Thankyou

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2015. On behalf of the staff at Eltham Public School I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families and friends who have supported our school in any way this year. The welcoming feel of our school and the way people speak about us in the community is testimony to the positivity within our school. If your circumstances change and your children will not be returning please let us know as soon as possible to assist with planning for classes. At this point staffing and class structure will remain the same for next year. There will be some reallocation of resources to accommodate changing class sizes and this will be communicated to families when it is finalised.

School resumes for staff on Wednesday 27th January, students in Years 1-6 on Thursday 28th January and Kindergarten will commence on Monday 1st February.

We wish all of you a safe and happy break from the school routines and look forward to seeing you back for the 2016 school year.

School Concert and Presentation Night

Our school concert and presentation night will be held tonight at the Lismore Public School Hall, Pound Street, Lismore. We are asking for students to arrive at 6.30. Presentations will start promptly at 6.45pm. Our performance of “The stories of Hans Christian Anderson” will begin at 7.30pm. We are hoping to have the evening concluded by 8.45. We would like to thank Lismore Public school for allowing us to use their hall and providing staff to lock up after us. It would be appreciated if all families could be mindful of this and depart the venue as quickly as possible.

Students are permitted to wear casual clothes this evening.

Library

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we need all library books to be returned. If you could check at home & return any books it would be appreciated.

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Year 6 Surfing Day
As part of their end of primary school celebrations some Year 6 students are participating in a surfing day at Byron Bay on Monday. Lessons will commence at 10.30am, meeting on the eastern side of the surf club. All students are to arrange travel to and from Byron Bay by private transport. Students will be accompanied by Tom McKenzie.

Talent Quest
The Year 6 Leadership team have organised a talent quest to be held next Tuesday commencing at 2.30pm. Students who are participating have been practicing hard and have organised eight acts ready to entertain you. Families and friends are invited to attend.

Last Day of the Year
Eltham Public School traditionally celebrates the last day of their primary schooling with our year 6 students on the last day of the school year. This year our day will commence with students presenting their farewell speeches to their peers, extended families and friends. This will be followed by a photo slide show and the cutting of the farewell cake. Year 6 students will then like to invite their parents and extended family to share morning tea with them to say “thankyou” for the support they have provided students during their primary schooling.

For lunch on this day students will share a picnic. We are asking all families to bring a plate to share. Students can bring a picnic blanket to sit on for lunch if they choose to. Our picnic will be followed by our Eltham Exciting Experience for term 4.

Eltham Exciting Experience
Students who have consistently demonstrated our Eltham Expectations this term will be permitted to bring water pistols and water balloons on the last day of the school year and have water play with staff and students. This will be an optional activity and students who do not wish to be involved can participate in an alternate, quieter activity. Staff will separate students into groups so that all students can be involved safely and fairly. The water play will occur in the afternoon and students will be required to wear their rash shirts and swimmers. They will dry off and get changed prior to catching the bus after school.

Students will receive their invitations and permission notes for the Eltham Exciting Experience prior to the activity.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner
This celebration will take place at LaVida restaurant in Lismore commencing at 6.30pm. Students will present their speeches to their parents and staff and be presented with their Yearbooks. This has traditionally been a lovely way for students to finish their primary schooling. The Year 6 Leadership Team is to be congratulated on using funds they have raised to subsidise the cost of the evening.

Student Progress Reports
Student Progress Reports will be distributed next week. Students who are not in attendance at school on the day they are distributed will have their reports mailed to their postal address.

Annual School Report
Thankyou to all families who have returned the surveys which were attached to last week’s newsletter. We would appreciate it if all surveys could be returned by tomorrow so that data can be included in the 2015 Annual school Report. Information will also assist with planning for 2015. If you would like to discuss aspects of the surveys in further detail or request clarification please contact the school.

Collaborative Artwork Prints
A reminder that tomorrow is the final date to order prints of the collaborative artwork created by staff and students for the Eltham Art Awards. A display of sizes and order forms is in the residence. Orders that have been paid for and not yet delivered will be filled by the last day of term.

A reminder that handmade cards and gift tags are still available for purchase above the fire place in the residence for $2 each or 3 for $5.

There are still a few plants available for sale beside the garage. If you would like any they can be purchased by donation.

All proceeds go to the P&C to be put toward the cost of our shade structure over the fixed play equipment.

Lost Property
There are several jumpers, jackets & containers in the lost property tub in the residence. We are asking all families to check if they own anything in the box before the end of the year. All unclaimed items after this time will be added to the clothing pool or donated to charity in the holidays.

Happy Birthday
Enjoy your special day with your school friends and for those whose big day falls during the holidays, we hope you have a great day.

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P&C News

LAST CHANCE - 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

Fund Raiser - Lismore Ten Pin Bowling – Please 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. See back page.

Raffle – our raffle is to be drawn tonight. Win a night in a beautiful spa room at the Ramada Hotel and Suites Ballina valued at $195.00 and second prize of a large pot & plants donated by Summerland Antiques.

Kyleigh Polley, Eltham P&C Secretary
Eltham Public School

P&C Fundraiser

Lismore Ten Pin Bowling

Eltham P&C have joined up with Lismore Ten Pin in an effort to raise funds for our school P&C. Any funds raised will contribute to our shade structure project over the playground.

Each time you go Ten Pin Bowling in Lismore over the school holidays, please nominate Eltham when paying for your game.

Arrange to meet extended family for a game or 2. Get the kids friends along, it will be fun. Tell everyone you know to support us by nominating Eltham at Ten Pin Lismore. The more people you tell and go along for a game the more funds we raise.

Please make an effort to support Lismore Ten Pin and Eltham P&C these holidays.

Ten Pin would be a great rainy day activity or a beat the heat activity over the Christmas break.

For more information email - Kyleigh Polley - elthamp_c@yahoo.com.au

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