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EPS NEWS - ISSUE 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Aaron Taylor

Hi everyone,

It is great to be back up and running in Term 1, 2022! Last week saw our students slip back seamlessly into our learning routines, which includes our Reader's workshop, which begins at 9am each day. We achieved some incredible results in student learning after implementing this model in 2021. This year our staff professional learning will focus on our Writing block as we aim to build our capabilities to better deliver consistent routines which challenge all our students at their point of need.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

We will be holding an online parent information session this Wednesday 9th February at 5:30pm. The purpose of this catch up is to provide families with information regarding the teaching and learning expectations for students. We intend to cover our increased use of uEducateUs for whole school communication. As well we will be discussing the current advice to schools in managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

This will be a great opportunity for parents to seek clarification on any wonderings they may have.

When 5:30pm, Wednesday 9th February

WebEx Room: **572 936 895**

CATCH UP CONVERSATIONS

On Wednesday 16th February, parents are invited to book a time to speak with your child's classroom teacher in relation to your child's learning goals and focus for Term 1. These will be conducted via WebEx between 2pm and 3:30pm. Students are welcome to attend.

Bookings can be made via uEducateUs or by ringing the office 54 326 247.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our school calendar includes all upcoming whole school events. This can be viewed through uEducateUs, by visiting our school website and by viewing our school's newsletter.

EPS VALUES

RESPECT

We are thoughtful and socially responsible. We are considerate of others, our environment and ourselves

RESILIENCE

We understand the importance of having high expectations and striving to achieve our personal best.

CITIZENSHIP

We strive to build meaningful connections and contribute to the collective success of our school and the wider community.

INTEGRITY

We are honest with ourselves and with others.

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



RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

Free rapid antigen tests have been made available for all staff and students in Victorian schools for the first 2 weeks of Term 1 2022. Rapid antigen testing is voluntary for all primary, secondary and specialist school students and staff. Students and staff should continue to conduct the tests at home and must report any positive test results to their school and the Department of Health. In Primary and Secondary schools, tests should be conducted twice weekly, on days that suit families – no days are prescribed, but it is suggested for tests to be done at home such as Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday.

Our next consignment of RATs have arrived. Parents are able to collect these from the office OR upon written or verbal request we can send these home with students.

CROSSING SUPERVISOR

After a few false starts, it is hoped that we will have a new crossing supervisor for Margret St starting in the coming weeks.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders can again be purchased on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Orders should be placed in the tub at school on the respective mornings in a clearly marked brown paper bag or envelope. A new menu is currently being worked on and will be available next week.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Uniform order forms can be collected from the office or sent home upon request. We will be placing a special order on Wednesday 16th February for those requiring new uniforms. Please place these at the office ASAP.

BEFORE SCHOOL MORNING CLUBS

This year we will be running a morning fitness club each Wednesday and a Breakfast club each Friday (see the attached advertisements for the activities). These sessions will run from 8:15am to 8:45am and will be hosted by Eliza McKinstry.

Students arriving to school prior to 8:45am must attend these sessions. On all other days our school yard will be supervised from 8:45am. Students are strongly encouraged to arrive no earlier than this time.

CHARITY BALL

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

If you are interested in Volunteering for a shift at this year's Charity B=S Ball, held on March 12th -13th, please reply to the uEducateUs message or contact the office ASAP. Thanks to the those that have already volunteered.

SHADE SAILS REPLACED

Over the break we had the shade sails on our senior playground replaced. This occurred just in time for the

return of our students and especially for our Year 3s who have graduated to the senior playground!

ELMORE PRIMARY

IMPROVEMENT GROUP

I am aiming to establish a group of like minded parents and friends who are willing to work collaboratively to help continuously improve the primary school experience for our whole school community.

The key purposes would be to help share the load in coordinating and running our school based fundraisers. More importantly it would also be a platform for members to have a say in the desired school improvement projects we pursue.

Meetings would only need to be held termly.

If you're interested in becoming involved, please send through an email to:

aaron.taylor@education.vic.gov.au

I can then coordinate an appropriate time to meet.

Cheers,
Aaron





Speedy Emus

Welcome everyone to 2022.

This year we have been officially nominated to be the 'Speedy Emus', cant get much faster than that!!

All the students have started off the year full of enthusiasm and happy to be back with their friends and ready to learn. Welcome to Easton, Kruze and Charlie who have begun Prep and we know they will have a great year.



