



FROM THE PRINCIPAL AARON TAYLOR

Welcome back for Term 2.

We were very excited to see our basketball court transform over the course of the first week of school. Since the temp fencing came down, our students have wasted no time in running around and enjoying their new space. As a school council led and funded project, this is the biggest project we have undertaken ourselves (the building works were VSBA led and funded). I'd like to thank the school council and all those that help contribute to its completion.



PARENT FORUM

Thank you to the parents that attended the parent forum on Friday. Your input and ideas were greatly appreciated. A prominent discussion point was the need for further improvement to the garden beds at the school entrance and those at the front of the school. Pending School Council approval, the aim is to complete a mini makeover of these spaces and bring them in line with the fresh and modern facilities throughout the rest of the school.

Learning Conversations

We again had a great turn out for our

Learning Conversations last Wednesday afternoon. Attendance at these sessions helps to strengthen the 3-way partnership between parents, student and teachers, which is of great benefit to student learning.

Our teachers are available to meet with families outside of these designated afternoons. If you were unable to attend, or you'd like to make another time, please contact teachers to organise a mutually suitable time. By prearranging a time to meet, either before or after school, teachers can ensure they have availability to discuss your child's learning.

SCHOOL REVIEW

In the coming weeks our school will be undergoing a review of our 2020 -2024 strategic plan and goals. The review panel will consist of an independent reviewer from Monash University, Phillipa Morrison, Damien Jenkyn – Senior Education Improvement leader, Jason Cox -Principal Goornong PS, Casey Fry – Education Improvement Leader, Daisy Acocks, Kylie Gardam – School Council President and myself. The two days of the review are Wednesday 1st May and Tuesday 14th May.

This is a process all public schools undergo every 4 years.

I require a small group of parents to meet with Damien Jenkyn on Wednesday 1st May 9am – 10am. If you are available and willing to share your input, please see Aaron ASAP.

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.



Cluster Cross Country

The cluster cross country will be held on Wednesday 8th May at the Elmore Field day site. Permission for this event should be provided through uEducateUs. This is for all Prep – Year 6 students. Students will be taken by bus to the event. Parents are welcome to attend.

Should your child be successful in progressing further (3-6s), the district event will be held on Friday 17th May.

2 x STUDENT FREE DAYS

A reminder that ANZAC day, Thursday April 25th, is a Public Holiday and there will be no school.

Friday 26th April is also a STUDENT FREE DAY at Elmore Primary School. Staff will be participating in professional learning on this day.

Please remember to check the calendar on uEducateUs regularly. This contains all the upcoming school events and important dates which may impact our normal routines.

Our next student free day is Monday 15th July (Day 1 of Term 3).

SUN SMART POLICY

In the months between and including September and April all Student and Staff are reminded to wear a school approved sun smart hat when outdoors participating in school activities.



ANZAC Day

Our School Captains, Luke and Lachlan, will be involved in Elmore’s ANZAC day ceremony. This is being held on Thursday 25th April, 8am at Railway Square. We strongly encourage families to come along. Students attending are not required to be in school uniform.

The Lions Club will be supplying a hot breakfast.



Thank you for a fantastic start to Term 2. We hope that the beautiful weather we are experiencing continues across the extended weekend.

Aaron

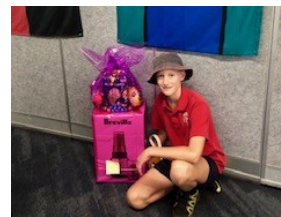
Congratulations to our Easter Raffle Winners

1st Prize– Meg Dollar

2nd Prize– Nick Gibbs

3rd– Rosemary

We raised \$461.80 in this raffle!



DATES TO REMEMBER—2024

Fortnightly Activities		
Thursday 25th April	All Day	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 26th April	All Day	Student Free Day
Tuesday 30th April		Book Club orders due
TERM 2		
MAY 2024		
Thursday 9th	2.00-3.00pm	Mother’s Day Afternoon
Friday 10th	9.00am-11.00 am	Mother’s Day Stall
Wednesday 8th	11.30—2.30pm	Campaspe Cluster Cross Country
JUNE 2024		
Tuesday 4th	ALL Day	Whole school Excursion—Quantum Victoria
Monday 10th	All Day	King’s Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 17th	All Day	3-6 Cluster Winter Sports
Friday 28th		LAST DAY OF TERM—SCHOOL FINISHES 2.20pm

Grades 3/6

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Break...

Before the holidays the students enjoyed a STEM challenge of don't crack the egg. They were to follow the 'Design Process' to create a safety capsule, with selected materials to protect their egg from cracking when it was dropped. We had some very awesome designs that survived the drop and others unfortunately not making it.

The students have come back from the break ready to learn and we have had a fantastic first week back with some great learning happening. Thanks to those who took the time to meet with us for parent teacher interviews. If you missed us feel free to arrange a time to catch up or send us a UEducateus message.

We enjoyed a visit from the Responsible pet ownership, MARC library van and have started practicing for cluster cross country.

OUR LEARNING FOCUS:

Literacy: In Reading, we have been exploring topics that interest us and issues that we are passionate about. Sharing a range of kid's news articles, nonfiction text and short stories. The students have enjoyed sharing their thoughts, opinions or interesting information they have found after reading. We have also shared war stories and looked at the significance of ANZAC Day the sacrifices the service men and women have made.

