First North Swimming Carnival

A great day was had by all who attended out First North Swimming carnival in Alstonville last Friday. Eltham was again champion school with our students participating in all events and cheering each other on. Students received many ribbons but the most exciting part of the day was seeing our students conquer their own personal challenges by having a go!

Eltham Public School students who were named age champions were Junior Girl, Alice Parrish (Grace Mason Runner-up), Junior Boy- Oliver Mason (Riley Cooper Runner –up) , 11 years Girl -Sabrina Payne (Rose Parrish runner up) and Senior boy – George Cooper.

Special congratulations must go to our students who broke First North Records on the day. George Cooper broke the senior boys 50m breaststroke record and Oliver Mason broke the 10years boys 50m freestyle, Junior boys 50m breaststroke, Junior boys 50m butterfly and the Junior boys 200m Individual Medley records. Great job boys!!!

Thanks to all our parents and friends who attended and assisted with time keeping duties and official cheering.

Eltham have 13 students who will be competing in the zone carnival in Lismore next Thursday. Congratulations Sabrina, Grace, Alice, Ally, Rose, Mia, Hannah M, George, Oliver, Riley C, Hamish, Kai and Sam H and good luck next Thursday!

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Well-being Program and Interest Group Activities

Thank you to parents who have offered to coordinate interest group activities. Kara Parrish will be coordinating a music group and Nicole Dwyer a pottery/sculpture class. Interest groups will also be offered in Science for fun, pom pom making and Rock and Water (Stage 2 boys).

Stage Three students will be participating in a well-being program run by Kristy Wood from Kids in Connection.

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Welcome New Students

We have two new students who started at Eltham Public School on Monday. George is in Year 1 and Gwenie in Year 4. We welcome you and your family to Eltham Public School and we are sure that you will enjoy our wonderful school community.

Project Based Learning

Project Based Learning will recommence for students in Year 2 to 6 next week. Students will be separated into two class groups with Stage 1 students (Year 2) and Stage 3 students working with Tom and Stage 2 students (Year 3 and 4) working with me. Classes will rotate teachers each term. The change in class structure during Project Based Learning sessions are in response to student and parent feedback regarding the program.

The project for students will involve the development of a travel itinerary to another country. The unit will predominately address outcomes from the Geography, History and HSIE syllabuses.

The unit will run for approximately 6 weeks and an end event will occur when parents will be invited to look at students displays. The date for this will be confirmed.

Art Smart Workshops

Students in Year 5 have the opportunity to participate in the Art Smart workshops which will be held at Clunes Public school in Week 10 this term. Students who have participated in the past have had an amazing experience and produced some outstanding pieces which have been part of a public exhibition.

The workshop costs $75.00 and transport to and from Clunes Public School is by private transport. Eltham has a limited number of places and there may be a selection process required. Attached to this newsletter is an Expression of Interest which should be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 25th February if your child wishes to attend. Please do not send any money with the form.

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. Interrelate is an excellent program and forms an integral part of our school personal development program. Attached to the newsletter today are notes for transport arrangements and permission to attend. Please ensure the notes are returned to school with payment by Monday 29th February 2016.

Practicum Student News

My name is Lauren Penfold and I am a 4th year teaching student at Southern Cross University. I have been in the Lismore area for 3 years now and feel so grateful that I was placed out at beautiful Eltham for my final practicum.

I have been here at the school for almost 4 weeks on the 4, 5, 6 class with Mrs Nilon. I will be coming back in May for another month to finish off, which I am very excited for as I have a lot more learning to do! My aim for this prac is to see how a small school runs and be confident in teaching a large composite class. I feel I have connected well with the students in the short time I have been here and am looking forward to growing as a teacher.

If you see me around, don’t hesitate to come and say hi, I’d love to have a chat.

Lauren.

Hi. My name is Luke Hall and I’m into the fourth year of my Bachelor of Education (Primary)/ Bachelor of Arts degree. I have loved the experiences and challenges that I have faced so far in my teaching continuum. Eltham will be my last practicum and so far I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting some fantastic staff, some amazing students and passionate and dedicated parents/carers. I will be in the K-1 room till the 26th February before returning for my final practicum from 16th May. Away from university I enjoy playing sports such as cricket, soccer & tennis. I look forward to engaging with the school community over the time that I’m here.

