Welcome Kindergarten

The staff, students and school community would like to formally welcome our new kindergarten students and their families to our school. Luca, Armanie, Naomi, Olivia and Isabel started big school on Monday. They have been enthusiastic learners and are settling into school routines quickly and enjoying all the activities in the K/1 classroom. We wish the students and their families a long and happy association with Eltham Public School.

2016 Classes

Students in Stages 2 and 3 have had a busy week moving spaces to participate in Literacy and Numeracy activities. They have adjusted well and although we still have some small organisational aspects to sort out, the majority are enjoying the opportunity to engage with different teachers throughout the school day.

Thank you Lismore Ten Pin Bowling

We would like to say a huge thanks to Lismore Ten Pin Bowl and all the families in and around Lismore who supported our school by playing a game of Ten Pin bowling over the holidays. For every game played Lismore Bowl donated $1 to our school and we have received a cheque for a whopping $1927.00! Thanks also to the P&C for coordinating our involvement and office works for donating the printing costs of the sign to hang at the end of the bowling lane. An excellent effort all round!!

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Term 1 – Week 2

Thursday, February 04, 2016

Calendar

Term 1
Week 3
Friday 12th Feb
First North

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Messages from the classrooms

Years 4/5/6

Students in Years 4, 5 & 6 have spent this week learning the new routines for our class. Special mention must go to the Year 4 students and new students in our class who have settled in beautifully.

This year all students have been issued with a student diary. This is designed to support students’ organisational skills and communicate between school and home. Students will be encouraged to note in their diary home tasks that need to be completed and notes that need to be returned. Please feel free to include messages to me in the diary if you would like to clarify something. The diaries do not replace the current communications methods the school has in place.

Homework booklets were issued to all students this week. They have also received a “Fast Maths” page to practice the quick recall of number facts. Students will be participating in the Fast Maths program in class. Whilst students are strongly encouraged to complete homework tasks I realise that students and parents are busy and this cannot always happen. If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework please feel free to contact me.

It would be appreciated if all students could supply the following items:
- a blue, red and black pen
- 2 x 2B lead pencils
- a ruler marked with mm and cm
- glue stick
- coloured pencils and textas (optional)
- Homework folder

Jackie

Year 2/3

A big welcome to 2016 Year 2 and 3! All students have made a terrific transition to their new grade and are quickly coming to grips with their new routines and responsibilities. Homework has been sent home for all students in the class and is to be returned by Friday each week. Students will always have access to school stationary but having their own basics is always useful - a glue-stick, scissors, rubber and suitable HB pencils would be appreciated. If you have any queries at all concerning you or your child please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Tom

K-1 news

This term K-1 will be doing an integrated unit on “Bears”. Could all students bring a teddy bear for the next four Wednesdays as we will be doing different maths, literacy & art activities with them.

Students have their own news days & if they wish they may bring something in to show on this day. On Wednesdays we will be doing a circle talking & Listening activity (eg. Introduce their teddy bear). News days: Monday – Luke, Isabel & Josephine. Tuesday – Ebony, Indie, Armanie, Jada & Noah. Thursday – Tobi, Angus & Luca. Friday – Naomi, Annie, Olivia & Jorgee.

Year 1 have commenced their homework this week. Could they please bring their homework page back on Fridays in an A4 display folder.

Kindergarten parents are invited to an information evening on how to help your child with reading, writing & maths next Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the K-1 classroom.

It would be appreciated if all students could contribute a box of tissues that we can use in the classroom throughout the year.

Deb

Mrs Kelly’s Literacy/Numeracy mornings

It was lovely to see everyone in my class turn up happy and ready to start a busy year.

I have everything we need up in the library so we can start work but if students wish to bring a special pencil case they can.

A blue homework folder will be sent home each Monday with a short comprehension and maths mental tasks. This can be completed and returned on Thursdays to be marked.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Helen

Interrelate Program

Students in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Interrelate program with students from Bexhill and Eureka Schools at Bexhill Public School on Monday 7th and Monday 14th March. Details regarding cost and the content of individual programs will be communicated closer to the date. Interrelate is an excellent program and forms an integral part of our school personal development program.

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Swimming Carnival

The First North Swimming carnival will be held next Friday 12th February at the Alstonville Pool. Students in Years 3-6 (and Year 2 students who can swim 50 metres and are accompanied by an adult) will be attending. Swimmers who place 1st in an event automatically progress to the zone carnival which will be held in Lismore on Thursday 25th February 2016. Students who place second or third may also be eligible to attend the zone carnival subject to qualifying times.

