

# ELMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, February 4th, 2020

Term 1 Week 1




Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020!

We had a fabulous start to the school year last Thursday with all the students and teachers ready to enjoy their first day of the school year. Both grades settled in quickly and easily into a routine and the new Preps were very excited to be big school kids.

We would like to officially welcome our new staff to the school. Samantha Stanford is the Grade 3-6 teacher Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Ms Daisy Acocks will teach Tuesdays and provide classroom support on Thursday mornings. Mr Darren Burn will teach Grade Prep-2 full time and I will provide classroom support in the Grade Prep—2 room each morning. We welcome back Ms Hayes who will teach music across the school and Pak Mick who will continue to teach Indonesian across all grades. The MARC (Library van) will be here each fortnight starting Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and the MAAC (Art) van here each fortnight starting Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Over the next few weeks there will be some time spent on setting up teaching spaces, routines, expectations and so on. Activities will be centred on team building, community building, values and working together. Our Inquiry unit later in Term 1 will focus on 'Weather.'

 **Lesley will be here in the Office** on Tuesday and Wednesday and the occasional Monday. Student banking will continue on Tuesdays.

**Swimming:** Swimming is happening this week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 11.30 and 1.40 approximately. Grade Prep-2 will leave the school to walk to the swimming pool at 11.30am and Grades 3-6 at 12.15pm approximately.

The House Swimming Carnival will be on the afternoon of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1.30 – 3.20pm and the Cluster Swimming on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in Rochester (Grades 3—6 only). Students not staying with their parents after the House Swimming Sports will be walked back to school to be collected from school as per usual.

**Welcome back BBQ:** Our Welcome Back BBQ is an annual event that takes place at school. This year, it is scheduled for this Thursday 6th February at 5:30pm. Bring along your folding chairs and picnic rugs etc and maybe remember to pack the insect repellent and a hat! School will provide sausages, hamburgers, veggie burgers, some salads and cordial. Families should bring along any other things they would like to eat. It is a lovely, relaxed way to catch up with other families, especially for our new preps.



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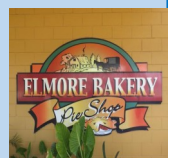
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### Calendar and Dates

**Term 1**

The Calendar is on page 4. Please cut out and put on your fridge for your reference throughout the Term.

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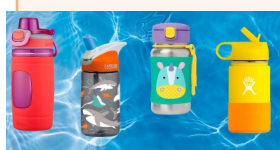
**Getting to Know You Interviews.** Classroom teachers will be available to meet with parents and carers on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Interview information and times are attached to this newsletter. To ensure you get the preferred time slot please return the slip by Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Notes confirming your day/time will go home the same day, Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss goals and needs for the 2020 school year.



**Lessons with Tyson** starts tomorrow! Tyson is looking forward to seeing you all again! Better get practising tonight! For our families, Tyson Hodges teaches drums and guitar each Wednesday at the school and lessons are available for all ages. Cost \$20.00 per session.



**Extreme weather.** We have experienced some interesting weather lately. Please be aware that we enact a wet/hot weather policy which means that students do not go outside in the event of stormy/wet weather, nor do they go out if the temperature exceeds 34 degrees at play time. We monitor the weather carefully to ensure that students are not placed at risk. Hats must be worn from September to April when outside. They are available for purchase from Lesley in the office or directly from Work Locker in Echuca—5482 1822. In the event of a storm at home time a text will be sent to families advising them that students will not be dismissed until an adult comes in to collect them, to keep them safe. This doesn't apply to bus travellers.



**Water bottles.** We encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school. It will stay on their table or in their bag locker and can be accessed at any time. Please do not send anything other than water in this bottle. We want to encourage healthy choices and there is the added benefit of not making a sticky mess when spilled.

**Lunch in the fridge.** In these hot months, students are welcome to place their lunch in the main fridge in the mornings.

**Lunch orders.** We have lunch orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oasis Cafe in Elmore. The 2020 list of items available has been sent home today and is also on the noticeboard. Please send along the order on an envelope or paper bag containing the correct money where possible. Students place them into the blue esky in the mornings.

**Uniforms.** These are available from Lesley in the office and school will place one order per term. Otherwise, you can contact Work Locker in Echuca directly—5482 1822.

It's going to be a wonderful year!  
Helen Tuohey,  
Acting Principal.



School Captains



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## *The Golden Goannas*

We Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and had a wonderful break. It's great to be back and we are looking forward to an exciting year here at Elmore Primary.

We had a great first two days with some getting to know you games and activities. The students made an all about me cube and wrote letters to their future self.

This year with our class totem, the students were to research Australian native animals and come up with a name for the class. It came down to a vote of the top 5:

Creative Cassowaries  
Courages Cockatoos  
Golden Goannas  
Magical Murray Cods  
Excellent Emus

With 9 votes we are the Golden Goannas this year in the grade 3-6 room. The students were busy making our Golden Goanna Monday afternoon. We spoke about the Indigenous significance and symbolic meaning behind the goanna. It looks fantastic! Hope everyone has a great week.

Sam and Daisy

**Goanna** highlights all lessons relating to strength, both inner and outer. **Goanna** reminds us that we are strong not only when we protect and defend ourselves, but also when we show the courage to face our own emotions and to share them with others in our community. There is an element of pride to the energy of **goanna**.



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## The Baby Koalas

Welcome back to school everyone! I'm very happy to be here at Elmore PS teaching your children and I am looking forward to meeting all families at the "Getting to Know you Interviews" next week.

The class has enjoyed a very busy and exciting first few days back, the new preps and myself have settled in very well.

Have a great week everyone

Darren



### House Captains



### J.S.C.



## Calendar and Dates

### Term 1

- 3/2 Swimming Program
- 4/2 Swimming Program
- 5/2 Swimming Program  
Prep rest day
- 6/2 Swimming Program
- 7/2 MAAC (art) van first visit

Welcome Back to School BBQ. 5.30pm start

- 10/2 MARC Van (Library van) first visit  
House Swimming sports. Local pool starting at 1.30pm  
Get to Know You Interviews Monday-Thursday

- 121/2 Prep rest day

- 17/2 Goldfields Library visit  
GTAC Technology day- Grades 5&6.  
Rochester SC

- 19/2 Prep rest day

- 21/2 MAAC van (Art)

- 24/2 MARC van (library)

- 26/2 Cultural Koori day - at the school  
Prep rest day

- 4/3 Last Prep rest day

- 5/3 School Council/ AGM 6.00pm

- 6/3 Cluster swimming Sports Grades 3-6.  
Rochester Swimming Pool  
MAAC van (art)

- 8/3 B&S Ball volunteering

- 9/3 Labour Day Holiday  
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

- 20/3 Young Leaders Conference. Melbourne. Grades 5&6  
MAAC Van (art)

- 23/3 MARC van (library)

- 27/3 Last day of Term 1- 2.30pm dismissal