Welcome!!

Eltham Public School would like to welcome Eva (Year 2) and Eloise (Year 3) and their families to our school. We are sure they will have a long and happy association with Eltham School and our community. Both students will be in the 2/3 classroom.

Welcome BBQ

The P&C hosted another very successful welcome to new families BBQ at the school last Friday night. Again our families provided outstanding salads and desserts for us all to enjoy. A huge thank you to all who were involved in the evening and a big (although belated) welcome to all our new families!!

ANZAC Day

Thank you to all our families and friends who attended our school ANZAC Service last Thursday. Our student leaders ran a beautiful, respectful service that encouraged us to all think about the sacrifices that have been made by others so we can enjoy the freedom we enjoy in Australia. Our guest speaker, Mr Gary Lovell, again delivered a moving address which contained a powerful message about bullying and being kind to each other. Gary has spoken at our service on several occasions and we appreciate his commitment to our school and ANZAC service. Gary also presented the school with a cheque for $75 from the Bangalow sub branch of the RSL to purchase books for the school to support the learning programs that we deliver around ANZAC Day. We thank them for this generous donation.

22 Eltham students marched on behalf of Eltham Public School in the ANZAC March in Lismore on Saturday. All marched proudly in their school uniforms and participated respectfully in the service at the Lismore Memorial Baths. They were a credit to themselves, their families and our school. Well done everybody!!!

Eltham School was also represented at the Eltham Mason’s ANZAC Service by Zac, Nickola, Lukas and Jorgee.

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Term 2 – Week 2

Thursday, April 30, 2015

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Calendar
Term 2
Week 3
Tuesday 5th May P&C Meeting
Friday 8th May GRIP Leadership
Friday 8th May Milo in2 Cricket
Week 4
Tuesday 12th May Naplan
Wednesday 13th May Naplan
Thursday 14th May Naplan
Thursday 14th May Assembly
Friday 15th May Milo in2 Cricket

Don’t Follow Your Dreams,
Chase Them!!
**Mothers’ Day**

To help celebrate Mothers’ Day the Year 6 leadership team will be holding our annual Mothers’ Day stall on Wednesday 6th May. The stall has been moved forward due to the fact that the Cross Country has been postponed to next Thursday and Year 6 students will be attending the GRIP Leadership Day on Friday 8th May. Gifts will be available to purchase for $2.00 - $5.00. If your child would like to purchase from the stall please ensure they bring the correct change to school on this day.

We are also running a Mothers’ Day raffle at school thanks to the donation of some lovely prizes by school families. Tickets are available for purchase for $1 per ticket or $5 for 7 tickets or $10 for 20 tickets from school. If you have sold your tickets and have not returned them to school please do so as soon as possible. Additional ticket books are available from the office if you require them. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 9th May.

Thanks to Allison H and Kyleigh for assisting in the coordination of our Mothers’ Day activities.

**Milo Cricket Clinics**

Milo Cricket clinics will commence tomorrow and will run on Fridays for 4 weeks. Please ensure students have appropriate footwear, a hat and drink bottle on these days so they can actively participate. If you have not returned permission notes and payment please do so tomorrow.

**Big Scrub/First North Chess Challenge**

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to be part of the Big Scrub/First North Chess Challenge which is to be held at Modanville Public School on Thursday 4th June 2015. Students will be required to travel to and from Modanville Public School by private transport. The day commences at 9.30am and concludes at 2.30pm. The tournament consists of 2 divisions, open (more advanced) and social (beginner). Teams will consist of four players who play in order of strength. Students are to wear school uniform and bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. A canteen will be available. Cost for the day is $5.00 per student. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Thursday 21st May as team nominations are due on 22nd May 2015.

**First North Cross Country**

Due to inclement weather the First North Cross Country which was to be held today will now be held on Thursday 7th May. All details are to remain the same and we will assume that all transport arrangements will also remain the same. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions.

**Interrelate**

Due to the presenter of the program being unwell on our initial dates Years 5 and 6 students will now be participating in this program with Rosebank Public School on Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 17th of June. Venue and transport arrangements will be confirmed and communicated to families involved shortly. Thankyou for your patience while we have been rescheduling!

**Project Based Learning**

Out Project Based Learning activities for this term is based on democracy, policy and decision making. All students in Years 2-6 received their at home tasks associated with this unit this week. These activities are optional but are designed to build on and extend the concept knowledge that is being developed at school during our project based learning sessions.

As part of our unit Mayor Jenny Dowell will be visiting school next Tuesday to discuss local government and policy formulation with our students.

**Staffing**

As of the start of this term Deb will not be working on Fridays. Helen Kelly will be teaching the K/1 class on Fridays. This transition will be smooth for students as they are familiar with Helen, who regularly works with the class. We hope Deb enjoys her 4 day week!

**Canberra Fundraising**

**Skating Night** – The skating night is on this Saturday 2nd May at Lismore Skate and Putt Putt from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Entry is $6.00 per skater with skate hire of $2.00 (non skaters are not required to pay entry). There will be great music, games with prizes and lots of fun to be had. All those interested please send a small email asap to bevanpolley@bigpond.com with your name and how many attending, so we can get a general idea of numbers for the night. Thank you for your cooperation. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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Recognition of Positive Behaviour

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents to make use of the boxes which are in all classrooms and the school residence that allow parents, students and other visitors to our school to nominate students for recognition as a result of following our Eltham Expectations. Recognition slips and pens are attached to the boxes. We strongly encourage the use of the boxes so we can continue to recognise the positive contribution our students are making to our school. Students nominated in the boxes will be recognised at school assemblies and nominations will also be considered as part of annual citizenship award at the end of the year.

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Book Club

Issue 3 orders are due back at school Tuesday 5th May.

Some families have said they like to get all the catalogues for all age groups. I am interested in everyone's thoughts as we do waste a lot of paper with ordering so many catalogues. I am happy to continue if that is what most people want. I would appreciate some feedback from families. Kyleigh Polley ph-6629 6133 or email bevanpolley@bigpond.com

Regional Hockey Trials

Chloe and Grace attended the regional hockey trials on Monday. Although they did not gain selection in the North Coast team they participated in several drills and had an opportunity to practice their skills with other highly skilled players. Well done girls!!!

P&C News

Welcome BBQ - Thanks to everyone who attended the BBQ Friday evening and provided wonderful food as always. Everyone had a lovely time.

Eltham Pub Raffles - The pub raffles commence this Friday evening May 1st. Charlie Davies will be there and needs helpers to sell tickets, so if you are free come down to the Eltham Pub and support our school in raising funds needed for our shade structure over the playground. This happens each Friday evening in May. Help is always appreciated and never turned away. Please come along and help out Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of May.

Mother’s Day Raffle - Please don’t forget our Mother’s Day Raffle! When tickets are sold please return all money and tickets to the school office. The raffle will be drawn Saturday 9th May at Bunnings.

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.

Community News

Mother’s Day Classic – is a national fun run/walk held annually to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Research. The Ballina event is on Sunday 10th May and will commence from Missingham Bridge Amphitheatre. Registrations will open at 8am and the walk or run starting from 9am. The course covers approx. 4.5km finishing back at the Amphitheatre for a post-walk breakfast, great prizes for our “best dressed” and the entertaining tunes of local band, “Mad Mule”. For more information go to www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


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

Go4Fun - Free Healthy Lifestyle program for kids 6½ 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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