



Welcome to Elmore Primary School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We said goodbye to Grace Grogan on Friday. Grace is a pre-service teacher from La Trobe University who has been completing a third year placement here with us for the past three weeks. We have enjoyed her enthusiasm and caring personality, and wish her well with her course.

This week is **Education Week**. To celebrate, we are having Indonesian Day on Thursday this week. Students will participate in a range of Indonesian cultural activities including cooking, batik making, games, dress ups, shadow puppet making, story telling and bacek rides (further information at the back of the Newsletter). We invite all family and community members to come in and join us from 2:20pm onwards, when we will showcase the things we have done over the day. We can also all participate in bacek rides too.

On Friday this week, I will be at Epsom Primary School, assisting with an interview panel there. Ms Pettigrew and Mrs Tuohey will be here in the classrooms and Pak Mick will also be taking Indonesian classes that day, so there will be no impact to regular programs. Should you need to contact me at any time, email is generally the best way, or text me if it's urgent.

At our last School Council meeting it was decided that we would hold a **Curriculum Day** this term to support teachers with writing reports. This is scheduled for **Friday June 8th**. No students will be required to attend school on that day.

School Council is also interested in hearing from families about communication between home and school. You will find a survey further on in the Newsletter. Please complete it and return it to school by **Thursday 7th June**. Our goal is to ensure that we are providing all of the necessary information that our families want in the formats they prefer within a reasonable time frame. The best way to find out what that is, is to ask you. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated. I will share the findings of the survey in the newsletter once it has been collated and School Council has met.

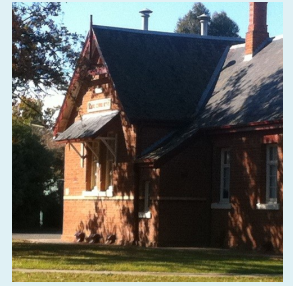
In light of the funds raised by the Mothers' Day stall, School Council also discussed how we allocate locally raised funds. We all agreed that any fundraising not already accounted for in the annual budget should have the input of the school community into how it is used. Towards that end, we invite all families to complete the attached form, explaining their ideas for spending both the current funds of \$141.00 and any future funds raised, and return it to school at your earliest convenience. School Council will then consider the suggestions put to them and make a final decision. We are very interested in ensuring that decisions made by School Council reflect the ideas and opinions of the wider school community.

With kind regards,

Michelle Griffiths

Principal.

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Calendar and Dates

23/5	Simultaneous Storytime at the Elmore Library
24/5	Open Afternoon 2:20—3:20pm Indonesian Day
25/5	Indonesian classes
28/5	Elmore Library
30/5	Dental Screening
31/5	MACC Van
1/6	Cluster Winter Sports
4/6	MARC Van
8/6	<u>Curriculum Day</u>
14/6	MACC Van School Council
18/6	MARC Van
28/6	MACC Van
29/6	Last Day Term 2 2.30 Finish Reports Home





The crocodiles that can.

The third "Star of the Week" is Max Simmie.
Congratulations Max.

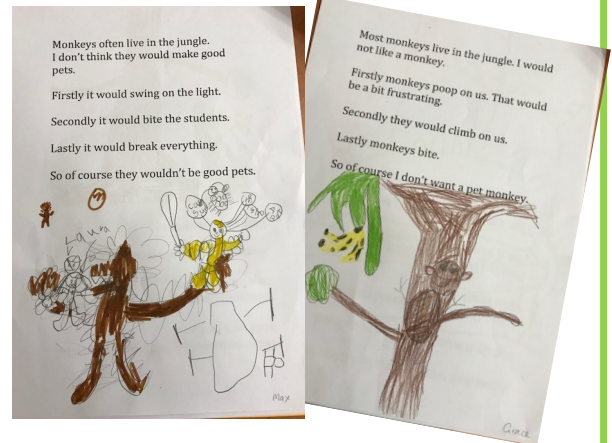


Congratulations to Lachlan Down who has become our first person to read each night at home for **100 nights**. Congratulations Lachlan, a great effort.



