



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

## Ready Set Go

Our first Ready Set Go session was last Friday. We had nearly 100 eager kinder students attend who all had a wonderful first school experience. Congratulations to our Prep team, Sharron in the office and all other staff who make these sessions so successful. Session 2 is on Friday 17 June.

The focus of the Ready Set Go program is to have all of our 2017 Preps start their school experience in a positive happy way which is exactly what happens.

## School Uniform

As it gets colder everyone is trying to keep warm; it is time to remind both students and parents that we have a compulsory school uniform at Elwood PS.

Non uniform items that creep in particularly during winter are:

- Tops of different colours
- Tights that are not blue
- Leggings
- Non uniform items under tops

Tracksuit bottoms have been introduced as a uniform item which will ensure that everyone keeps warm and looks great.

Tunics are no longer sold at our uniform shop but can be worn at EPS. We no longer stock them as historically they did not sell well. Tunics are available from Primary School Wear (PSW). Visit [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au) for store locations or to order on-line.

## Extra-Curricular Activities at EPS

Extra-curricular activities are activities and programs that occur at school outside of our normal classroom programs. We provide many of these activities to give each student an opportunity to pursue a special interest or a different method of learning. These programs lead to heightened engagement by students and help provide a very rounded education. Schools can decide how many of these activities are offered.

At EPS we are proud to offer 23 extra-curricular activities. These include:

- Violin lessons
- Percussion lessons
- Keyboard lessons
- Guitar lessons
- Ukulele lessons
- Singing lessons
- Woodwind & Brass lessons
- Chess Club
- Drama Time
- Grade 1, 2, 3/4 & 5/6 Choirs
- Orchestra
- Running Club
- Lunchtime House Sport
- Junior & Senior Computer Clubs
- Aerobics Teams
- Bolt (Bikes Over Lunch Time)
- Future Foundations ( Saturday art classes)
- Kelly Sports
- Footy Card Trading
- House Art Classes
- Lunchtime Art Club
- Mini Picasso's Afterschool Art
- Electronics Club

*Rob Csoti*

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## CALENDAR

### Thursday 26 May

Kindness Effect Program - Grade 5  
Chess Competition for  
selected students

### Friday 27 May

Winter Sport - Grades 5 & 6  
Reconciliation Event - 3C, 3K,  
3V, 3N & 5J

### Tuesday 31 May

Parent Session : Numeracy at EPS  
Bookstore visit - 5J

### Wednesday 1 June

Enhanced Learning

### Friday 3 June

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea  
Winter Sport - Grades 5 & 6  
Reconciliation Event - 3C, 3K,  
3V, 3N & 5J

### Saturday 4 June

Community Market -  
all Grade 2 rostered

### Mon 6 - Wed 8 June

Grade 6 Camp

### Wed 8 - Friday 10 June

Grade 5 Camp

### Monday 6 June

3.00pm Assembly - Gr 1 performing

### Monday 13 June

**Public Holiday  
Queen's Birthday  
No school**



**Australia's  
Biggest  
Morning  
Tea**

Join us in raising funds for the Cancer Council here at EPS in the Hall on Friday 3 June from 9.00-10.30am. Yummy treats donated by local bakeries and cafes, plus food from the Great EPS Bake Off will be on offer with tea and coffee. Senior School Choir performances, raffles, fun and chatting!  
**100% of note donations for entry and coins for raffles and any other proceeds go directly to the Cancer Council.**

## Health Alerts (2)

### Hand foot & mouth disease

There has been a confirmed case of **Hand, foot & mouth disease (HFMD)** reported in Grade 2. Hand foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is a viral infection. It is not linked to the foot and mouth disease that affects animals. It is easily spread from one person to another.

Symptoms usually start three to seven days after catching the infection and can last from seven to 10 days. The common signs and symptoms include high temperature (fever), sore throat, small blisters on the inside of the mouth, the sides of the tongue, palms of the hands, fingers and soles of the feet, poor appetite and tiredness.

It is communicable during the acute stage of disease from nose and throat secretions and as long as there is fluid in the lesions. **Exclusion for students from school is required until all blisters have dried.**

If you have any concerns contact your local doctor or visit the Royal Children's Hospital website at [www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact\\_sheets/Hand\\_foot\\_and\\_mouth\\_disease\\_coxsackie\\_virus/](http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Hand_foot_and_mouth_disease_coxsackie_virus/)

### Chicken Pox

There has been a number of confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in Grade 2. You may be at high risk if you do not have immunity including newborns, pregnant women and those immunosuppressed individuals with haematological malignancies, on chemotherapy, high dose steroids or HIV infection. If you have any concerns contact your local doctor or visit <http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/chicken-pox.asp>

Due to Immunisation, many cases of the disease present with few symptoms, however the disease is still highly contagious and should be reported to the school. Chicken Pox is a notifiable disease and is reported to the Department of Health for better health management in future. A visit to your doctor is recommended.

## Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Elwood Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016. Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

If you would like your child's to participate, please print off and sign the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to either the school office or myself directly. Once this is done, we will send all login details and information home with your child.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Happy reading!

*Angela Dawson* ... Info Learning Hub

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## Music News

### Mid-Year Soiree 2016

All students who learn an instrument outside school, Violin with Jesse or Brass and Woodwind with Dean are invited to perform at the Mid-Year Soiree 2016. This small concert will be in the JLC, **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. Please arrive at **4:45pm** to warm up and tune up. Vocal warm ups are welcome! This concert is for students to enjoy performing for an enthusiastic and encouraging audience. Hopefully we'll see lots of families there!

### Ever wanted to join the Orchestra?

We have a loyal team of parents who are helping with the school Orchestra but we need more. Please consider picking up your instrument and coming down to rehearse - Thursdays 3:35pm - 4:20pm in the Music Room. There's a rumor going around that we might be attempting Voodoo Child. This compliments our eclectic mix of songs old and new, including Pink Panther, Star Wars, Somebody I Used To Know and many more. All are welcome! Having parents involved in actually playing alongside the students is absolutely one of the best ways to encourage their playing and musicality. Your contributions would be highly valued.

*Kaz Sieger* ... Music Specialist

## Market News

Last market the food hall was overflowing with baked treats and we sold out! So to all our awesome Elwood Primary bakers thank you! A reminder that all baked goods must have the ingredients listed on the label.

Grades 2A, 2C, 2L and 2R are rostered to volunteer for the next market on Saturday 4 June 2016. The market can't happen without your help! Please check your emails for a reminder from your class rep or go to the market website <http://www.elwoodmarket.com/volunteer> to volunteer.

The market only exists because of the commitment of Elwood Primary families, so thanks and keep up the good work!

*Sarah Gyopar* ([sarah@gyopar.com](mailto:sarah@gyopar.com))

Elwood Community Market Committee

## Big Night Out ... Come one, come all!

The CIRCUS is coming to town! Don't miss out on the action at Elwood Primary's Big Night Out. Friday 29 July from 7.00pm at the St Kilda Town Hall.



**TICKETS go on sale NEXT WEDNESDAY 1 June** via Qkr. To find out about Qkr visit [www.elwoodprimary.vic.edu.au/articles/94](http://www.elwoodprimary.vic.edu.au/articles/94).

**Ticket prices are \$45.00 each (Concession \$35.00) BUT ... if you buy your tickets before the end of Term 2, Friday 24 June, take advantage of the early bird rate of just \$40.00 each (Concession \$30.00).**

## Nude Food Mondays

Every Monday at Elwood Primary School is Nude Food Monday! Remember to have a zero rubbish lunch box every Monday. Each class has representatives tallying the houses with the most nude food lunchboxes in it. Help the environment by contributing nothing to landfill!

## You Can Do It

### Term 2: Organisation

Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher's instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignment and homework due dates. Being organised helps you to learn at your best.

### **This fortnight we will focus on: Consequences and Rights**

To become good citizens, we need to understand rights and responsibilities as well as consequences for our actions, both good and bad.

A citizen is a member of a community. That community can be small, like a classroom or school, or large, like a city, state, or country. The global community includes everyone on Earth. Everyone is a member of a community and everyone has a responsibility to maintain it.

A responsibility is a duty or something someone should do. A responsibility can be a chore at home or school or it can be following rules, helping other community members and making positive changes. When someone works to help the whole community, he or she works for the common good. Obeying laws is an important responsibility. A law is a rule set by a community that tells how to behave or act. Different communities have different laws.

If a community member breaks a law, there are consequences. Laws also help protect citizens' rights. A right is a freedom that is protected. Citizens of different countries have different rights. These rights include freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion.

All children, like adults have rights, but they also have responsibilities. Everyone has the right to practice their own religion, but everyone has the responsibility to respect people of different religions. In school, every child has the right to learn, but every child has the responsibility of arriving to school on time, completing homework and following school and class rules.

Children as well as adults make decisions every day. Even young children regularly choose how they will behave, which toys or games they would like to play with, which books they would like to have read to them, or which television shows they would like to watch. As children get older they make bigger decisions that often involve their family, their friends and their schoolwork. The kinds of decisions children make affect their wellbeing, their relationships and their success. So, what can we do to think about our actions and consequences?

### **Do:**

- \*use self talk such as "Stop, I'd better think about this first."
- \*see things from different angles
- \*see other people's points of view
- \*think ahead and plan, consider the consequences

### **Don't:**

- \*focus on one aspect of a situation
- \*focus just on yourself
- \*want things right now and not think first
- \*make decisions based on a whim

### **You Can Do It!**

## Manners Matter

This fortnight, we are focusing on the skill of negotiating.

Negotiation involves trying to get what you want by firstly working out what the other person wants and trying to give it to them.

