Communication

Throughout the year our weekly newsletters provide families with information regarding the achievements of our students, activities that are happening at the school, excursions for our students and requests for information that is required by the school, P&C and the Department of Education and Communities.

Whilst we understand the busy nature of our current lifestyles we ask that families be mindful of and adhere to the due dates that notes and information are required back at school. Late return of notes and forms adds to the workload of office staff and often means that follow up phone calls and distribution of additional notes are required. This can result in deadlines being missed and ultimately students missing out on opportunities.

The school makes every effort to give as much notice as possible to families when permission notes and monies are required for return and we understand that there are periods where this can become confusing. If you are unsure of when things are due or what documentation is required please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We would welcome any feedback as to how our communication methods could be more effective and appreciate your support in this matter.

Aladdin Choir

Congratulations to Jessie, Fin B and Em who have gained selection into the choir to perform in The Rivers production of Aladdin in Week 9 next term. Rehearsal times were distributed to students involved earlier this week.

Happy Birthday

29th March – Nickola, 30th March – Marcus, 1st April – Grace M
Wishing you all a fantastic birthday. May your special days be filled with lots of happiness.

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Term 1 – Week 9

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Calendar

Term 1

Week 10
Thursday 2nd April    Final day of Term 1

Term 2

Week 1
Tuesday 21st April   Students return
Friday 24th April    Welcome BBQ

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Every day is a new adventure!
The Rivers Small Schools’ Opera House Choir

Opera House Choir rehearsals have begun. The choir is already sounding beautiful after just two rehearsals! Congratulations to Sam K and Nickola who have now joined Adam, Grace Jessie and Hannah in the choir to sing at the Sydney Opera House in October. Please ensure permission notes and deposits are returned by Friday 27th March 2015.

Northern Rivers Sports Trials

Congratulations to Kobi who participated in the Northern Rivers Zone Soccer trials last Thursday. Over 80 students trialled for the team and, although unsuccessful this time, Kobi tried hard in the heat and is keen to try again next year.

Good luck to Chloe and Grace who will be participating in the Northern Rivers Zone Hockey trials in Goonellabah on Monday.

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews

Thankyou to all families who have indicated their intention to participate in these interviews. Interviews commenced Monday and students are participating to set individual learning goals for the year. If you have not yet arranged your interview or are unsure of your interview time please contact the school. All families are strongly encouraged to engage in this process.

Canberra Fundraising

Spaghetti Fundraiser - Bolognaise orders can be collected this Friday afternoon. Thank you to all those involved in this activity.

Guessing Game - Em and Hannah are running an Easter Egg guessing game each day at school and on Saturday at the election day book stall. Entry is 50c. The winner will be announced on Monday 30th March 2015.

Election Day Book Stall - Year 5 and 6 students are running a second hand book stall on election day. Please donate any old books your children have out grown or books you don’t want anymore. Any parents and students wishing to help out on the stall please email Kyleigh to be added onto the roster, bevanpolley@bigpond.com. Any Year 5 or 6 student donating books please clearly label the bag of books as any money raised from the sale of your books goes towards your Canberra account. We encourage all Eltham families to donate any unwanted books. Books can be left at school before Friday afternoon. Kyleigh

Canberra Excursion Payments

Thank you to everyone who has been making payments for the Canberra Excursion. If you are following the suggested payment plan $209 should have been paid by the end of this term. A reminder that the full amount is due to be paid by 5th June 2015 (Week 7 Term 2).

Interrelate

Unfortunately Interrelate has had to be postponed this term. We will inform you of rescheduled days/times next term.

Final Day of Term 1

Thursday 2nd April will see Term 1 come to an end. Children are permitted to wear casual clothes on this day. They will be participating in a treasure hunt in the afternoon.

Eltham Public School ANZAC Service

Our school Anzac service will be held on Thursday 23rd April commencing at 1.00pm. All families and friends are warmly invited to attend. The service will be followed by afternoon tea and we are asking all families to bring a plate to share.

Part of our service involves all students laying a flower on the memorial garden and we would appreciate donations of cut flowers for this purpose.

Lismore ANZAC Day March

Eltham Public School students are invited to march in the Lismore ANZAC March with our school. Students are required to assemble in The Clyde Campbell Car Park at 8.30am, in full school uniform, including hat and with a water bottle.

Please complete the attached expression of interest if your children intend to march on ANZAC day.

