Happy Holidays!

Staff at Eltham wish all our students a happy and relaxing holiday. Major events next term include athletics carnivals and the Lismore Performing Arts Festival. Thanks to all families who continue to support our school and students.

School resumes for students on Tuesday 14th July.

Canberra

Thankyou to all families who have been following our trip on the remind App and Modanville Blog. Our students are having a great time in the National Capital experiencing a variety of educational experiences. Many are such a long way from home for the first time and are managing to be independent and taking responsibility for themselves and each other. Their behaviour has been outstanding, with many of our guides commenting on their conduct and enthusiasm. They have been a pleasure to spend the week with and they should be very proud of themselves, as should their families. Thanks to Michael and Kara for their hard work this week.

Even though we are having a fabulous time there is no place like home and we are all looking forward to seeing our families at City Hall on Saturday morning at 6.30am.

26 Story Treehouse

A reminder that students in Years 1-6 will be travelling to Lismore City Hall to watch a live performance of Andy Griffiths The 26 Storey Treehouse on Friday 17th July (week 1, Term3). Thank you to everyone who has already returned notes and payment. Attached to the newsletter today are notes for students who are yet to return theirs. It would be appreciated if this could be returned as soon as possible. A huge thankyou to the P&C for subsidising each student $8.00 to provide our students with this opportunity at a reasonable cost.

Eltham Public School

“Helping Each Other Grow”

Term 2 – Week 10

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Calendar

Term 3
Week 1
Tuesday 14th July Students return
Friday 17th July 26 Storey Treehouse

Week 2
Monday 20th July First North Field Events at Clunes
Friday 24th July Athletics Carnival at Eureka

Embrace change!
Athletics Carnivals

Field Events – Clunes

Selected students will participate in the First North Athletics Field Events Carnival at Clunes Public School on Monday 20th July. Students are required to be in attendance by 9.15am and the day is expected to conclude at around 1.30pm. Students will need to wear their sports uniform, hat, sunscreen. A canteen will be operating however, students may bring lunch if preferred. Students were issued with notes last week notifying them of the events they have been selected to compete in. Please ensure these notes have been returned to school as soon as possible.

Track Events – Eureka

All students K-6 will be travelling to Eureka on Friday 24th July to participate in age races, ball games, novelties and relays as part of the First North District athletics carnival. Transport will be by private vehicle and we are asking that families liaise with each other to ensure that we have transport covered for all students. Students will need to be at Eureka by 9.30am and the carnival usually concludes at about 2.00pm. If you are unable to coordinate transport please contact the school by Friday 17th July (Week 1, Term 3). Due to the start time of the carnival Pat’s bus WILL NOT RUN IN THE MORNING. Students can return to school after the carnival and the bus will do the afternoon run as normal.

The alternate wet weather date for this carnival is Friday 31st July.

This is a great family day where all students get an opportunity to participate. Please return the attached permission note by Friday 17th July.

Road Safety News

When Driving:

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

When Walking:

Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

When Cycling or Using Scooters, Skateboards or Rollerblades

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

Remember, drive safe - our child’s safety depends on you!
**Casual Clothes Day**

Tomorrow is casual clothes day. Students are reminded to wear comfortable casual clothes with covered footwear and a hat.

**Community Notices**

Check out the notice board for the following new notices:

**Alstonville Tennis Academy Holiday Tennis Clinic.** Monday 29th June to Thursday 2nd July (9am-2.30pm), Cost: $120 for full clinic or $40 per day. Call Paul Denning 0419 146 190.

**Aussie Hoops** – a new program is being introduced commencing Term 3 on Tuesday afternoons at Lismore Basketball Stadium. Call Tanya on 0410 777 572 for more information.


**Northern Rivers Conservatorium** – Pre –Instrumental 5 week music course for primary school aged children, begins 21st July Bookings 6621 2266, E: admin@nrac.edu.au

**Raising Aces Tennis Academy** – Tennis programs for all ages, 10 week programs or private lessons. Coaching starts Monday 13th July. For more information call Brendan on 0402 642 967 or visit the website [www.raisingaces.com.au](http://www.raisingaces.com.au)


**Summerland House Farm School Holiday Fun** – Artie Fartie Kidz Club Wednesdays and Fridays in school holidays 9.30am – 12.30pm, Sunday Family Fun Days 28th June, 5th July and 12th July. 253 Wardell Road Alstonville, P: 6628 0610, W: [www.summerlandhousefarm.com.au](http://www.summerlandhousefarm.com.au)


**Happy Holidays everyone!**
On Tuesday 23rd of June, Kinder to Year 4 students went to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. We left school at 7:45am and the bus trip took an hour and a half. When we got there we were sorted into groups with teachers or parents. After we entered the park we saw some koalas, they were very cute!!! We had a quick look at them then went to the ‘pat and chat’. Ranger Roselyn showed us four animals, an echidna named EJ, a galah, a blue-tongue lizard named Susan and a scrub python. My favourite was EJ because it was really cool how he could use his spines for protection. After we saw all the animals we went to the ‘free flight bird show’. There were heaps of really cool birds like: a barn owl, a macaw, a wedge tail eagle and a kookaburra. I thought the macaws were really pretty and they were my favourite. Then we went to catch a train to the kangaroos, the crocodiles and the cassowaries. Mrs Reynolds got some feed and we fed some of the kangaroos. When they were full we walked up to the tree kangaroos and cassowaries. I thought the tree kangaroos were awesome and so did my friends! I also thought the cassowaries were pretty cool too but it said on the sign that they were really dangerous so I don’t want to run into one in the wild! We walked down the path to see the crocs after we had a look at the other animals. There were about 6 freshwater crocodiles and two saltwater ones. There was a boy and a girl in the saltwater enclosure and they were massive! When we finished we walked down to the park to have lunch. The park was really cool! I liked the flying fox the best, it was so much fun! When it started to rain we went in the tunnels. When we finished at the park we went to see the crocodile show. They were feeding chicken legs to the biggest crocodile. He took a long time but finally he jumped up and grabbed it! Then the man fed the girl crocodile named Lucy. She got it on her third go. When the show was over we went down to catch the train. Once the train stopped at the station we headed over to Blinky Bill’s Home Tree to go on the slide. I went on the slide three times and then Rose and I went to get the afternoon tea with Mr McKenzie. We all got a popper and vegie chips. After we finished I was really tired but I didn’t want to leave either. It was so much fun going to Currumbin!

By Ally Broome.