Art Smart

Students in Year 5 have the opportunity to participate in the Art Smart program at Clunes Public school from Monday 27th April until Wednesday 29th April 2015 (Week 3 Term 2). Eltham has been allocated 4 places in the workshops. Over the three day workshops students will develop their skills in visual arts and create an artwork to be placed on public exhibition later in the year. Students who have attended in the past have found it to be an excellent experience that enhanced their skills. Interested students are asked to complete the attached expression of interest form (EOI) and return to school by Monday 16th March 2015. Please ensure that the EOI is completed as a selection process based on the EOI will be used if required. The cost to participate is $75. Please do not send money with your EOI as further permission notes will need to be completed by successful applicants.

Northern Rivers Zone Trials

Students in years 5 and 6 with well developed skills are invited to participate in the following sports over the next few weeks;

Boys and Girls Soccer- Thursday 19th March, Lismore
Opens and 11 years Rugby League- Wednesday 25th March, Maclean
Boys and Girls Hockey- Monday 30th March, Lismore

If you would like to attend trials in these sports please collect the required permission notes from the office. A reminder that participation in zone sport trials require endorsement by the principal and is dependent on following our Eltham Expectations at school.

Calendar

Term 1
Week 8
Monday 16th March 2.30pm Project Based Learning Presentations
Thursday 19th March 2.50 pm Assembly
Friday 20th March 6 pm Welcome BBQ

Week 9
Monday 23rd March Interrelate Yr 5&6

Week 10
Monday 30th March Interrelate Yr 5&6

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jessie who was selected in the Northern Rivers Zone tennis team to participate in the North Coast trials in Grafton on Monday. Congratulations Jessie and good luck!!

We would also like to wish Zac and Adam all the best at the Northern Rivers AFL trials in Yamba tomorrow. Good luck boys!!

Combined Band

A reminder that students involved in the Combined band which will be performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival are required to attend a rehearsal at Goonellabah Public School next Tuesday from 10am-2pm. Transport is by private vehicle. Permission notes and the $15 levy are to be returned to school by tomorrow.

Project Based Learning

Our “trial run” with the students in the K/1 class was a positive experience for all. The younger students enjoyed playing the arcade games and the trial helped to identify design faults that required tweaking prior to our launch to family and friends next Monday afternoon.

Student groups will give their presentation then family and friends will have the opportunity to play the games which have been designed and created by students. Presentations will commence at 2.30pm and family and friends are invited to attend the launch of our Eltham Arcade!!

Girls AFL Clinic

All girls in Years 3-6 will be participating in an AFL Clinic designed to promote the Girls under 12 competition in Lismore. Students will participate in a skills clinic run by Molly Kenwood (AFL Northern Rivers) and 2 female players. The clinic will run from 11.00-11.45 Friday 20th March on the school oval. There is no cost for this activity. Students are asked to wear sports shoes on this day.

Assembly

Our last assembly for the term will be held next Thursday 19th March. Family and friends are invited to attend to recognise the achievements of our students. Our assembly will commence at 2.50pm in the grassed area between the residence and the classrooms (weather permitting).

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A reminder for Year 6 students that completed expression of interest forms are due to be returned to school by no later than Friday 20th March 2015. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions.

The Rivers Small Schools Opera House Choir

Rehearsals will commence next Wednesday 18th March at Goonellabah Public School from 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm. Attached to this newsletter is a full list of rehearsal dates for students involved. The opportunity to sing at The Sydney Opera House is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I look forward to working with the students involved with this amazing experience.

Parent /Teacher Interviews

Staff will be available for interviews with parents during weeks 9 and 10 this term. The format of the interviews will change slightly this year with students being asked to set a learning goal for themselves at school for the year. These goals will then be reported on in school reports in semester two and four. Half an hour will be allocated for interviews and students should participate for at least the first part of the interview. If there are issues that need to be discussed without students the second part of the interview can be used for this purpose.

Please find attached a list of available times staff are available for interviews and return the attached slip with three preferences by Wednesday 18th March. Confirmation of interview times will be attached to next week’s newsletter. If you are unable to attend in the available timeslots please call the school to arrange an alternative time.

Interrelate

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the Interrelate Program at Bexhill Public School Monday 23rd and 30th March 2015. Cost for Year 5 students will be $16.50 per student for two sessions and Year 6 $32.00 per student for four sessions. Permission notes and payment is required by Wednesday 18th March 2015. Transport will be by private vehicle. If you are available to assist please indicate on the permission note.

“Helping Each Other Grow”
**Late Arrival and Early Pick-up**

A reminder to all parents and carers that school commences at Eltham Public School at 9.35 am. Rolls are marked first thing in the morning. Students who arrive after this time need to report to the office with a parent or carer to explain the absence. Parents are welcome to give a verbal reason for the late arrival via a phone call. Late arrival is marked as an absence and requires explanation.

Students who are picked up early in the afternoon (prior to 3.15pm) also need to be signed out through the office prior to collection form the classroom.

