Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our staff and students. It is wonderful to see that all have returned fit, healthy and rested ready to actively participate in all the learning, sporting, cultural and social activities that will be offered this term.

Sun Safe

A reminder to all students and parents that baseball caps and beanies are not an acceptable form of hat to be worn at school. Students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat. These are available for purchase at the school for $7.00.

Opportunity Class

Applications are now open for students who commence Year 5 in 2016 (current Year 4 students) to apply to attend the Opportunity Class in Years 5 and 6. Classes are located at Alstonville and Goonellabah Public Schools. If you are interested in your child applying please contact the school.

Grip Leadership

Year 6 students will be participating in the GRIP leadership Program in Tweed Heads on Friday 8th May. Students will be combining with students from other small schools in this activity. A permission note outlining details and costs is attached. This program is an important part of our leadership and citizenship activities at Eltham Public School and all year 6 students are required to attend.

Calendar

Term 2

Week 1
Friday 24th April Welcome BBQ

Week 2
Thursday 30th April Cross Country

Week 3
Tuesday 5th May P&C Meeting

Do what you love, love what you do!
Happy Birthday

22nd April Sam K

Hope you had a great day!

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Students in Years 3 to 6 are invited to participate in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition again this year. Participation in this competition is optional and students who choose to participate will be required to prepare and practice their speeches at home. Speeches will then be presented at school and Two Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) and two Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) students will be invited to participate in the local finals which will be held later in the term at a local venue to be advised.

The list of topics for each stage is attached. The length of the speeches and timing of warning bells can be collected for the office for students who wish to participate. Speeches will be delivered to class groups during weeks 6 and 7 this term and students will be selected to represent Eltham at the next stage. If you have any questions about this activity please feel free to contact the school.

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Canberra Excursion

Our Canberra excursion is fast approaching. The red question box is located in the 4,5,6 classroom and questions placed in the box will be answered in a discussion time on Thursdays. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to access the box to alleviate some anxieties around the trip.

I am in the process of coordinating with Modanville Public School to organise an inter school visit prior to the excursion to help develop relationships between students and staff prior to our major excursion.

Sporting Representation.

Good luck to Chloe and Grace who will be travelling to Grafton on Monday to participate in The North Coast Hockey trials.

Jessie will also be travelling to Sydney to represent the North Coast at the PSSA State tennis championships. This is a massive achievement and we wish her all the best of luck!!

Well done to all our representatives!!!

Art Smart

Fin B, Em, Hannah, River and Serenity will be participating in the Art Smart program at Clunes Public School next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We look forward to hearing about all the new skills they learn and seeing the artwork they produce.

“Helping Each Other Grow”
First North Cross Country

The First North Cross Country will be held at Clunes Public School on Thursday 30th April. All students in Years 2-6 will be participating. Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 can participate if they have a parent in attendance. Transport will be by private vehicle. Permission notes should have been returned to school by Wednesday 22nd April.

The program for the day is as follows:

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Canberra Fundraising

Skating Night - Lia and Kyleigh have organised a family fun skate night at Lismore Skate and Putt Putt. A flyer went out with all details at the end of last term, Saturday 2nd May 6pm - 8pm, cost $6.00 + $2.00 skate hire. Invite extended family, friends etc. ALL WELCOME.

Book Club Issue 3

Book Club catalogues have been issued to families with today's newsletter. The due date for orders is May 5th. Kyleigh Polley - 6629 6133 - bevanpolley@bigpond.com

P&C News

Welcome BBQ - The welcome BBQ is on this Friday evening 6pm. We ask that each family bring a salad and dessert to share. The P&C will provide meat and vegetarian options. Please come along and welcome all our new families to our great school.

Mother's Day Raffle - The P&C are holding a Mother’s Day Raffle. First prize is a ‘Pamper Hamper’ that includes a set of 4 Royal Doulton fine bone china coffee mugs, delicious Eureka coffee, chocolates and other delights to make Mum’s morning. Second prize is a beautifully boxed Baylis and Harding Ultimate Spa Robe set and Third prize is another beautiful robe set from Baylis and Harding this time in the Royal Bouquet English Country Garden design.

Tickets are $1 per ticket or $5 for 7 tickets or $10 for 20 tickets

Please try to sell as many tickets as possible as all profits go towards fundraising for the kids including our new playground shade. More tickets are available at the school office. A big thank you to the school families who generously donated the prizes for the raffle.

Tickets and money are due back at school by Friday 8th May 2015.

Bunnings Cake Stall - The P&C are running a school fundraising Bunnings Cake Stall on Saturday 9th May. We are asking families to bake once again and we need plenty of it. This is a great opportunity for the P&C with excellent fundraising potential. This can only be successful with parent support. We understand that everyone has been asked to bake numerous times already this year. We do this so well. Please email Kyleigh at elthamp_c@yahoo.com.au for more information and your commitment of help with baking or selling on the day.

Eltham Pub Raffles - The P&C run the pub raffles for the month of May. Each Friday evening during May parents help raise funds for our school by selling tickets at Eltham pub. Please come along and help out Friday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of May.

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 5th May 7pm. If you have any ideas or anything you would like to see discussed please email the P&C and have it placed on the agenda for the meeting. Everyone is welcome, see you there.

“Helping Each Other Grow”
Eltham Exciting Experiences

Last term saw the finalisation of our current system of bronze, silver and gold awards for positive behaviour. Students who were to receive a gold award this year have elected to receive those awards at our end of year presentation evening as has been tradition.

The old system will be replaced by an “Eltham Exciting Experience”. Class teachers will determine a positive behaviour reward system within their classrooms that is age appropriate and manageable for them.

All students will be recognised for following our Etham Expectations. Their positive behaviour will be acknowledged by the award of a sticker for the “Eltham Exciting Experience” Chart after their weekly checkout. Students will be strongly encouraged to reflect on their own behaviour and learning during this process.

At the end of the term students who exhibit positive behaviour at least 80% of the term will receive and invitation to our “Eltham Exciting Experience” for the term. We are currently discussing the possibilities for these activities with our students. There will be no cost to families to participate.

Students who do not receive an invitation to participate in the end of term activity will remain at school and participate in activities to assist them develop positive behaviours which will allow them to participate in future activities.

ANZAC March

Thankyou to everybody who has returned their expression of interest to participate in the ANZAC March in Lismore on Saturday. Students are required to be in the Clyde Campbell car park at 8.30am ready to commence marching at 9.00am. They are required to be in full school uniform, including hat and water bottle. If you have not returned an expression of interest form you are still welcome to attend.

News from the Department of Health

Let’s Look at Lunches

Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly enewsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. The feedback has been amazing so if you haven’t already subscribed, simply send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com, or
- Text to 0429 033 517, or

We look forward to lightening your load and sharing ideas!

Community News

Stewart House Day 2015 Donation Drive – Stewart House Day is Friday 8th May 2015. Attached to the Newsletter is an envelope for you to make a donation and go in the draw to win a $4000 HOLIDAY to a destination of your choice. You can go to www.stewarthouse.org.au for more information.

Go4Fun - Free Healthy Lifestyle program for kids 6/1 to 13 years by Northern NSW Local Health District. Register now for Term 2 GSAC – Goonellabah. Call 1800 780 900

Northern NSW Local Health District – Would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18. Call today 1300 651 625

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

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