Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition

Students who have chosen to participate in this activity will be presenting their speeches to students in Years 2 to 6 over the next 2 weeks. Three students will present their speeches during literacy sessions each day. Students have been told on which day they will be presenting.

Staff will assess all speeches against the criteria (content, time and delivery method) distributed by the organising committee and choose two students from Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and two students from Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) to represent Eltham at the district finals at Lismore Heights Public School on Thursday 11th September.

Thanks to all students who have taken the time to prepare an oral presentation for this competition.

Zone Cross Country

Good Luck to Oliver, Jessie, Nickola, Grace, Chloe and Noah F who will be travelling to Corndale tomorrow to compete in the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Cross Country carnival. We congratulate them all on their achievements so far and look forward to hearing the results from tomorrow’s event.

Lismore Performing Arts Festival Combined Band Practice

The next practice for the Combined Band that will be performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival will be next Tuesday 26th May at Goonellabah Public School from 10am until 2.00pm. Students involved in this activity are required to organise their own transport to and from Goonellabah Public School. Permission notes were collected for both rehearsals last term. If the transport arrangements for your child have changed since the last rehearsal please contact the school.

Calendar

Term 2

Week 5
Friday 22nd May     Zone Cross Country
Friday 22nd May     Milo in2 Cricket

Week 6
Friday 29th May     Milo in2 Cricket

Week 7
Tuesday 2nd June    P&C Meeting
Thursday 4th June   Life Education Van
Thursday 4th June   Chess at Modanville
Happy Birthday

May 22nd – Ally,  May 24th – Oliver,  May 27th - Tobi

A very big Happy Birthday to you all from everyone at Eltham Public School. Enjoy your special day!!!

Big Scrub/First North Chess Challenge - Modanville

We currently have three students who have nominated to attend this event on the 4th of June at Modanville Public School. Transport to and from the event is by private vehicle and a canteen will be operating. If your child would like to attend please return the permission note as soon as possible.

We understand that this activity is on the same day as the Life education Van.

Life Education Van

A reminder that students have the opportunity to visit the Life Education van on Thursday 4th June. Cost to participate is $10 per child and includes the visit to the van and associated workbook. Permission notes were distributed last week. Students who do not return their permission notes and money will be supervised in alternate classrooms while their class is attending the session in the Life Education Van.

Canberra Excursion

Students have been making good use of the red question box which has been placed in the senior classroom. Each Thursday the questions in the box are answered and discussed. Parents are also welcome to use the question box by getting placing a question in the box which will be answered during our next Thursday session.

Today I discussed the Code of Conduct for the excursion with the students who are involved. A copy is attached to the newsletter and I ask that parents discuss this with students, sign and return as soon as possible. Participation in the major excursion is dependent on students’ ability to consistently follow our Eltham Expectations in our school setting as well as outside school.

Student Fundraising for Canberra

Upcoming student initiated fundraising events for the major excursion are:

Chocolate Raffle – Sam and Kayla are running a chocolate raffle, tickets are now available for 50 cents each. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th May.

Wednesday 27th May – Nerf target shooting – George and James (50c for 4 shots).

Monday 1st June- Cup Cakes – Jessie and Grace (50c each)

Canberra Fundraising

Skating - Skating was a HUGE success. We had 73 skaters, no broken bones and so much fun. We raised $219 for the Canberra students attending the excursion in June. This will be distributed to students once all fundraising is completed with all other funds raised. Many have requested that we do this activity again. Thanks everyone for a great night.

Pie Drive - Pie orders and payments are due in on 1st June. Keep on selling pies until then. This is a group fundraiser and money raised will be divided between all students attending the Canberra excursion. We encourage you to support all our students. Pies are being made by Darryl Rose from Modanville. Pie delivery day is June 9th. If you can help out on the 9th by sorting pies please let me know. Order forms are available if you need more. Thank you everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts so far. Kyleigh Polley.