The system we have in place regarding late arrival and early pick-up are to keep students safe and accurate record keeping regarding rolls and attendance are legal requirements of the Department of Education and Communities. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

**Kids in the Kitchen Parent Training**

A reminder that the Kids in the Kitchen parent training session conducted by Maxine Moylineux from the NSW Department of Health will be run in the school library from 9.45 am-11.45 am on Friday 20th March. Any parents who are interested in helping out with cooking with the kids are welcome to attend. A maximum of about 8 participants is ideal. All the food and equipment necessary for the training session will be provided. Please contact the school by tomorrow if you are interested in attending and have not already indicated.

**Music Tuition**

Yesterday Mrs Mitchell commenced Instrumental music tuition for students in Years 4, 5 & 6 at a cost of $6.00 per student per session. This is to be paid directly to Mrs Mitchell on the day. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Wednesday 18th March 2015.

Hire of school instruments is $50.00 per year. This fee assists to pay for repairs and maintenance of the instruments. Reeds for instruments can be purchased at the school for $4.00 per reed or they can also be purchased from any music shop.

**Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion**

A reminder that the next payment of $53.00 for the Canberra Excursion is due Friday 20th March 2015. You are welcome to pay any amount at any time ensuring the complete amount is paid by Friday 5th June.

**Book Club Issue 2**

Issue 2 orders are due back at school Monday 16th. Contact Kyleigh Polley 6629 6133 or email bevanpolley@bigpond.com.

**P&C News**

The AGM was held Tuesday evening with all positions declared vacant. Each position was successfully filled with Charlie Davies returning as President, Naomi Thomas returning as Treasurer, Kyleigh Polley returning as Secretary and Lia Masman and Allison Houlden stepping up as Vice Presidents. Thank you to everyone for attending.

**Election Day** - The P&C are holding a coffee and cake stall for the day of the election March 28th as Eltham School is a polling place. We are asking once again for all parents to get baking to help us raise much needed funds for our school. Please email the P&C with your commitment to provide baked goods and/or if you don’t bake, your availability to lend a hand on the day. A roster will be done up with times and duties.

Lia Masman and Kyleigh Polley will also be running a second-hand book stall to raise money for the Year 5/6 Canberra trip. Get cleaning out all those old books and donate them to our year 5 and 6 students. A roster will be done up so all Year 5&6 students willing to help out selling books can do so.

**Welcome BBQ** - March 20th is our welcome bbq and we invite all families to come along. See the attached pink note for details and return slip. We look forward to a lovely evening and meeting everyone.

**Bunnings Fundraiser** - The P&C have committed to 2 cake stalls this year at Bunnings Lismore. Our first date is May 9th and second is September 5th. We have an amazing parent body with great willing home bakers and we are asking again for baking. Please be thinking of great recipes for these dates. More information to come soon. Contact Kyleigh Polley 6629 6133.

**May Pub Raffles** - Once again Eltham P&C hold the Eltham Pub Raffles each Friday evening during May. Keep these nights free to come down and lend hand. Contact Charlie Davies 6628 1301.

**Eltham Art Awards** - A sub-committee is being formed to organise the event. Please email your interest to help to elthamp_c@yahoo.com.au.

“Helping Each Other Grow”
Happy Birthday
14th March – Zoe

Happy Birthday Zoe! We hope you enjoy your special day!

Community News

Bunnings Easter D.I.Y Workshops – Thursday 26th March 6pm-8pm. Bring the family along for a great night of fun. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance. Bookings recommended. [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)

Brisbane Roar - Twilight coaching clinic for 5-12 year olds, Friday 10th April 4-7pm, Asia Pacific Football Institute Crawford Rd East Lismore, $70.00 per child. Places are limited. Enquiries to Rozanne Burley 0448 136 986, [rap@brisbaneroar.com.au](mailto:rap@brisbaneroar.com.au)

Environmental Sustainability Forum – Wednesday 18th March, 8.50 to 3 pm, Lismore Recycling and Recovery Centre 313 Wyrallah Road east Lismore. Bookings & enquiries P: 6689 5286, E: dorroughby-e-school@det.nsw.edu.au

Kids Fishing Workshop – 8-14 year olds are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. 15th April, 9am-1pm, Faulks Reserve, Riverside Drive West Ballina. Cost $40 per child, includes rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag – all to take home. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from Industry and Investment NSW. Contact 0458 274 876 or milan.duwenhogger@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Lismore Vacation Care – Rainbow Region Kids, service hours 8am – 6pm, closed public holidays and pupil free days. Enquiries [rrkassist@inci.org.au](mailto:rrkassist@inci.org.au) or 6621 7397.

Library Bounce & Rhyme for Babies and Toddlers and Story-time for Pre-schoolers - Enquiries to Lismore Library 6621 2464, Goonellabah Library 6625 1235.


For more information on any of the above activities please check out our community noticeboard or the contact details mentioned.

Project Based Learning Trial