

ELMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021

Term 1 Week 2

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. In particular, I'd like to welcome our new preps Jack Renshaw, Chad Henke and Oscar Henke. Chad and Oscar are identical twins and amazingly are the third set of twins in our P-2 classroom. I'd also like to welcome their parents, Matt and Bec Henke to Elmore Primary. We look forward to getting to know you all throughout your children's learning journey.

I'd also like to introduce Eliza McKinstry to our parent community. Eliza will be working in an education support role at EPS in 2021. Eliza is currently studying a Masters of teaching and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and energy to our classrooms. Welcome Eliza!

MORNING ROUTINE

Students will now be able to access their classrooms from 8:50am each morning. The school bell will ring to indicate this time. This will allow students and teachers to begin their learning and instruction at 9am each day.

Students can arrive at school from 8:40am.



Respect

Resilience

Integrity

Citizenship

Calendar and Dates

Term 1—January

FEBRUARY

Thursday 11th—Back to School BBQ

Thursday 18th—School Council @ 6.00pm

Monday 22nd—School Swimming Program

Friday 26th—School Swimming Sports

MARCH

Friday 5th Cluster Swimming Sports @ Rochester

Friday 19th—Ride to School Day

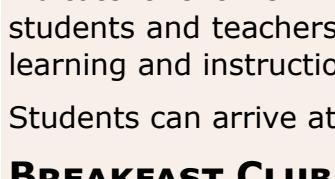
Monday 22nd—School Photos

APRIL

Thursday 1st—END OF TERM

Term 2—April

Monday 19th—Term 2 Starts



BREAKFAST CLUB

From next week breakfast club will be operating in the portable on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am – 8.50am. All students are welcome to attend. Students arriving for breakfast club are asked to remain in the portable until staff begin their supervision of the yard at approx. 8.40am.

BUILDING UPGRADES

Over the holidays our school buildings received some much needed TLC. Our classrooms were both freshly repainted and the layout of the spaces altered slightly. The upgrades included interactive 65" touch screens for each classroom. The learning spaces are open and light filled and allow our students access to quiet and flexible learning spaces.

Some finishing touches are still required which will include the remarking of our basketball court lines.

These works were completed in addition to the Capital Building Works announcement made last year. I anticipate the new \$1,198,000 project will commence in the second half of 2021.

NEW GOAL POSTS AND BACKBOARDS

Thanks to Cameron Renshaw and Scott Simmie for installing our new goal posts last weekend. A further thanks to Sam Stanford and her partner Tyson, who installed new basketball backboards and rings. These additions to our yard will help to keep our kids active and give a fresh new look to our grounds.



WELCOME BACK BBQ AND INFORMATION SESSION

On Thursday the 11th of February we will be holding a welcome back BBQ and parent information session. The parent information session will begin at 5.30pm. Here we will be introducing our new Whole School Communication system UeducateUs and assisting parents to download this to their smartphones and introducing some of the basic functionality of the app. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding our teaching and learning program.

This session will be followed by a BBQ dinner. BYO picnic blankets, deck chairs and drinks.

We look forward to welcoming you all back into our school more regularly in 2021.

SPECIALIST CLASS IN 2021

Our specialist classes will remain the same for 2021, albeit with some . . staffing adjustments.



Students will receive weekly lessons in Indonesian, Performing Arts (Thursdays) and PE (Tuesday). Anna Kemp will be taking over as our Performing Arts teacher in 2021.

Students will also receive a fortnightly MARC (Library) and MACC (ART) lesson during the even weeks of each term (week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 etc). Sue Cowan will be returning as the MACC Van teacher in 2021.

TYSON MUSIC



Tyson Hodges will be returning next week (Week 3) to begin his music lessons with students. The normal arrangements will remain in place for student involvement in this program.

SWIMMING PROGRAM



This years swimming program will begin on Monday 22nd February and run through until Thursday 25th February. Our whole school swimming sports will take place on Friday 26th Feb. Permission forms and further information will be sent out

next week

LUNCH ORDERS AND BANKING

Lunch Orders will start up again on Thursday this week and Banking will start again in Week 3 (next week) on Tuesday.

Cheers,

Aaron



We acknowledge the traditional land owners of Australia and we welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our service.



Scholastic
BOOK CLUB

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1
IS DUE BACK ON
19th FEBRUARY 2021

Grade 3 to Grade 6

Hi all, we hope you all enjoyed the break over the holidays. How great it is to be back and it is great to see all the students excited to be back. The school is looking fresh and fabulous with a few changes over the school holidays. Thankyou to the families who volunteered their time to help look after our chickens over the holidays. It is much appreciated.



The student learning conversations were a great chance reconnect and talk over the students learning expectations and goals they wish to achieve. Those of you we missed I will make sure to catch up with you in the coming weeks.

The students will be coming up with and voting for our class animal totem for this year over the next few days so stay tune.

We will be setting some class and whole school expectations with the students. Our morning will start a little differently with a readers workshop. Establishing the structure and routine with the students over the coming weeks will set us up for a productive year. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with many exciting learning opportunities for the students.

Stay safe happy and healthy.

Miss Stanford



Grade Prep—Grade 2

Welcome everyone to 2021.

All the students have started off the week full of enthusiasm and happy to be back with their friends and ready to learn.

Welcome to Chad, Jack and Oscar who have begun Prep and we know they will have a great year.



PREPS 2021

Reader Bags

Went home yesterday with books and the usual yellow 'Home Reading' journal for parents to complete each night.



Lunch boxes

Students seem to be very hungry as soon as school begins, so could parents please ensure that they have fruit, snacks and something main for their lunch. We will have extra fruit here at school for those who need it.

Hats

Again, for Term 1, students will need to wear their hats when outside for recess, lunch, PE etc. Students will continue to hand sanitise regularly throughout the day.

If parents have any concerns please see me, contact the school office or email me –

helen.tuohey@education.vic.gov.au

Please note that I do NOT have the school phone on a daily basis.

Cheers,

Ms Tuohey

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

The child safe standards require schools to consider all aspects of child safety and put measures in place to protect children from all forms of abuse, including:

- ◆ sexual or grooming offences
- ◆ physical violence
- ◆ serious emotional or psychological harm
- ◆ serious neglect

There are seven child safe standards:

Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety.

- ◆ A child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
- ◆ A child safety code of conduct.
- ◆ School staff selection, supervision and management practices for a child-safe environment.
- ◆ Procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse.
- ◆ Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
- ◆ Strategies to promote child empowerment and participation.

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



Parentline
13 22 89

Counselling and support
for parents and carers



PARENT LINE

www.parentline.vic.gov.au

Professional telephone counsellors are available from 8:00am to midnight (7 days a week) to discuss issues including:

- ◆ discuss any issues that impact on parenting and parent/carer-child relationships
- ◆ assist with developing strategies for positive parenting and personal coping
- ◆ promote and contribute to the resilience and wellbeing of families
- ◆ support the linking of families with their local community resources and services.

Working with Children Check

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS (WWC)

Based on the new legislation and best practice that is in line with the Child Safe Standards, it is now a requirement for all parents and carers who volunteer their time at Elmore Primary School to have a valid WWCC. For more information about how to get your volunteer WWCC please come into the office or go to

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/>