**Sporting Success**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the First North Athletics Carnival which was held at Eureka last Friday. There were many happy faces as students participated in age races, novelties, ball games and relays, many proudly displaying ribbons on their shirts. As a school Eltham was third in the overall point score and aggregate point score, runner up in the large schools ball games competition and proudly won the march past. Outstanding achievements for our school!

Special congratulations to Sam K-R who was runner up senior girl champion. Congratulations to the following students, who placed first or second in an event and achieved qualifying distances/heights, have been selected to compete at the Northern River Zone carnival next Friday 14th August at Riverview Park, Lismore: George, Jessie, Sam K-R, Zac, Oliver M, Riley, Grace, Sabrina, Ally, Hannah J, Serenity, Chloe and Nickola. Permission notes have been distributed and need to be returned to school by next Tuesday.

Thankyou to all our families and friends who assisted with transport and supported our athletes on the day. A huge team effort, well done!!

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**Recognition Awards**

A reminder that visitors to Eltham are strongly encouraged to nominate students for recognition awards when they are visiting our school. Nomination slips can be found in the residence and all classrooms. If you see a student in our school demonstrating our Eltham expectations please take the opportunity to have them recognised at our next assembly.

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**Calendar**

**Term 3**

**Week 5**

**Thursday 13th August**

Education Week Celebrations

**Friday 14th August**

Zone Athletics Carnival

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“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.”

Carl Sagan
North Coast Creative Arts Camp

The North Coast Creative Arts Camp was heaps of fun – but very exhausting at the same time. Classes were hard but we learnt a lot. The activities at camp were awesome. The last day performance was heaps of fun and seeing the audience smile was the best part. Whilst the experience was great we couldn’t wait to get home.

Fin B, Em and Finlay W

Byron Bay Writers Festival

Eltham Public School students in Year 2 – 6 attended the Byron Bay Writers Festival 2015 at Murwillumbah on Tuesday. The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed listening to the interesting approaches award winning authors Jacqueline Harvey (author of Clementine Rose and Alice Miranda) and Jackie French (Wombat’s Diary) took when writing a story. All students were exceptionally well behaved and appreciated the opportunity to learn from two of Australia’s best writers.

Education Week Activities

All families and friends are invited to celebrate Public Education at Eltham Public School on Thursday 13th August. Open classrooms will commence at 12.45pm. We will then have our assembly at 1.15pm which will be followed by afternoon tea. We are asking all families to supply a plate of food to share for afternoon tea. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Lismore Performing Arts Festival

Thankyou to all families who have returned their permission notes, parent/student agreement forms and paid the levy to participate in this event. If you have not already done so could you please ensure this is done by Wednesday 19th August 2015. Information regarding the purchase of tickets was also distributed with last weeks’ newsletter. Tickets can be purchased from The Lismore Workers Club from next Monday 10th August.

A separate flyer outlining performance and rehearsal information is attached to this newsletter. If you are unsure of what groups your child is involved in please do not hesitate to contact the school to seek clarification.

Thanks also to those students who have handed in their pillowcases so costumes can be organised. It would be greatly appreciated if all remaining pillow cases could be at school by tomorrow. All girls in Years 2 to 6 will require a pair of black tights to go under their costumes. A pair that you already have is fine, you are not required to purchase new ones. If you are having difficulty locating a pair please contact the school. A skin coloured crop top is optional.

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting Tuesday evening. There was a lot of discussion around the Art Awards and a huge thank you goes out to Charlie who applied for a grant from local council to assist us with the Art Awards this year. We received the grant to the value of $2000. This will go towards the art awards event. Thanks Charlie! Of course there is still loads of work to be done to get the awards up and running and we always need your help. Please refer to the attached notice and contact Naomi if you can assist in any way or would like more information.

Jackie thanked the P&C for assisting in the cost of attending the Writers Festival in Murwillumbah on Tuesday. A great time was had by everyone and the P&C are very pleased to assist students gain valuable experiences like the Writers Festival.

