Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Here we are at the final Newsletter for 2016 and what a year it’s been! Reflecting on the many things we have shared together, I realised I wouldn’t have enough room for all of them, but thought I’d mention a few of my favourites:

- Fosterville Mine excursion
- Easter egg hunt
- Victoria Hill excursion
- Excursion to Giffin’s farm
- Mothers’ Day community celebration
- Experiments with Jens
- Casserole Tea
- Our Happy video (can be viewed at our website)
- House Athletics
- Fathers’ Day community breakfast
- Yalooka Farm excursion
- Campaspe River Walk
- Sponsorship program
- Presentation Evening

I’ll have to stop there because I’m running out of room! It has been an amazing year full of smiles, fun, caring and most importantly, growth. The learning growth shown by our students is fantastic and it is clear that they are feeling challenged and enjoying their learning. Some of our students have shown more than two years growth in the 2016 school year! I am incredibly proud of you all.

Our families at Elmore PS make such a difference. Thank you for your positive support and regular involvement, helping to make our school the happy place it is.

And finally, my amazing staff! You have worked so very hard. Jess and Sam are here early and leave late most days because providing ‘their kids’ with the best possible educational opportunities they possibly can is important to them. They put in so many more hours than they are required to because they are passionate and their integrity is so strong.

Thank you all for making it a pleasure to come to work!

Wishing you all a safe, happy and fun holiday break filled with family, love and joy. See you all in 2017!

Michelle Griffiths
Principal

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Elmore, 3558
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Friday, December 16th, 2016
Term Four, Week Eleven
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Newsletters come home on Fridays! Information for Newsletter to Lesley on Wednesday by 11:30am please. You can email her at elmore-ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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To our wonderful students,

As we reflect on the 2016 school year we get a picture of just how many opportunities we have squeezed into this year and just how exciting and engaging the curriculum has been (and not just for you!).

This is because of you! Your attitude to learning is nothing short of exceptional and has encouraged us to give you our very best. You make coming to work feel a lot less like coming to work.

Last week we asked you to reflect upon your favourite moments from this year, so we thought we would do the same. Some of our moments have been Black Rock Beach, our information texts on lizards, macroinvertebrates, our afternoon geology lessons and watching you all achieve your goals and grow.

Have a great holiday and please remember to (under strict orders from your teachers 😄):

- Read, read, and read!
- Write - write a postcard to a friend, write a letter to your neighbour or keep a diary of your holiday adventures. If you aren’t having adventures, make them up!
- Rest... you think you worked hard this year?!
- Have fun!

Have a wonderful break.

From
Mr Mac and Miss T

To the Community of Elmore Primary School,

Firstly thank you to our principal, Ms Griffiths. You have guided us through a successful 2016 and thank you for giving us the opportunities to provide a strong curriculum to our students. Have a great time in Europe! We can’t wait to see the pictures!

Thank you to Ms Griffiths, Lesley, Pak Mik, Ms Hayes and Ms Cowen for your support, laughter and passion! We enjoy working with you all and we know the students feel the same way.

Finally to you our families. Without your support, understanding and encouragement we would not have had the successful year that we have had. We can’t possibly list all the things that you have done for our school but we want you to know that we are grateful.

Have a safe holiday and a lovely Christmas. Please make sure your kids read. 😊

From Mr Mac and Miss T.

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Quote of the week: “Any day spent with you is my favourite day.” Winnie the Pooh.

Mowing Roster

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Please mow the nature strips as well. If you are looking for another job, feel free to pull some weeds in the garden beds or spray the yellow daisies...! 😊

* Mowing Reminder: If you can’t manage to do the lawns, please call Barney on 04 29 375 879 and he will be happy for you to pay him to do it instead. Please provide him with as much notice as possible.

Holiday Mowing Help Needed Please!

Over the Christmas Holidays we desperately need helpers to mow the lawn once or twice please. If you are able to help out, PLEASE let us know!