cooperation among people. Many governments, educational institutions and private citizens currently engaged in the promotion of jazz music will embrace the opportunity to foster greater appreciation not only for the music but also for the contribution it can make to building more inclusive societies.



**1<sup>st</sup> May: Beltane**

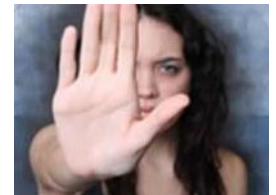
Beltane was a traditional Gaelic harvest festival, and was popularised as the 'Celtic new year.' It traditionally marked the beginning of summer.



**The Month of May:**

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month:

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is held during May each year to raise community awareness and promote a clear message that domestic and family violence will not be tolerated in our communities. Visit: [www.domesticviolence.com.au/pages/domestic-violence-prevention-month-1st-31st-may-20.php](http://www.domesticviolence.com.au/pages/domestic-violence-prevention-month-1st-31st-may-20.php) for more information.



**Kiss Goodbye to MS:**

Throughout May you can get involved in Kiss Goodbye to MS events and activities taking place across the country. By taking part you will be helping support people with MS through funding vital research into the cause, cure and better treatments for the disease. Website: [www.kissgoodbyetoms.org](http://www.kissgoodbyetoms.org)

**4<sup>th</sup> May: Play Outside Day**

Many of us don't get out into nature much. We're too busy, plugged in to screens and rushing through our busy lives. But nature is crucial to our health and wellbeing - and to the health of our planet. Nature is our life support system. It underpins our communities, our economy and our livelihoods. Let's reclaim nature and grow our connection with each other and the places we love!





#### 4<sup>th</sup> May: International Star Wars Day

May 4 is called Star Wars Day because of the popularity of a common pun spoken on this day. Since the phrase "May the Force be with you" is a famous quote often spoken in the Star Wars films, fans commonly say "May the fourth be with you" on this day!

#### 6<sup>th</sup> May: Starlight Day

Since being formed as an Australian children's charity in 1988, the Starlight Children's Foundation has brightened the lives of seriously ill and hospitalized children, and their families, throughout Australia. On May 2, Starlight need your help to raise money for sick kids. Please visit this website for more information: [www.starlightday.org.au](http://www.starlightday.org.au)



#### 6<sup>th</sup> May: World Asthma Day

World Asthma Day (WAD) takes place each year on the first Tuesday in May. Initiated by the Global Initiative for Asthma in 1998, the National Asthma Council Australia (NAC) embraces WAD and marks the occasion to highlight the need for ongoing care and vigilance in managing asthma.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> May: Tara Day (Buddhist)

The eighth of every month is Tara Day. Tara is a female Buddha, whose name means Rescuer; she is the embodiment of swift compassion. Buddhists rely upon Tara and believe that she will protect them from all obstacles and fulfill all their wishes.



#### 8<sup>th</sup> May: Mother's Day

Mothers Day is the annual celebration of mothers and the hard work they do. We also take this opportunity to thank our volunteers for giving our students the opportunity to purchase a gift if they would like to, for mum or significant person in their lives.



#### 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> May: National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 6 million Australians who volunteer. We certainly would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who contribute to EPS from parent helpers in the classroom, grandparents and family members, Ardoch and community volunteers that work in partnership with us each and every day!



#### 12<sup>th</sup> May: International Nurses Day

Every year International Nurses Day is celebrated on the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. It is a day to celebrate the role nurses play in the care of their communities.

Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating and remember to play outside at every opportunity!

*Nicole Richards* ... Assistant Principal

#### Garden News

Thanks to Sally Allard and family for the donation of another veggie box. We are making the donated boxes into wicking beds which will save water and mean that less watering needs to be done over the summer break.



Thanks also to the following people and their families who have been looking after our new chickens on the weekends and over the holidays.

- Amanda Harrison
- Charlie Tucker
- Jenni Marshall
- Victoire Blom
- Janet Power
- Helen Young



The chickens have grown fast. They now have names and have had a chance to venture out into the garden. We are still waiting for the first eggs!