We have started our persuasive writing unit and the students have chosen topics that they are passionate about. The students have explored using persuasive techniques to convince the reader with their idea or opinion. They have chosen some great topics to write about:

Why duck hunting shouldn't be banned

Why too much time on technology is bad for you

Why animals shouldn't be kept in zoo's

Why life is hard as a kid

Why you shouldn't buy an electric vehicle

The benefits of gaming for kids

How bike riding can benefit your health

Stayed tuned to read some of these amazing pieces and see if they can persuade you!



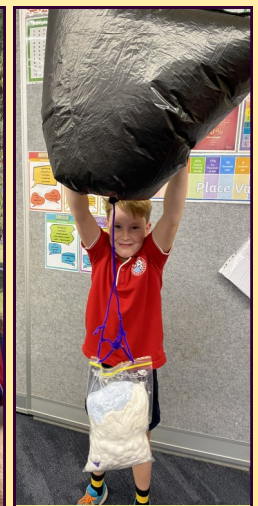
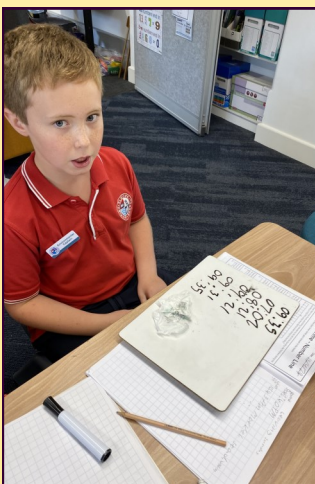
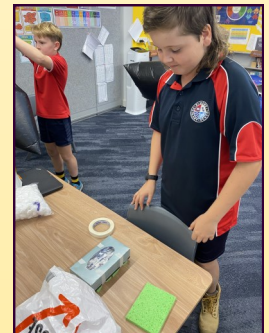
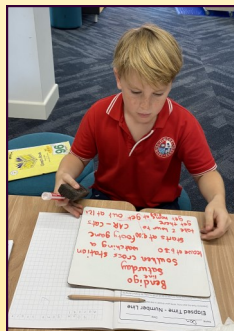
Numeracy: We have been revisiting time by calculating elapsed time, reading timetables, converting 24hr time and looking at different time zones. The students have been working together to solve various time problems. In number, we have been exploring addition strategies and applying them to solve everyday life problems.

Inquiry: The students have started their unit on 'Our Island Home' where we have been exploring connection and our relationships with friends, family, school, community and other organisations.

Respectful Relationships: We have been practicing team building games establishing cooperation, problem solving and positive talk.

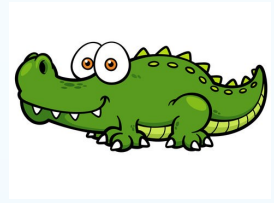
Have a wonderful week everyone!

Nick & Sam



Prep -2- WILD CROCODILES

Hoping everyone had a great break over the holidays and are ready for a busy Term 2.



Wild Crocodile

Our special wild crocodiles late last term and this week are Charlie D, Charlie B and Ashleigh and we hope they enjoyed making the books about themselves and the other special things that happened across the week.

Literacy

Over the next few weeks we will be exploring fiction (made up stories) and non-fiction (true) texts in both reading and writing. They will be writing facts about different animals and then collating this information to make a 'gallery' and collection of facts about animals.

Maths

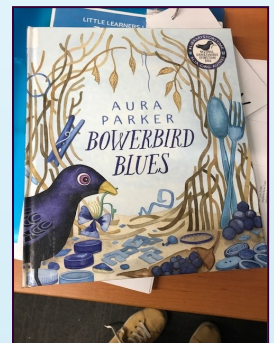
Our focus in Maths in the next few weeks will be 'mass' using balance scales. Vocabulary around heavy mass, light mass, equal mass will be talked about as well as activities using the balance scales and working with a partner. We will also explore using our bodies to 'heft' objects to calculate heavy, light and equal mass.

Learning catch Up conversations

It was great to catch up with families last week to talk about their child/children's progress and any concerns people may have. Please feel free to make contact with Daisy or myself if you have any concerns.

Simultaneous Story Time

As a whole school we will be again participating in this Australia wide story reading on Wednesday, May 22nd at 12.00 and participate in an activity with Ange at the Goldfields library. The picture story book this year is 'Bowerbird Blues'.



Kinder Visit

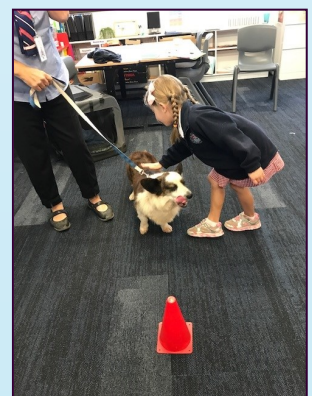
We will be having a couple of Kinder visits this term We will go to the Kinder and then they will visit here.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Tracey from the program visited the school last Friday morning. She had some great and relevant messages about dog body language and when we encounter a dog we don't know and what to do.

Any concerns please contact daisy or myself

Cheers Helen & Daisy



Week 9 Award Winners

Term 1 100% Attendance

Lachlan & Hadleigh



Thomas, Luke, Lachlan, Wayne, Cody, Harlow & Xander



Week 1 Award Winners



Luke, Hunter, Wayne, Daniel, Thomas, Jack S, Gen, Ruby, Jack R, Isla, Easton, Cody & Ashleigh



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