Final Assembly

Thankyou to all our families & friends who attended our final assembly for the year last Thursday. Unfortunately our special guest, Mr Kevin Hogan, was unable to attend at the last moment. Mrs Cherie Barnsley came in his place & presented Sophie with a book prize for outstanding effort in English. Congratulations to Sophie & thanks to Mr Hogan for supporting our school.

Student Progress Reports

Staff are currently preparing students progress reports for distribution. Reports will be given to students in the last week of their term. If your child is not in attendance when reports are issued they will be posted to home addresses.

External Validation

Ruth Samuels and Graham Ross (Principal Support Officers) visited Eltham on Tuesday for the final stage of the external validation process. Ruth and Graham spent over 3 hours with me ascertaining where Eltham currently sits in relation to the School Excellence Framework and how we can move forward and continue to provide an outstanding learning environment for our students. The school was required to provide a submission containing evidence against each element of the framework.

I would like to thank the staff, students and parent community for their help in compiling evidence. Ruth and Graham were impressed with our school and their support in continuing to help us grow and improve is greatly appreciated.

Annual School Report Surveys

As part of our continual process of school improvement, the school will be seeking the thoughts and opinions of families about various aspects of the school. This information will also support the preparation of our 2015 Annual School Report. Surveys will be distributed with next week’s newsletter. We appreciate you taking the time to fill in the surveys to help us continue to work together to achieve our vision for Eltham Public School.
**Student Invoices**

Thank you to all families who have made payments throughout the year. Invoices are attached for outstanding payments. It would be appreciated if these could be paid as soon as possible. Should you have any difficulty meeting these payments, please contact the school immediately.

**Interrelate Refunds**

Due to the rescheduling of Interrelate this year the school has not been charged for this activity. A refund has been issued to families in Year 5 & 6 in the form of a deduction from Intensive Swimming payment, Year 6 dinner or by cheque. Cheques were posted yesterday. Should you have any enquiries please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

**Donelle**

**Happy Birthday**

*November 27th* George

*December 1st* Priya, *December 3rd* Sophie

Best wishes to you all & we hope you have a fun day.

**Intensive Swimming**

Thank you to all families who have supported students to be organised to attend Intensive Swimming. The weather has been perfect and all students are making great progress with their swimming. The program continues until the end of next week. Students are permitted to bring spending money to spend at the pool canteen next Friday. Spending money is limited to $2 per student.

**School Concert & Presentation Night**

Our annual school concert and presentation night will be held at the Lismore Public School Hall, Pound Street, Lismore on Thursday 10th December. The evening will begin with the presentation of book prizes and sports awards. We will then enjoy our whole school performance of “The stories of Hans Christen Anderson”. Details regarding starting time will be confirmed next week prior to our performance.

Students will be travelling by bus to Lismore Public School for a rehearsal. Permission notes will be distributed when the date & time is confirmed.

**Eltham Expectations**

As the year draws to a close and the weather warms up it is important to remember the behaviour expectations at Eltham Public School. As students are participating in a variety of different activities, both in school and outside, and are experiencing some anxiety about what the new school year will bring, they can become tired and this can result in them finding it more difficult to maintain the high behaviour and learning expectations at our school. We would appreciate parents reinforcing our Eltham Expectations, Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner so we can all enjoy the last few weeks of school and all students can enjoy our Eltham Exciting Experience day to be held on the last day of term.

**Year 6 Surfing Day**

Year 6 students will be taking part in surfing lessons at Byron Bay on Monday 14th December. This will be a terrific experience as the course includes sun & surf safety, water survival, identifying dangerous conditions as well as the surf lessons. A permission note and registration form is attached to the newsletter for those attending.

**Library**

The end of the school year is fast approaching & we need all library books to be returned. If you could check at home & return any books not being used it would be appreciated.

**P&C News**

**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. 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 Please feel free to email your details if you prefer to etham_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

**Lismore Officeworks** – They have generously donated the printing of a sign for the Ten Pin Bowling fundraiser to the value of $50.00. This will greatly assist us in maximising rewards from this fundraising venture so please support Officeworks in return. Thanks Lismore Officeworks.

Kyleigh Polley, Eltham P&C Secretary

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