Arcade Game Launch

Thank you to all families and friends who attended the launch of our arcade games on Monday. The students did an excellent job presenting their pitches and explaining how their games work. Our visitors had a great time trialling our games with many winning prizes!! All students produced a game that worked, whilst developing problem skills and reflecting on their own contributions to their group and the contribution of others.

For those who missed trying the games they will be available in the COLA from 3.00 pm on Friday.

Welcome Serenity!

We welcome Serenity and her family to our school. Serenity is in Year 5 and we are sure she will enjoy the experiences that Eltham has to offer!

Sporting success

Eltham Public School have been participating in a variety of sports trials over the last week and again our students have excelled on the larger stage!

Congratulations to Zac who has gained selection in the Northern Rivers Zone AFL team. He will participate in the North Coast trials in Yamba on Friday 27th March. Adam was also selected as a reserve for the team and will progress to the North Coast Trials should there be a withdrawal from the team. Congratulations boys!

Jessie has qualified to play in the North Coast Tennis team to participate in the PSSA State Tennis titles on 28th April to 1st May at Rockdale. To be selected to play at this level is an outstanding effort. Well done Jessie!!!

Calendar

Term 1

Week 9
Monday 23rd March  Interrelate Yr 5&6

Week 10
Monday 30th March  Interrelate Yr 5&6
Thursday 2nd April  Final day of Term 1

Term 2
Week 1
Tuesday 21st April  Students return
Friday 24th April  Welcome BBQ
Happy Birthday
20th March – Fletcher

May you a wonderful birthday filled with lots of fun!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to families who have already booked an interview. A reminder that students are required to attend the first part of the interview to set their learning goals. Please ensure you book a time to meet with your child’s teachers. If you are unavailable at the times listed please contact the school to organise an alternative time. We strongly encourage all families to engage in this process to support our students in meeting learning goals.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and Harmony Day

Eltham students will participate in a National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 20 March 2015. This day provides a focus for all schools to say "Bullying. No Way!” and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

Students will be involved in a range of interactive activities that help them explore the facts about bullying and develop strategies that support them if they encounter bullying.

National Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Our activities on Friday have been chosen to promote inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone as well as support our students and staff to maintain a safe, supportive, bully-free school community.

Kindergarten “My First Year”

The Northern Star newspaper will be publishing it’s supplement titled “My First Year” which will feature photographs of Kindergarten students over the region on Wednesday 25th March 2015. Be sure to pick up a copy to see our beautiful Kindergarten class at Eltham Public School.

Canberra Fundraising

Lia and Kyleigh have commenced the fundraising efforts to assist with fundraising for the Years 5 and 6 Canberra trip. So far they are planning a cook-up to provide spaghetti bolognase for take home dinners and a second hand book stall in conjunction with the election day coffee and cake stall. All details regarding these fundraisers were distributed on Monday. These notes were distributed on a day other than Thursday in an effort to get the ball rolling. All information regarding fundraising for the Canberra trip will be published on light purple paper.

We ask that you assist us by ensuring that all payments for Canberra fundraising be made with correct money using cash as the money will not be receipted through the school. We are also encouraging students to become involved in the fundraising efforts. Students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to work in pairs to come up with a fundraising idea that they can run themselves. The maximum cost is 50c. Ideas include selling cupcakes or ice creams at a recess canteen or perhaps a pin the tail on the donkey or similar game.

After students who wish to be involved have come up with an idea they will be allocated a date to hold their activity and reminders will be posted in the newsletter. Coordinating a fundraising activity by students is optional.

I strongly encourage all families to support these activities as all students will eventually get to experience an excursion to our national capital.

Spaghetti Fundraiser - Lia Masman is bravely helping our Year 5 and 6 students to make a delicious Bolognase for family, friends and neighbours to purchase for a quick and easy dinner on those busy nights. A note with an order form went out earlier this week, please return those orders with payment by Wednesday 25th March. Any parents wishing to lend a hand on the day Friday 27th March would be appreciated. If you need more order forms see Donelle. Please contact Lia if you can help out on 6625 1526 or 0431 750 890.

Election Day Book Stall - Year 5 and 6 students are running a second hand book stall to help raise money for their trip to Canberra. They are asking for any donations of any old books. Books can be bought into school any time before Friday 27th March. Any books sold will help with the cost of the bus. Any books bought in by a Year 5 or 6 student please clearly mark the bag with your name. Any of these books sold, that money goes to your Canberra Excursion account. All Year 5 and 6 students who are available to help on the day, can you please let Kyleigh Polley know so I can add your name to the election day roster. Any parents who would also like to help out are welcome, let me know when you are available.