There has been a slight change this year regarding students participating in the 200 Individual Medley. Students will only be able to participate in this event if they are currently training in a squad. Students wishing to participate will need to provide the school with a 200 Medley time from a carnival or club night prior to the carnival before they will be permitted to enter. This change has been made due to the fact that, although we strongly encourage participation, the 200 IM is a very difficult race which requires coaching. Swimmers and Schools will not be disadvantaged by this change as the points from this event will not be included in the school or age champions point score.

Transport will be by private vehicle and students are required to be at the pool by 9.30am. If you are experiencing difficulty organising transport please contact the school. Students will be required to bring a hat, sunscreen, lunch and snacks for the day. The swimming pool canteen will be in operation and students are welcome to purchase but there will be no official lunch break on the day. Entry to the pool is $3.50 per person. The school shade tents will also need to be taken to the pool so if you are available to do this please contact the school. Tom, Vickie and Michael will be attending the swimming carnival. Classes will be as normal for K/1 students and the Year 2 students not attending. Deb will remain at school. The office will be unattended on this day as Michael will be recording at the swimming carnival.

Permission notes were sent home last week and are due at school by Friday 5th February.

Eltham has a proud traditional of participation and excellent results as the swimming carnival so come along ready to have a go and bring your best cheering voices!!

Happy Birthday

8th February – Jorgee

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday. May you have a wonderful day!

Northern Rivers PSSA Zone Team Trials

Eltham is part of the Northern Rivers Zone Primary Schools Sports Association. As part of the NRPSSA students in Years 5 and 6 who have well developed skills in specific sports are invited to trial for zone teams. Students who participate in the trials generally play the sport outside school. Travel to and from the trials is by private vehicle and needs to be coordinated by parents. A levy, which varies between sports, also needs to be paid to the team manager on the day of the trial.

The NR Zone boys and Girls cricket trials will be held in Lismore on Monday 15th February. If you would like your child to participate in the cricket trials please contact the school tomorrow to receive the necessary paperwork.

Student Interest groups

As part of our Student Well Being program Kristy Wood from Kids in Connection will be running courses for all stages in a six week block each term. Stage Three students will work with Kristy in Term 1, Stage 2 in Term 2 and Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 in Term 3. The program run in term 4 will be determined on a needs basis. Courses for all students will focus on positive self image, making individual choices and how external factors can influence these things.

While Kristy is working with these students, staff would like to provide other students with the opportunity to participate in interest groups run by staff & parents. These may include cooking, gardening, craft, choir, woodwork or anything that someone has a particular skill or interest in.

This term’s sessions will run on a Friday afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.30pm starting on the 19th February and concluding on the 18th March (6 consecutive weeks).

If you are interested in running a group please complete the attached EOI and return to school by Friday the 12th February. Any costs incurred will be reimbursed by the school. If you have any questions or require further information please contact the school.

Bus Forms

Students entering into Year 3 are required by Transport New South Wales to complete a new bus application form. I have attached a form to the newsletter today for all Year 3 students. It would be appreciated if this form could be returned to the school office by Wednesday 10th February 2016. Thank you.
Emergency Details Update

Attached to the newsletter today is an Emergency Contact Details update form. Also included on this form is Publishing, First Aid, Child Protection and Scripture consent. It would be appreciated if this form could be completed and returned to the school office by no later than Friday 12th February 2016.

Book Club

Thank you to everyone who has supported book club over the last few years whilst I was the organiser. I enjoyed my role and proudly now hand it over to Louise.

The first issue of the book club catalogue for this year is going home with the newsletter today along with an introductory letter from Louise and instructions on how to order using the LOOP system. Please don’t hesitate to contact Louise should you have any questions.

P&C News

Welcome back everyone. This year will be another exciting year with a lot of opportunities for us as a parent body to support our beautiful school and the staff here at Eltham.

Meetings - Our monthly P&C meetings are held in the residence the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st March 2016.

Lismore Ten Pin Bowling - Thank you to all those families who supported the efforts the P&C and Lismore Ten Pin went to to fundraise over the school holidays. $1927 was raised. Thank you Lismore Ten Pin!

Telephone Tree - The Eltham telephone tree has been compiled and is ready for issue with this newsletter. If your name does not appear on the tree & you would like to be included, please contact the school.

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