*Kate Bulling* (Garden Specialist)

#### Attachments :

What's Happening at EPS during Weeks 3 & 4?  
Supporting Reading – Prep & Grade 1  
Snow Skiers & Boarders  
EPS Camp Australia



## What's happening during Weeks 3 & 4 at Elwood Primary School?

### Level 1 (Prep)

**Literacy:** In Literacy this fortnight, we will be looking at the letters and dominate sounds for u, w, y and x and how we use them to spell words. When reading, we will be learning all about how we can predict the ending of a story based on the beginning and we will also be making predictions based on our background knowledge of stories and authors. In Week 3 and 4 we will be writing about our very exciting experiences from the Teddy Bears Picnic. When writing will be using describing words (Wow words) and focussing on using upper and lower case letters correctly.

**Maths:** In week 3 the Preps will be learning about mass. We will be using direct and indirect comparisons to decide which is heavier or holds more and explain reasoning in everyday language. In week 4 we will be exploring all things number! We will be focussing particularly on numbers 1 -10 and will be working on counting, recording and representing amounts using various hands on materials. We are practising various number strategies such as subsisting (recognising an amount without having to count it) and exploring the different ways we can make up a number (3 and 3 makes 6, 2 and 4 makes 6) and comparing sets of numbers (bigger/smaller).

**Investigations:** We will be investigating natural and man-made materials and the difference between the two in our classroom environments. We will also be practising our Manners Matter/YCDI foci which are saying 'excuse me' and making decisions in a group. We will be reflecting on our personal learning during tuning in and reflection time.

### Level 2 (Grade 1 & 2)

**Literacy:** This fortnight our explicit text type is writing a procedural text. Some classes will have a shared experience to write about. Our handwriting focus is letters with tails f, q, g, z, p, y and j. We will also be learning about verbs. The reading strategy this fortnight is predicting. Children will be making predictions using information from pictures, reading the beginning and middle of the story and using evidence from the text or background knowledge to support the predictions we are making.

**Maths:** This fortnight we are working on Addition. Some Addition strategies we might be looking at are doubles, near doubles, counting on and up, tens friends, the split strategy and regrouping to find the total of two or more numbers within a sum. Tools we like to use include counters, place value charts, bundling sticks, unifix and calculators.

**Investigations:** This fortnight the grade 1s are looking at how they use their JLC learning spaces in an appropriate way and the Grade 2s are working on their transitioning from one learning space to the next. All of this is a part of our whole school focus on organisation, giving way and being punctual.

**Environment:** The environment focus is energy, more specifically taking notice of computer use. Students will be investigating and monitoring our use of the computers and how we can bet conserve energy.



## Level 3 (Grade 3 & 4)

**Literacy:** During writing sessions students in Year 3 will begin to explore emotive language and prepare arguments in order to persuade someone through a persuasive text. They will then be using these techniques to write their own persuasive texts on a number of subjects. Our Year 4 students will focus on analysing and then writing a procedural text, which links with our new Inquiry Unit into Physics.

In Reading, our Year 4 students will begin to explore inferring as our new comprehension strategy, using visual imagery and written language to explore 'reading between the lines'. Our Year 3 students will begin to focus on questioning as their new comprehension strategy in order to develop their understanding of the text when reading.

**Maths:** During Maths sessions our Level 3 students will begin to explore the operations of multiplication and division. Students will be focusing on making connections between these two operations and will be exploring a variety of mental strategies to assist them when solving real life problems. Students will continue to regularly practise recalling times table facts, and the related division facts, in random orders.

**Inquiry:** Over the last few weeks our Year 3 students have begun to explore their new Inquiry topic, Earth and Space. There will be a walking excursion (Week 6) around Elwood to explore the Solar System planets and their distances from one another. During Inquiry lessons this fortnight our Year 4 students will unpack our learning intentions relating to our new subject focus of Physics. Students will begin to explore what heat is, how it is produced and transferred, and then investigate forces such as friction, magnetism, air resistance and pushing/pulling.

**Other:** Our Year 3 students will continue their NAPLAN preparation over the next few weeks, with a focus on literacy and numeracy concepts, question structure and ensuring our students feel confident and ready for the NAPLAN testing in Week 5.

## Level 4 (Year 5 & 6)

**Literacy:** In reading, grade 5 classes are working on questioning and searching for information. We are looking at the different types of questions readers ask before, during and after reading in order to develop deeper comprehension. We will also be learning to make judgements about a text using critical evaluation skills. Grade 6 classes are beginning their immersion into the persuasive genre with a focus on discussion texts and debating. We will be reading a number of different discussions to begin to understand the essential elements of this type of persuasive text.