Luke

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Corn Harvest

The corn was delicious! While Years 3-6 were at the swimming carnival, years K-2 picked, peeled, cooked and ate the corn. It was yummy!

Teddy Bears Picnic K-1

Next Wednesday K-1 will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic. We will make some honey sandwiches and cut up some watermelon from the school garden.

The teddies will be playing some games under the big tree before having their picnic food.

Parents and younger siblings are welcome to bring a picnic and join in activities commencing at 11-15am.

Thankyou to all parents who have brought in a box of tissues for the students to use in the classroom.

Voluntary Contributions

School voluntary contributions are set at $48.00 per student, plus $10.00 per subsequent child. Parents can elect to pay the school contribution in a lump sum or by instalments. Payments of the school contribution can be made at our school office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS or cash or cheque can be sent into school in a sealed envelope with an enclosed note stating family name, purpose of payment and the amount of money enclosed. These payments are not invoiced and are voluntary. Monies from the Voluntary Contributions are used to assist the school to provide resources that benefit all students at Eltham Public School and in the past have included Literacy and Numeracy resources and in class support for students.

Instrument Hire

Hire of school instruments is $50.00 per year or $15.00 per term. This fee assists to pay for repairs and maintenance of the instruments. Reeds for instruments can be purchased at the school for $4.00 per reed or they can also be purchased from any music shop.

School arrival and departure

Students arriving after the bell has rung must report to the school office before proceeding to their classroom. Parents collecting students prior to 3.15 pm must also report to the front office to collect a leave pass before collecting their children. This is a departmental recording requirement and your co-operation is much appreciated in helping us to adhere to this matter.

Headlice

There have been further cases of head lice reported at school. It is important that parents are diligent in checking their child’s hair and treating as appropriate if necessary. If you have any questions regarding treatment options please contact the school. Using preventer spray is also advised.

Pick up Procedures

A reminder to all families that any variation to normal afternoon routines needs to be communicated to the school. Students can become tired by the end of the day (particularly at the beginning of the school year!) and find it difficult to recall messages given to them in the morning. Notification can be made by phone, email or note.

Current school procedure is that students who usually catch the bus will be put on the bus if they are not collected prior to the arrival of the bus. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss this matter.

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P&C News

Zone Swimming Carnival

This Friday is the First North Swimming Carnival for Years 3 – 6 at the Alstonville Pool. We are looking forward to cheering on our amazing Eltham swimming stars. Hopefully we will have many of these stars qualify for the Zone carnival which is on the Thursday 25th February at the Lismore Memorial Baths.

We are asking our Eltham families to “put this date on the fridge” as we play a significant role at this event. We will be running the BBQ & cake stall on the day as well as providing lunches for officials & helpers. We will need goods baked for the cake stall, biscuits or muffins for lunch packs and sandwiches or rolls made and packaged to distribute on the day. If you can boil an egg, grate a carrot, butter some bread or wrap a roll your help would be appreciated. This is our school’s responsibility and any volunteers will make the task easy for everyone.

Each year we provide lunch packs to the officials at zone. Farmer Charlies is generously donating fruit to go towards the lunch packs. A huge thank you to Farmer Charlies.

We are also asking parents to contribute also with some baking of cookies or slices and some donations of eggs, lettuce, tomato, cucumber etc. If you have something growing in your garden and have some spare goods we would really appreciate it. If you can deliver baking on the 24th February to the school that would be great and salads etc early on Thursday.

So this is a heads up as the Zone carnival is only one week away. Further details will follow however if you have any queries please contact Kara Parrish on 0428 710 953 or Naomi or Georgie.

Welcome BBQ

Our annual Welcome BBQ will be held on Friday 4th March from 5.30pm till 6.30pm or till the food runs out. This is a wonderful opportunity for new families to meet our existing Eltham School families and for others to catch up. A reminder with further details will follow so remember this date and come along.

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 1st 7pm. This will start with our Annual General Meeting. All welcome. Please attend if you can. Being involved is an opportunity.

Community News

Tennis Coaching – After school Tennis Coaching is held at Clunes Tennis Club Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Free racquet hire, $10 per lesson. P: Bill McDonald 0429 770 857

Lismore Girl Guides – Call Jacki M: 0427 728 269, E: jackiscutt@bigpond.com, W: www.girlguides-nswact.org.au Please check the community noticeboard for all the sport sign-on details.

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