Negotiating needs to be planned and each side has to complete their side of the bargain. For example, you might want a ride to footy training so you negotiate with Mum or Dad to give you a lift and in return you will put the rubbish out. If you don't keep up your end of the bargain, you won't be trusted the next time and you will have to work on negotiating again.

### **Negotiation Do's:**

- \*Do decide what you want
- \*Do think about what the other person might want in return
- \*Do pick a good time to ask
- \*Do use a friendly voice
- \*If you can't work out what the other person wants in return, ask them directly
- \*Do keep your side of the bargain

### Negotiation Don'ts:

- \*Don't ask at inconvenient times (e.g. when the other person is busy or talking to someone else)
- \*Don't use a grizzly, whingeing voice
- \*Don't threaten or sulk or get angry if you don't get what you want. You can always try again.

### Manners Matter!

All part of being an Elwood Kid.

## 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?

### 26 May: National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is a continuing effort to achieve appropriate education, reconciliation and recognition for the Aboriginal stolen generation.



### 27 May - 3 June: National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey-the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.



### 3 June: Mabo Day

Mabo Day commemorates the anniversary of the 1992 High Court decision in the case brought by Eddie Mabo and others which recognised the existence in Australia of native title rights. The historic court decision buried the legal description of early Australia as 'terra nullius', or 'no man's land.'



### 5 June: World Environment Day

World Environment Day aims to be the world's biggest and most widely celebrated environmental action event.

### 6-7 June: Ramadan - Islam

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Every day during this month, Muslims around the world spend the daylight hours in a complete fast.



### 8 June: 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. If we rely upon

Tara sincerely and with strong faith, she will protect us from all obstacles and fulfill all our wishes.

Enjoy your upcoming weeks, whatever it holds or whatever you are celebrating.

*Nicole Richards* ... Assistant Principal

## Team Holiday - Elwood

Here to Stay - Bigger & Better Than Ever This Winter! We've heard a rumour that some families were questioning if Team Holiday was running this Winter at Elwood Primary School. **We are DEFINITELY OPERATING AND CAN'T WAIT!**



We're loving being at Elwood Primary and according to your feedback, you are too!

We just wanted you all to know we have a long standing partnership with Elwood Primary School and are completely committed to providing quality care, quality staff and amazing experiences each and every holiday period.

We look forward to seeing you over the Winter break.

*Team Holiday* ... 9532 0366

## Rest of 2016 Term Dates

End of Term 2

**Friday 24 June**

2.30pm finish

Term 3 Resumes

**Monday 11 July**

End of Term 3

**Friday 16 September**

2.30pm finish

Term 4 Resumes

Monday 3 October

End of Term 4

**Tuesday 20 December**

1.30pm finish

### Attachments :

What's happening during weeks 7 & 8 at EPS?

Parent Information Night - Numeracy

Maths Challenge 2

Premier's Reading Challenge

Camp Australia

**Separate :** Big Night Out

**Thursday 21 July**

**Term 3**

**Next Curriculum Day**

**Student Free**



# 2016 Parent Information Night



## ~NUMERACY~

Join us on

**TUESDAY 31 MAY**

from 7.00pm in the JLC



### Information discussed will include

- \* Current research on Numeracy \*
- \* Strategies and Principles that we follow \*
  - \* Structures of lessons \*
- \* Supporting children at home with their Mathematics learning \*

If you would like to attend but are unable to get someone to watch your Elwood Primary School children, they can come along and will be supervised as they watch a G rated movie in one of the JLC rooms. Sorry we are unable to accommodate children under five years old.

Jay Tucker, Assistant Principal

Sara Walsh, Teaching and Learning Coach







## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Definitions:** *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

### 1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

### 2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

- Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

### 3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: [privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au).

*If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department [rcdmachallengerc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:rcdmachallengerc@edumail.vic.gov.au) or (03) 9637 3624.*

## I would like my child to participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge

Name of child.....

Grade.....

Parent Signature.....

- I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll
- I do not consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll



## GREAT FUN

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



## ELWOOD OSHC HIGHLIGHTS

### Photo Wall

This term at the service, we are going to be putting up a photo wall of all the children who attend the service or have attended the service. We will be putting it up inside the hall for all the school community to have a look at. If you could bring in a recent or baby photo of your child/children by the May, that would be appreciated.

### Themes for this term

At the service, we are currently thinking about running a series of weekly themes based on recent decades. This will hopefully promote discussion at home around each of their highlights.

### Cooking Recipes

#### Chocolate Truffles!

#### What you need:

2 packs of biscuits, 2/3 cups of cocoa powder, 2 cups of desiccated coconut, 2 cans of condensed milk.

#### How to cook:

1. Smash the biscuits
2. Add cocoa powder and coconut then mix
3. Add condensed milk and mix
4. Roll them into balls
5. Refrigerate if you wish to consume over a few days

## 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.

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. Furthermore, please ensure you book your children in as this alters how many staff members we need to have at the service. Please text us on 0422 005 489 if you have last minute cancellations or bookings. In addition, 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.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)