Simon sends a thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out with the Bangalow BBQ Bluegrass Festival. Please note that we have had to cancel our games stall due to circumstances beyond our control.

Help needed - we have our 2nd Bunnings cake stall coming up on the 5th September. We need a coordinator to oversee the organising of this. If you can take on this role please contact Kyleigh at elthamp_c@yahoo.com.au. We ask that each family provide a baked item to be sold at the stall. More information to come soon.

A working bee is being held at school on Sunday 13th September. Please keep this date free to lend a hand. We have a beautiful school let’s all help out and take great pride in doing our bit. A notice of jobs to be done will be put up at school very soon.

Next Meeting – The next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 8th September 7pm in the school residence

“Helping Each Other Grow”
Eltham Art Awards

Please save the 9th October for our Eltham Art Awards opening night and following day market stalls, presentation and art workshop for the kids. Shaping up to be quite an event and our only large fundraiser for the year. With this in mind, we are again relying on your fabulous cooking (or purchases) to providing nibblies/canapés on the Friday night, and also for our cake/fresh produce stall the following day.

If any arty/crafty people would like to hold a stall, or if you know someone (outside the school) who would like to come on the day to hold a stall, please contact us and let us know. Trestle tables are $20 and earnings are theirs to keep.

It will be a great event if we can all contribute. Posters and entry forms are already out and about the community.

Thanks for your support. Naomi, Georgie and Lisa elthamp_c@yahoo.com

Vegie Patch News

Our coriander is looking great. It is time to harvest it. Please feel free to pull out a few plants for a gold coin donation. Why not try Lime and Coriander Prawns www.taste.com.au

Woolworths earn&learn

Don’t forget to keep collecting your stickers each time you shop at Woolworths, place them on the sticker sheet and send into school. More sticker sheets are available at any Woolworths store, at the school office and on the Woolworths website. In previous years we have been able to obtain some wonderful equipment and resources for our school from this program.

School Attendance

A reminder that when students are absent from school a verbal or written explanation for the absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the absence. Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following website: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php

Live Life Well@ School

Free Dental care

The 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.

- Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.
- It is recommended that children have regular dental check ups starting at 1 year.
- Regular dental check ups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
- Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

Phone 1300 651 624 for more information.

Water: did you know:

- 85% of a child’s body weight is water.
- The human brain is 75% water; a living tree is also 75% water.
- There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your tap could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank!
- Water regulates the Earth’s temperature. It also regulates the temperatures of the human body, carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues, and removes wastes.
- Although the average person can live for about one month without food, we can only survive about a week without water.

Drink water: it’s cool!
Write4fun

The 2015 Schools Writing Competition is now open! The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net) Entry is free and closing date is Sunday 30th August 2015.

Community Notices

65-Storey Treehouse Party - Wednesday 12th August, 3pm – 5.30 pm at The Book Warehouse, Keen Street Lismore. The first day ever you will be able to buy the new book.

Violin Lessons

Vacancies are now open for Violin Tuition at Eltham with Fleur St.Vincent Welch (River’s mum) on Fridays. Fleur is a qualified Violin teacher with over 10 years teaching experience and was a teacher and the co-ordinator and conductor of the “Little Strings” Violin ensemble at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium. She offers quality music education in a relaxed, supportive and nurturing environment.

A 1/2 size Violin is available for a hire fee of $25

Please sign and return the form below and Fleur will contact you to arrange a lesson time.

My child/ren _______________________________________________________ would like to start Violin lessons with Fleur.

I understand the cost is $25 for ½ hr lesson to be paid weekly. No money, no lesson.

I agree to give 24 hours notice if my child is unable to attend their lesson for any reason, and understand that I will be charged the full lesson fee if I fail to do so.

For enquiries call Fleur on 0405 690 612.

Signed _______________________________    Contact Phone:______________________

Enjoying Lunchtime Activities

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