Lennox Head Creative Arts Camp

The Lennox Head Creative Arts Camp will be held at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre Lennox Head from 4.00 pm Sunday 26th July to 3.30 pm Friday 31st July 2015. The camp is for students in Years 4, 5 & 6 who show an above average ability in music, vocal, dance, visual arts and drama as a significant emphasis of the camp is performance and display. Cost for the camp is $480 per student and will cover everything during the week with the exception of transportation.

If your child is interested in participating please collect an application form from the school office. As applications usually exceed positions, forms are due to be returned to school by Wednesday 22nd April 2015.

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Girls AFL

On Friday 20th March the girls in Years 2-6 had an AFL clinic on the top oval. We did lots of skills and drills like learning how to hand pass and kick the ball. At the end we all got lots of prizes like a cap, shoelaces, an activity book and a drink bottle. It was a great day and we all had fun.

By Grace and Jessie

Schoolstream

Would you like to receive a reminder on your phone when special activities are on? If so School stream may be the answer. 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 reminders and alerts, should there be urgent information required to be distributed. Expression of Interest forms were sent home last week. Please return your completed form by TOMORROW Friday 27th March so we can determine if this would be a viable service for our school community. For more information on this app you can visit the website www.schoolstream.com.au

Headlice

Head lice is thriving in present weather conditions. Could you please be extra vigilant in checking your child’s hair every day. Head Lice infestation is a common problem throughout the world in all socioeconomic groups. Considerable myth and misinformation surrounds head lice and their management. Studies have shown that around one in four primary school aged children in Australia have head lice.

NSW Health does not recommend excluding children with head lice from school due to the following reasons:

• Head lice are not known to transmit diseases.
• Exclusion from school or childcare is not an effective way of breaking the cycle of head lice infestations.

Before you choose a treatment for head lice, consider the following:

• Mechanical removal is the preferred way to detect and treat head lice because it is effective, does not contribute to insecticide resistance in head lice and also presents a low risk of skin irritation.
• If you prefer to use chemical treatment, make sure that the heads you treat are infested with head lice.
• Registered chemical treatments that contain insecticides to kill lice are usually safe, but excessive use of other substances, such as home remedies and other insecticides, can cause irritation. Speak to your local pharmacist to identify the registered treatments that are safe for you and your child.
• Always read the product label before applying and use as directed.
• Do not use methylated spirits or kerosene on your child’s head.
• Avoid treating babies with chemical treatment.
• Avoid chemical treatment on any scalp that is irritated or inflamed.
• Protect children’s eyes when treating with any product.
• There is no preventative treatment available for head lice. Treating the whole family with chemical treatment as a precaution contributes to head lice becoming resistant to the products used.

Remember that you can help to reduce transmission of head lice by tying hair back or braiding and by checking your children’s hair regularly.

This information has been extracted from NSW Government Health website.
http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx#bookmark1

P&C News

Please note - there was a typing error with Kirsty Miller's email on the telephone tree. This is the correct email - kirstymiller1@hotmail.com

Election Day - This Saturday 28th March is election day. We need more baking and helpers to make this day a success. Please support the school P&C to help raise funds for our children here at Eltham. Email elthamp_c@yahoo.com.au Baking can be dropped off at school Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning before 8am.

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Community News

**Bunnings Warehouse Lismore** - Meet Dora the Explorer on Saturday 28th March from 11 am.

**Go4Fun** - Free Healthy Lifestyle program for kids 61/2 to 13 years by Northern NSW Local Health District. Call 1800 780 900 to register now for Term 2.

**Lismore Storm Basketball Holiday Clinic** – Lismore Basketball Stadium, 342 Keen Street, Thursday 16th April 9am – 1pm. $10.00 per child (5-14 years). Bring your own lunch and drinks. Contact Tanya on 0410 777 572 for more info.

**Girls AFL** – Lismore U12 girls “Come and Try Night” Wednesday 1st April, Mortimer Oval, Brewster Street Lismore 4.00-5.00pm. for further information contact Ian Salkeld 0418 664 481 or Molly Kenwood 6680 7833 or aflnrj@gmail.com

**Summerland House Farm School Holiday Fun** – Open every day 9am – 4pm (closed Good Friday only). Artie Fartie kidz club 9.30am-12.30pm Wednesdays and Fridays during school holidays. $5 per child. [www.summerlandhousefarm.com.au](http://www.summerlandhousefarm.com.au) P: 6628 0610.

See the community noticeboard for more details on the any of the above notices.

**Our Week 8 Assembly**