Kindergarten Orientation

Our final Kindergarten orientation morning will be held next Monday from 9.30 -12.30pm. Orientation has been a wonderful opportunity for new students to become familiar with school routines and for staff to get to know them in a school setting. We are currently taking enrolments in all Years for 2016 so please encourage any families who are considering Eltham as an educational option to call in and see us!

Assembly

Our final assembly for this year will be held next Thursday 19th November commencing at 2.50pm. Member for Page, Mr Kevin Hogan, will be in attendance to present awards. We invite all family and friends to attend and acknowledge the achievements of our students.

Annual School Report

Staff are currently in the process of compiling our 2015 Annual School Report. To assist with evaluating current programs and guide planning for the future staff, parents and students may be asked to participate in a variety of surveys. These surveys may be paper surveys via the newsletter, chats with focus groups or phone calls. Staff would appreciate you taking the time to engage with this process to ensure we are representing the views of as many people as possible in the process.

Plain Clothes Day

On the 20th November the Year 6 Leadership Team has organised a plain clothes day. It is a gold coin donation. We are raising money for the Leadership Team’s end of year dinner.

School Photos

Photos will be going out with today’s newsletter

Calendar

Term 4
Week 6
16th November 2016 Kindy Orientation 9.30-12.30pm
19th November Assembly 2.50pm
20th November School bag order form due
20th November Plain Clothes Day

Work Together

Problems can become opportunities when the right people come together

Robert Redford
School Bags
We have already received a number of orders for new school bags. The bags will be supplied by the Harlequin Group. The school bags are bottle green and come printed with our school logo. The bags are single compartment with a fixed-zipper flap, ergonomic shoulder straps and protective base. The bags also come with a lifetime guarantee. The bags cost $40 each. An order form is attached and should be returned to the school by Friday the 20th November. Payment can be made on delivery. A sample is available from the office if you would like to have a look before you purchase or you can go to the website www.schoolbags.com.au and view Harlequin Might Tuff Pack.

Special Programs
Our Gorgeous Girls and Boys Shed programs will commence tomorrow from 2.30-3.30 pm. Students in Years 4 to 6 will be participating in these special pilot programs.

Girls will be participating in the “Gorgeous Girls” program which will be run by Kirsty Wood from Kids Conexion. The program will cover topics including being your own best friend, friendships and anxiety.

Boys will be participating in a woodwork activity in “The Boys Shed” and discussing similar topics to those in “Gorgeous Girls” but in an informal, less structured way. They will be supported in the program by Michael Border.

These programs have been initiated in response to an identified student need for students to continue developing their skills around friendships, conflict resolution and resilience. As these are pilot programs the costs associated with them will be funded by the school. Parents and students involved in the programs will be surveyed at the conclusion of the programs to assess the benefit and decide if the programs will be continued in 2016 and possibly be extended to include other students.

If you would like to discuss either program in more detail or do not consent for your child to participate please contact the school.

Leadership Team News

Talent Quest
On the 15th December, which is the 2nd last day of school, the Year 6 Leadership Team are organising a Talent Quest. The rules are as follows:

- It is not compulsory
- Maximum of 2 entries per person
- Maximum of 3 minutes duration (not including music)
- All team members need to be involved
- Entries, including music, must be run by a teacher before the 8th December
- Materials, including clothes, must be from home
- Have fun

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a Year 6 student or a teacher. We hope to see you showcase your talent.

Entry forms are available from Year 6 students. Year Six Leadership team

Head Lice
We have had a reported case of head lice at school. Head lice are an ongoing problem in most primary schools. We appreciate the diligence of parents in treating students in an attempt to break the cycle. There are several treatment options available and parents are advised to choose one which works best for them.

Happy Birthday
November 11th Zac
We wish you a happy birthday & hope you had a lovely day.

Smart Shades
An order will be placed for Smart Shades on Monday 23rd November. If you missed placing your order and would like to order a pair of Smart Shades for your child please contact the school office by Friday 20th November. Cost for Smart Shades are $15.00 a pair.

Handmade Cards
Don’t forget we have beautiful handmade cards of the Eltham student’s art. They are still available for purchase at a cost of $2 each or three for $5.

“Helping Each Other Grow”
Collaborative Artwork Prints
If you would like to order a print of the artwork there is a display which includes a variety of sizes and a canvas outside the kitchen in the residence. There are also some examples of the how the prints can be framed. Order forms and money can be placed in the envelopes located next to the prints and can be left at the school office. All orders must be paid for at the time of ordering. Orders will be filled every couple of weeks until the 11th of December. These prints are a great memento of the Art Awards and would make great gifts as each student has contributed a piece. All families are encouraged to come and have a look!

Plants
There a few plants remaining from our sale at the Eltham Art Awards. They are on sale for $5.00 or make an offer & we can come to an agreement. Money for plants can be left at the school office.

Book Club
Issue 8 catalogues have been issued with this week’s newsletter. Please have all orders, paper and online orders in by November 19th. Please no late orders. Remember to add a note if your order is a gift or send a text and I will notify you when your order arrives and arrange collection rather than give your order to your child.
Kyleigh Polley Ph: 6628 8176 Mob: 0404 295 332 email: bevanpolley@bigpond.com Kyleigh Polley, Eltham P&C Secretary

Intensive Swimming
Our Intensive Swimming program will commence on Monday 23rd November and run for two weeks. Permission notes and payment are now due. Intensive Swimming is a compulsory part of our school PE program and all students are required to attend. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school.

Year 6 Surfing Day
As part of our end of year celebrations Year 5 students have the opportunity to participate in a surfing day at Byron Bay on Monday 14th December. Students will participate in a surf safety program with students from other small schools. Expression of interest notes were issued last week and should be returned by 13th November to assist with finalising numbers.

P&C News
Thanks everyone for all the hard work you have put into the P&C with time and donations etc. We really appreciate it. We have one more meeting for the year and then we can all put our feet up. Last meeting is December 1st at 7pm in the school residence. This will be Allison Houlden’s last meeting. The P&C would like to thank Allison for her many years of dedication to the committee and the school.

Thanks everyone for all your support from the P&C Committee.

Raffle Win a night in a beautiful hotel spa room at the Ramada Hotel and Suits Ballina Value $195.00!
Thanks to the generous support of the Ramada Ballina the P&C are raffling this marvellous prize to raise money to build a shade for our playground. We have attached a small ticket book to this week’s newsletter, please sell as many tickets as you can as every dollar counts. Tickets $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Extra ticket books are available in the school residence. Drawn Thursday 10th December at the end of year concert

Telephone tree – Please keep those telephone tree notes coming in so that the tree can be issued first thing next year. If you require another note please email ethamp_c@yahoo.com.au

Ten Pin Bowling – Please remember to support Eltham Public School these school holidays by going ten pin bowling. When paying for your game please nominate our school. By doing this we get financial rewards

Community Notices
Write4fun is hosting one more writing competition for 2015. Students are encouraged to read and write through these fun competitions. Pick up entry form from the office.

Ballina Prawn Festival – Saturday 14 November, Missingham Park, Ballina

Lismore Basketball Stadium - is holding an All Abilities Activity Morning for children aged 9 – 15 years. The program will run for three consecutive weeks commencing on Tuesday 24th November. RSVP is by the 18th November. There is no cost and further details are on our notice board.

The Great Moscow Circus - is coming to Ballina. Wednesday 18th November – Sunday 29th November. See flyer for show times.

Cartoon Camps - Byron Bay 28th -29th November 2015. $20 per class. P: (02) 9343 0833 E: bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au W: www.illustrating.man.com.au


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