Welcome Back

Welcome back to another term filled with amazing learning opportunities for our students. It has been wonderful to see all our students back relaxed and ready to learn. This term students will be involved in the Eltham Art awards, Intensive swimming and the end of year concert and presentation night. The support and encouragement of family and community is vital for the success of students and we look forward to continuing to build on the strong relationships that already exist between the school and community.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Molokai (Year 5) and his family to Eltham Public School. We are sure you will enjoy a long and happy association with our school.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tom and Emily who welcomed Edith May into their family on the 4th October. Tom is currently on the leave to spend time with his new addition and will return to school on Wednesday 28th October. Pat Leslie will be teaching the 2/3 class while Tom is on leave.

Happy Birthday

October 10th – Adam, October 11th – Eva

We wish you both a fantastic day. Happy birthday Adam and Eva!

Calendar

Term 4

Week 1

Tuesday 6th October – Students return
Friday 9th October – Art Awards Opening
Saturday 10th October – Markets & Art Workshops

Week 2

Saturday 17th October – Skate Night 6-8pm

Week 3

Tuesday 26th October – School Photos

Cherish family!

I live for those who love me,
for those who know me true.

George Linnaeus Banks

Term 4 – Week 1

Thursday, October 08, 2015
Lismore Garden Competition

On the last day of last term Arabella and Sabrina represented Eltham at the Lismore Garden competition presentation. Eltham were awarded first prize in the schools section (50-100 students). This was a great achievement and the students who help with the garden should be very proud. The school received a certificate, perpetual shield and a cash prize. Thanks to Helen and Michael who coordinate our garden program. A reminder to all families that fresh produce can be purchased from the produce box beside the canteen. Parents are always welcome to cook with our students using produce from the garden. Please contact the school if you would be interested.

Project Based Learning Events

As part of our project based learning activities last term students will be hosting a variety of school and community events over the next few weeks. Next Tuesday Melissa Mahoney from the Deaf Society will be speaking to students about deaf people in our community and teaching students some basic Auslan. On Wednesday students from Clunes preschool will be visiting to participate in a variety of student coordinated activities as well as watching drama presentations about being safe at school.

Students have already purchased and coordinated the planting of orchard trees to supplement our vegie garden. Another group have sourced plants to encourage bird activity at Eltham Public School and these will be planted in the front garden. Bird boxes will also be purchased.

Over the coming weeks students will coordinate a sports gala day, first aid classes and a nude food day. They are also in the process of developing relationships with an aged care facility.

Students have gained valuable experience in identifying community needs and the process involved in organising an event. It has been a wonderful learning experience for all involved.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Students in Years 4-6 will participate in the Tell Them From Me survey next week. Information was distributed last term. If you do not want your child to participate please contact the school.

Thankyou to parents who have already completed the survey. It is open until 16th October 2015 and can be accessed via the following link https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegie_security_check?j_username=parent179068&j_password=Elt1835

This survey provides valuable information to the school regarding the thoughts and opinions of students and parents about our school which will greatly assist future planning.

Kindergarten Orientation Program

We are currently taking enrolments for students commencing school in 2016. Our parent information evening will be held on Wednesday 21st October and we welcome attendance by any families who are considering Eltham Public School as an educational option for their students. Kindergarten orientation will commence on Monday 26th October from 9.30am – 12.30pm for 4 consecutive Mondays. Please contact the school if you require any further information about our orientation program.

Book Club

With the end of year just around the corner and Christmas coming up be sure to take a look at this book club issue. Please ensure all orders and payments are returned to the school office by October 22nd or online orders are entered by the 22nd. Please mark on your order ‘Gift’ or text ‘Gift’ to 0404 295 332 and I will ensure that your order will be given to you and not your child. Happy shopping. Kyleigh 6628 8176 please note new number. Email bevanpolley@bigpond.com

P&C News

Eltham Pub Raffles - thank you to everyone who was available to help out with the raffles last Friday evening. Please don’t forget that for all of October each Friday evening we need your help to run the raffles and make some much needed funds to go towards our planned covered playground.

Family Skate Night - 6-8pm Saturday 17th October at Lismore Skate and Putt Putt. Entry $6.00 + $2.00 skate hire. Non Skaters free. Please invite extended friends and family or anyone else you know. The school receives $3.00 back per skater, so the more people we all invite the more our school benefits.

School families please send an email rsvp by 14th October because if we don’t have any interest we will cancel. Last skate night was so much fun, come along. elthamp_c@yahoo.com.au

Art Awards update

It’s finally here! Eltham Art Awards are THIS WEEKEND! Opening night Friday 9th October, Exhibition, markets and kids’ art workshops Saturday 10th October from 9am - 3pm. See the attached pink note for more details about this exciting weekend.

“Helping Each Other Grow”