Winter Uniforms

We have available for sale sloppy joes with the school logo for $20 each, zip front green fleecy jackets for $16.50 each and one pair of size 12 fleecy green track suit pants for $15.00. I will be placing and order for “green” items on Friday 22nd May if I can meet the minimum order required. Items can be viewed on www.lwreid.com.au and orders can be placed at the school office. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you would like to place an order or have any uniform enquiries. Donelle

Tennis Reminder

Amanda would like to let everyone know there will be no Tennis next week Wednesday 27th May. Tennis will recommence the following Wednesday.
Regional Netball Report

On Monday I went to Grafton for NRPSSA Regional Netball. The positions I played in the three games were Wing Defence, Centre, Goal Attack and Goal Shooter. I was unsuccessful in being selected for the State team however, I am second reserve. It was great fun and I really enjoyed the experience.

Jessie

Interrelate

The Interrelate sessions have been confirmed they are now to be held at Rosebank Public School on Wednesday 10th and 17th June 2015. Year 6 students are asked to be in attendance at Rosebank by 9.15am and collected at 1.00pm as their sessions commence at 9.30am and finish at 1.00pm. Year 5 are asked to be in attendance by 1.15pm and collected at 3.00 as their sessions will commence at 1.30pm and finish at 3.00pm. Transport to and from Rosebank Public School is by private transport. Please complete the note attached with your transport arrangements and return to school by 3rd June 2015.

Book Club Issue 4

Book club catalogues are out with today’s Newsletter. Have a browse through at the products. There are some great books available in this issue. Place an order and help raise rewards for our school. Each order you place helps the school to get books for the library free or at a much reduced rate. Book club is a great way to support Eltham School if you are a busy family. All you have to do is purchase a book or two for your children now and then and the school rewards mount up quite fast. Each issue has gold coin books. For any more information etc contact Kylie Polley - 6629 6133 or email bevanpolley@bigpond.com Please return orders by 2nd June 2015.

P&C News

Pub Raffles - Only a couple of weeks to help out with the pub raffles. Please come down to Eltham Pub on Friday evening and sell some tickets and help raise money for our great school. Every little bit each of us does helps the school, students and the teachers and shows the community that we are an active parent body and value our children’s education. All funds raised will be helping us construct a covered playground to protect our children in the long hot summers.

Art Awards - Please help support our school by participating in the helping with the organising of this event. There are many areas you can assist with, so if you are interested in helping out please contact Naomi 0422 848 191. There is only a very small group of parents who have volunteered to help so far. We need more fantastic parents to help out.

Next Meeting – Many parents may not be aware that we need a quorum of parents to run a P&C meeting. We require 5 members in attendance to hold an official meeting, where plans and decisions can be made. Please consider attending the monthly meeting. Remember, attendance does not mean you will get allocated a job. It is our opportunity as parents to have a say about our school. We have 68 students enrolled at Eltham and if we all make an effort to attend just 1 or 2 meetings per year we would have a great representation of our students families and we can continue to make a positive difference in our school. The P&C invites and welcomes anyone to come along. Next meeting is 2nd June 7pm in the school residence.

News from the Department

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.


Community News

Take home a big brother or big sister - Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralasia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Around the Dining Room Table – In one hour you’ll learn how to boost the bond with your children at home through conversation and make dinner times fun for everyone. Join renowned education consultant and author Eric Frangenheim for a free session on Tuesday 26th May Lismore Public School Hall, 6.30 – 7.30 pm.

“Helping Each Other Grow”
Community News continued

Engaging Adolescents Parent Course – Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems. A four session program for parents and carers at Ballina Youth Service. Wednesday 27th May, at 6pm. Course is free register with Steve Bowden on 6681 5511 or 0447 181 208 Steven.bowden@bdcsa.org

Summerland Alstonville Festival – 150 years of Alstonville celebrations, Sunday 31st May. Starts at 8.00am, Main Street closed until 5.00pm. Pig races, markets, kids’ ride, live music and more. Free entertainment for the whole family.

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

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