Jenny Dowell Visit

As part of our Project Based Learning (PBL) unit on democracy students in Years 2-6 participated in a question and answer session with Counsellor Jenny Dowell, Mayor of Lismore about democracy and policy making. Jenny provided an interesting, informative and entertaining presentation. Our students asked some complex and mature questions and Jenny was impressed with the questions our students asked and their respectful listening. We would like thank Jenny for taking time out of her busy day to spend time with our students and providing a firsthand account of democracy in action.

Naplan

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week. Testing will be in the morning session and we strongly encourage all students involved to attend school on time on these days. If your child is unwell and unable to sit NAPLAN please contact the school as soon as possible on the day. Friday 15th May is the catch up day and students who miss the assessment on the allocated day will complete the tasks on Friday if possible.

Asthma Friendly School

All Eltham staff have recently participated in training in emergency asthma care. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of students who have asthma to ensure that asthma plans are current and that relievers that are held at school have not passed their expiry date. Plans can be updated at your next visit to the doctor. Currents plans will help staff ensure students who are diagnosed with asthma are kept safe and healthy at school.

Calendar

Term 2

Week 3
Friday 8th May       GRIP Leadership
Friday 8th May       Milo in2 Cricket

Week 4
Tuesday 12th May     Naplan
Wednesday 13th May   Naplan
Thursday 14th May    Assembly
Thursday 14th May    Naplan
Friday 15th May      Milo in2 Cricket
Happy Birthday
May 13th- Alexi

Wishing you a wonderful birthday next Wednesday. May you have a day filled with fun!

Grip Leadership

All Year 6 students will be participating in the GRIP leadership program in Tweed Heads tomorrow. Please ensure your child has a packed recess and lunch and is in full school uniform. The bus will be leaving Lismore City Hall at 7.15am and travelling to Clunes for a 7.30 pickup. We are asking all families to be punctual at drop off and pick up points. Students will be returning to Clunes at 3.45pm and Lismore at 4.00pm. I will be accompanying the students and will be departing from and returning to Lismore.

Zone Sports Trials

The Northern Rivers Zone PSSA will be holding Sports trials for Touch Football (Friday 29th May-Yamba) and Rugby Union (Wednesday 27th May- Wyrallah Road Public School). If your child is in Years 5 or 6, has good skills in these sports and would like to trial please contact the school and collect permission notes and trial information.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be held next Thursday 24th May commencing at 2.50pm. All family and friends are invited to attend to acknowledge the achievements of our students since our last assembly.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Participation in this activity is voluntary. Students who would like to participate need to let their class teacher know this week so we can arrange a roster for delivery of speeches in weeks 6 and 7 this term. Two students in Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) and two students from Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) will be selected to participate in the local finals which will be held at Lismore Heights Public School on Thursday 11th June 2015. Successful students will need to provide their own transport to Lismore Heights PS.

Labelling clothes

As the winter months draw closer we are finding an increasing amount of clothing in lost property. Could you please ensure that all students clothing is clearly labelled to ensure it is returned to the correct owner if it is found at school. Clothing which is not labelled will be placed in the lost property box in the residence.

Mother’s Day

We wish all our Mothers and significant women in our lives a happy and relaxing day on Sunday. We encourage all students to take the time to say thank you to all the people who help us every day! Thanks to Allison and Kyleigh for coordinating the Mothers’ Day stall that was run by the Year 6 Leadership Team that was held at school on Wednesday. Thanks also for the donation of prizes. We hope you enjoy you gifts and being spoilt!!

There are still a few gifts left from our Mother’s Day stall so if you wish you may purchase these gifts on Friday.

Canberra Excursion

Only six weeks to go until our Year 5 & 6 students head off on their Canberra excursion. A packing list will be sent out with the newsletter next week. The final cost for this excursion is confirmed at $580.00 per student. This amount is due to be paid in full by Friday 5th May. Any group fundraising money will be distributed evenly amongst the students attending and families can choose how they would like to use this money. At this stage we are unclear as to how much this maybe.

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 In 2016

If your child is seeking a 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/opplacement

Tennis

Amanda Meade will be recommencing tennis lessons at Eltham Public School on Wednesday 13th May 2015. There will be two groups; 8.30am for students in Years 4-6 and 9.00am for students in tears K-3. Please note that these sessions are now outside class time. Should your child wish to participate in these lessons please complete the attached note and return to school by Tuesday 12th May 2015.