Reader Bags

These went home last week with books and the usual yellow 'Home Reading' journal for parents to complete each night. Already we have most of our class reading each night. The aim for the term is to read at least 50 nights at home.



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. Fruit/snack time is 10.00am each morning.

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.

This is the weekly reading/teacher conference roster. This is also the roster for when, if they like, students may bring something to show to the class or talk about. This is done during fruit time.

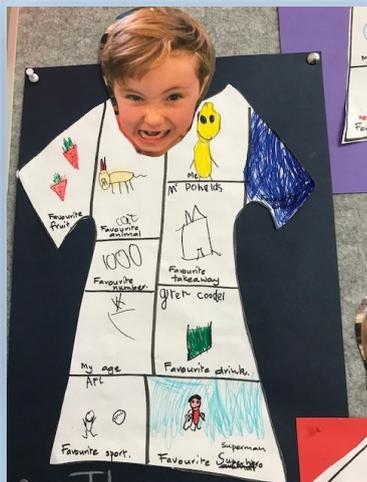
If parents have any concerns please see me, or contact me through uEducateUs.

Cheers

Helen & Daisy



<i>Reading Conference/Sharing Timetable</i>			
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Chad</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Kruze</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Oscar</i>	<i>Charlie</i>	<i>Wayne</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Izayah</i>	<i>Easton</i>	





Dazzling Dingos

We are all back and it's great to be back!! The students are all settling into the routine nicely and they have all started the year off with a positive attitude, which is fantastic to see. I'm looking forward to a fabulous year!

We have been revisiting the roles, routines and tools needed for our readers workshop. The students have been identifying what a just right, easy and challenge text is and practicing their fluency in independent reading time.

In Writing, the students have written about their holidays and some interesting facts about themselves. Over the next few days they will be writing about their leadership qualities, including what it takes to make a great leader and why they would be a great leader for our school. They will be sharing some of their speeches at assembly next week.

In Maths, we have been exploring number and place value by expanding and ordering numbers. The students have been carrying out various chance experiments and games to represent data in graphs in measurement.

During Inquiry learning the students have been looking at the various roles and responsibility within our school and our class jobs. They put together a short presentation at this week's assembly. As a class we agreed on a class totem "The Dazzling Dingos". We brainstormed all the possibilities with our Australian animals and using alliteration or adjectives to describe them. There was some fantastic ideas that all the students came up with.



I look forward to tomorrow night's information session giving us all a chance to catch up and go over daily routines and student expectations. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is something you would like to chat about through uEducateUs or email.

Samantha Stanford

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RESILIENCE PROJECT™

We are pleased to be introducing The Resilience Project's online wellbeing curriculum in our classrooms again this year. We have been very fortunate to have the program funded again, we thank Coles for their on going support.

[The Resilience Project](#) delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

*The Digital Program consists of online presentations and lessons for students, professional development for staff, and **a video series for our parent and carer community.***

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent and Carer Program with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

***View the first presentation of the series here: Part 1: Meet Martin and learn about The Resilience Project:** <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub/>*

We will be in touch over term to share the remainder of the program, including research and wellbeing activities to integrate into day to day life.

For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).

Thanks

DATES TO REMEMBER—2022

TERM 1—FEBRUARY		
Every Monday	3.05pm	School Assembly
Wednesday 9	5.30pm	Parent Information Session
Wednesday 16	2.00pm –5:30pm	Catch Up Conversations
Friday 18		MACC Van—Art
Monday 21 Monday 21—Friday 25 Friday 25th	12.45pm	MARC VAN Swimming Program Swimming Sports
TERM 1—MARCH		
Wednesday 2	9.00am	School Photos
Friday 4	TBA	Cluster Swimming Sports MACC Van—Art



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD?

IF IN DOUBT—PLEASE ASK

A reminder if you have not completed a CSEF (Camps Sports and Excursion Fund) application form since your child/children have commenced at Elmore Primary School, you can do so at the office. Please bring with you your current Health Care/Pension card for verification.

Criteria 1—Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

On the first day of Term One (29th January 2022), or, on the first day of Term Two (26th April 2022);

A) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or

B) Be a temporary foster parent, and

C) Submit an application to the school by the due date. Closing date is 26th June 2022.

Payment amounts: \$125 for Primary school students. Please see Lesley if you have any queries regarding current balances (carried forward from 2021).

RECORDS UPDATE

All families are reminded that if there have been any changes regarding phone numbers, medical conditions, e.g. asthma, headaches, allergies, etc., or any other relevant issues, including updated Asthma Management Plans, can parents please inform the school as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date.