Any parents wishing to help our Year 5 & 6 students with their efforts please contact Lia or Kyleigh. We would really appreciate any help.

Lia & Kyleigh

“Helping Each Other Grow”
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 tomorrow, Friday 20th March on the school oval. There is no cost for this activity. Students are asked to wear sports shoes on this day.

Interrelate

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the first session of interrelate program next Monday. Thankyou to all parents who have offered to assist with transport. Students not participating in the program will remain at school as normal.

Year 7 2016

Thank you to the families who have returned their Expression of Interest for Year 7 2016. To ensure the high schools can prepare for the new students in 2016 it is most important that these forms be returned to school TOMORROW. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions.

ANZAC Day

Eltham students will again have the opportunity to be part of the ANZAC Day march in Lismore. ANZAC Day falls on the first Saturday back at school next term. Students will be required to assemble at the Clyde Campbell car park at 8.30am. Students are required to be in full school uniform, including a hat and water bottle. Students in K-2 are welcome to be collected by their parents prior to entering the memorial baths precinct for the official service. Students in Years 3-6 are strongly encouraged to attend the service, which generally lasts approximately 30 minutes.

As many students as possible are encouraged to participate in this significant event on the calendar.

Our school Anzac service will be held on Thursday 23rd April commencing at 1.00pm. Further details will follow shortly.

Schoolstream

Currently we are looking into a mobile app that delivers information in real time directly to our families on their mobile device. This app would be free to download and it would enable you to access notes, newsletters etc and receive alerts, should there be urgent information required to be distributed. Please complete the attached Expression of Interest and return to school by next Friday 27th March if you would be interested in this service being available to you. For more information on this app you can visit the website www.schoolstream.com.au

P&C News

Welcome BBQ - Due to unforeseen circumstances the welcome to new families BBQ that was to be held this Friday 20th March has been postponed. The event has been rescheduled to Friday 24th April 2015 (Term 2 Week 1). The BBQ will commence at 6pm.

The P&C apologise for any inconvenience caused and look forward to meeting up with our new families and catching up with existing ones at the rescheduled event.

Election Day - Saturday 28th March. The P&C are running a coffee and cake stall to help raise much needed funds for school. We only have 1 response for help with serving and baking so far. Please email elthamp_c@yahoo.com.au with a time you are available to help on the day and a roster will be done up. We really need our acclaimed baking for this to be a success, so please reply with your offers of baking also. Attached is a roster, please return it to school by Monday 23rd March 2015.

Bunnings Cake Stall - The P&C have been allocated 2 dates for holding a cake stall to raise money for our school. Our first date is Saturday 9th May. Please support us in our efforts with this activity by providing some home baked cakes, biscuits, slices etc. We need a few people to sell cakes on the day, if you can help please email the Kyleigh at elthamp_c@yahoo.com.au. A full list of ingredients needs to accompany any baking for allergy reasons. No baking that needs refrigeration or has cream can be sold. Anyone that does gluten free, dairy free, egg free baking is really encouraged to provide baking as there are lots of requests for this. All baking is sold packaged and is not sold in individual pieces/ serve eg a whole cake or a tray of cookies or slice.

Dates to keep free - Election Day Saturday 28th March, Eltham Pub Raffles Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May, Bunnings Cake Stall Saturday 9th May.

Thank you everyone for supporting our wonderful small school. Every effort is appreciated. Thanks parents.
Community News

Clunes Tennis Club Open Day - Saturday 21st March from 1-5pm at Clunes Courts. We welcome all abilities and ages to come and join our friendly local club. The bar and canteen will be open and there will be a barbecue to follow.

We are also looking for players for our Winter Competition which will start on 18th April 2015. Our winter competition is played on Saturday afternoons from 12.30 onwards at Clunes and at Booyong and/or Eltham courts. Teams consist of 4 players, graded 1-4; all games are doubles; and each player plays four sets. Games finish by around 4.30 -5.00pm after which players are invited to stay for refreshments and a light supper.

For more information, please contact Andrew Mitchell (Membership Registrar) on 0431 602640 or at andrew@onlinecoins.com.au or Berni Cooper (Secretary) on 0401755797 or at berni_cooper@hotmail.com

Clunes Vacation Care – April 6th to April 17th 2015. See the notice board for full details.

Today in the Playground