Big Scrub/First North Chess Challenge

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to be part of the Big Scrub/First North Chess Challenge to be held at Modanville Public School on Thursday 4th June 2015. Notes were sent home with the newsletter last week and are due back at school by Thursday 21st May 2015.
Student Invoices

Thank you to everyone who has made payments this year for student workbooks, excursions, activities and voluntary contributions. Attached to the newsletter today is an invoice for any outstanding payments. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting these payments please contact the school office to arrange a payment plan.

Book Club

Issue 3 orders have been submitted and should be ready sometime next week.

May is National Reading Month and Scholastic is running a competition called “Shelfie”. You can go to the Scholastic website for more information.

Canberra Fundraising

Cup Cake Day - Jessie and Grace will be selling cupcakes on Tuesday 12th May at recess for 50c each, proceeds will go towards their Canberra fundraising activity.

Skating - Skating was cancelled last Saturday due to the weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday 16th May. All other details remain the same. See the attached note. Please invite extended family, friends etc

Pie Drive - Order forms have been issued today with the newsletter. Please support our Year 5, 6 students and sell heaps of pies to help our kids get to Canberra in June. The pies are being made by Darryl Rose from Modanville. Orders and payments must be returned Monday 1st June and pie delivery day is Tuesday 9th June. Sorry, no late orders can be accepted. More order forms are available from the office or can be emailed. For more information or any questions contact Kyleigh Polley Ph: 6629 6133 or email bevanpolley@bigpond.com . On the 9th of June some helping hands to sort pies would be appreciated, please contact me if you can assist on the day. I can provide chocolate as a motivator to come and lend a hand. Kyleigh

All money raised from the skating and pie drive will go to all Eltham students who are attending the Canberra Excursion.

P&C News

Bunnings Cake Stall - THIS SATURDAY! Thank you to those who have responded to help out with baking for the stall. We can still use more baking as we are low in replies for baking. We have offers of cakes, cookies, muffins, slice, even pickles. Please if you can, jump on board and donate some goodies. All money raised goes to our kids school. We desperately need helpers for selling on Saturday. Even if you can come in for 1hour before or after your sporting commitments. See the attached pink note for times and guidelines.

Mother's Day Raffle - Tickets and money need to be returned TOMORROW FRIDAY. The raffle will be drawn Saturday at the Bunnings Cake Stall.

Eltham Pub Raffles - May is raffle month for Eltham Public School. Each Friday evening for the month of May we hold the pub raffles and this is a great little fundraiser for our school. If you can please support the P&C and come and give a hand to sell some tickets.

Art Awards - The awards are coming up in September. If you are interested in helping out please contact Naomi Thomas, Ph - 0422 848 191. No help will be knocked back.

P&C Meeting - Tuesday evening was to be our monthly P&C meeting. We did not have the numbers for a quorum. The P&C would welcome and encourage anyone to come along and show interest in our school. By attending, it does not mean you will get a job. This is purely voluntary. Our next meeting will be held 7pm Tuesday 2nd June. All welcome.

Community News

Online Discount Vouchers - Ticket Sale - 4 Parks unlimited entry until 30th June 2015. Purchase tickets online only at ThemeParks.com.au/sale. See attached flyer for more details.

Mother’s Day Family Night – Join Bunnings Lismore for a Mother’s Day family night. Friday May 7th from 6pm to 8 pm. Bring the family in for a great night of activities, make mum a gift at the DIY workshop. Light refreshments will be provided. Bookings essential on line or in store with Jenni on 6624 0800.

25th Annual Lismore Gemfest – Undercover displays and stalls, great bargains for rock hounds, fun children activities and lapidary craft demonstrations. Food and Drink Stalls, $5 Adults $1 Children. Lismore showground Saturday 16th 9am – 5pm and Sunday 17th May 9am – 3pm.

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 Amphitheatre. Registrations will open at 8am and the walk or run starting from 9am. For more information go to www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

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

“Helping Each Other Grow”
Practicum Student

Maree Guy will be completing her 6 week practicum in the Kindergarten/Year 1 class. Maree commenced on Monday and will finish on Friday 12th June. Maree is in her final year at Southern Cross University of a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). We wish Maree all the best for her time at Eltham and for her future career.

Kindergarten & Year 1 at work