In writing sessions, grade 5 and 6 classes are working through the writing cycle on their own independent writing pieces. Each class will be having mini-lessons focusing on different aspects of writing based on the needs of each class.

**Maths:** During maths sessions grade 5 and 6 classes are finishing our unit on addition and subtraction, focusing on adding and subtracting fractions and decimals as well as using rounding to estimate the answer to a problem and check the reasonableness of our own solutions. We will then begin our multiplication and division unit by finding out the strategies and skills that the students already have and beginning to build on these.

**Inquiry:** Grade 5 and 6 classes are beginning our science inquiries. We are beginning by looking at the scientific method and steps to investigating scientifically – Observe, Question, Research, Predict, Test, Conclude, Communicate and Evaluate. This term grade 5 classes are focusing on physics and will start by looking at how light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted. Grade 6 classes are focusing on biology and will begin by learning about the ways in which plants and animals adapt to their environments in order to survive.

**NAPLAN:** Our Year 5 students continue to have regular practice for the NAPLAN assessments coming up in May. We are supporting their preparation by ensuring that they understand the 'genre' specific to each subject area and are familiar with the expectations required.

# ~Supporting Reading~ Prep & Grade 1 Parent Session

Please join Nicole and Sara to learn about how reading is taught to our students in Prep and Grade 1 and how best you can support your child to be the best reader they can be.

The same session will be repeated at a different time so that more people are able to attend.

**When: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May**

**9.15am – 10.15am or 2.30pm – 3.15pm**

**In the Staffroom**





# **Snow Skiers and Boarders ...**

**The 2016 Victorian Interschool Snow Sports Championships will again be held at Mt. Buller from**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**With divisions 4 (Year 4 & under) & 5 (Years 5 & 6) competing from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Check out [www.vicinterschools.com.au](http://www.vicinterschools.com.au) for more info**

**Elwood Primary School has sent a team of skiers and boarders for the last three years and achieved some fantastic results but, more importantly, had a wonderful time with memories to last a lifetime.**

**In addition to the entry terms and conditions outlined on the website, the team will be self-organised (not by the school), parents must attend and supervise their own children and may be required to assist with volunteering around the various race courses.**

**It promises to be another fantastic week, so if you can meet all of the conditions and want to register your interest or have any questions, please call, Team Manager, Matthew Franceschini on 0411 123 154 or email [mf@entitysolutions.com.au](mailto:mf@entitysolutions.com.au)**





## GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



## ELWOOD OSHC HIGHLIGHTS

### Buddy Leaders

Buddy leaders are children who are considered to be responsible enough to be able to be a great role model for the other children who attend aftercare. These children will have added tasks such as running activities, being a leader in certain group activities, looking after younger children and having a prep or grade 1 buddy through the term to become a buddy leader, you must show traits of an amazing buddy to other children, great leadership skills, respect to fellow children and the service. The children apply towards the end of each term to become a Buddy Leader and based off their recent behaviour, are chosen as a Buddy Leader for the term.

We proud to announce this terms Buddy Leaders! They consist of children in different year levels and are chosen because they have shown responsibility and traits of being a great role model at before and after school care. The children are Max L, Kiara G.F, Ethan S, Emma Co, Emma Ce, Cassie W, Louis M.B, Ella I, Billy Mc.E, Felicity B, Will S, Luke B, Charles T and Shanaya P. The childrens Bully Leader Profiles will be up inside the hall by the end of the week so please come check them out!

### Staff Profile - Angela (Angie) Rossitto

Angela has worked in schools since 2001 and has only just started with Camp Australia. She will be working at the service every morning and every afternoon with us from now! She loves arts and crafts and is studying art at uni. She also loves cats, cooking, dancing and karaoke. She also loves travelling and her favourite places so far are Italy and Japan. Look out for her at the next market Saturday!

### Autumn Activity Donations

There are plenty of activities and resources we offer; however, the program is always looking to provide more games/activities. If any families have board games, foosball tables, mini pool tables or would like to donate any other indoor activities to OSHC we would very much appreciate it.

Please contact So on 0422 005 489 to make arrangements.

### ATTENTION Parents :

Please remember to cancel your child or notify us if your child is not attending aftercare on any given day. This will save us time in following up whether your child has been picked up or not and will allow us to run the service more smoothly. Please text us on 0422 005 489 if you have last minute cancelations. Furthermore, if you have any questions about the program, please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in our program first hand.

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)