We have been writing persuasive texts over the past few weeks. Here are two of the pieces explaining why a monkey would/would not make a good pet.

Our paper mache making is progressing well. This week we will be putting 'lumps and bumps' on our paper mache getting them ready to become real or imaginary planets.



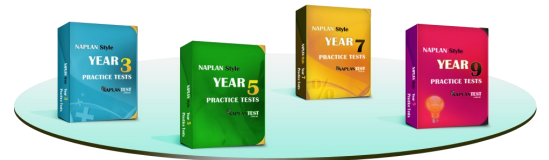
Have a great week.

Helen Tuohey

From the Rainbow Serpents.



What a big week we had last week! Well done to the grade 3s and 5s who completed the NAPLAN testing last week.



A big congratulations and well done to Brigid and Tom for their participation in the District Cross Country last Friday the 18th of May. Both students did a fantastic job and came away with excellent results!

This week we have Story time at the Hall on Wednesday, and Indonesian Day on Thursday to look forward to. Remember to dress up in your finest Indonesian attire for this day!

I hope you all have a fantastic week!

Kelly Pettigrew
Classroom Teacher





This week's awards: Principal, Literacy and Numeracy

Principal's Award - Angus Giffin for showing integrity and responsibility.

Numeracy Award - Harper Fourie for being resilient and striving to complete set tasks.

Literacy Award - Luke Drust for always being on task in Literacy and striving to do his best work.



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Indonesian Day at Elmore Primary School!

We are very excited to tell you that on **Thursday May 24th** we will be holding our **Indonesian Day** to celebrate the language and culture that we have been learning all about.

We will be dressing up in Indonesian clothes, cooking traditional Indonesian food, making Indonesian shadow puppets, listening to traditional Indonesian children's stories AND going for a ride in a bacek!



'What is a bacek?' I hear you ask. Here is a picture:

As this will also be **Education Week**, we invite everyone from the community to **come in from 2:20pm** onwards for a presentation or sharing of what we have done and learned throughout the day. This will also be the time for the bacek rides so make sure you don't miss out!

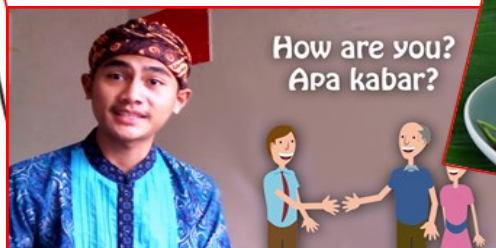
Where: Elmore Primary School

When: Thursday, May 24th

Time: 2:20 – 3:20pm

Bring: strong legs if you want to have a go at driving the bacek!

Contact: the school on 5432 6247 if you have any questions.



Elmore Primary School Communication Survey to Families, 2018



In an effort to tailor the way we communicate with the needs and preferences of our families, we have created this survey. We ask that you complete it and return it to school by Thursday June 7th please. At our next School Council meeting we will discuss the data collected and make any required changes to our practices and policies.

If you have ideas for improvement that are not listed as an option on the survey, please use the blank space at the end to tell us about them.

Name: _____

Our school communicates many different types of information including upcoming events, student work samples, awards, photos, general information, classroom updates, excursions, promotion of community events and so on.

Currently, we use the following methods of communication: weekly Newsletter (emailed and printed hard copy), Fortnightly EPA insert, Instagram, website (Newsletter can be found here also) and a weekly calendar update sent via text message.

How would you like to receive your communications?

Newsletter (circle option) weekly fortnightly other

If 'other', please explain: _____

Would you prefer a paper Newsletter sent home with your child or an emailed Newsletter? (please circle)

Paper email

Which of the following means of communication do you use / value for our school? (please circle)

Instagram EPA insert website weekly text message

Are there other ways to communicate that you'd like to see us using? (eg. An app for attendance)

Notes Regarding Excursions:

Whenever possible, we will ensure that activities are planned sufficiently in advance to allow for three weeks notice to families.

Popular locations can have limited availability. If there is a choice of taking a booking or missing out altogether, what would you prefer? (place a tick next to your preferred option).

____ that students still attend, even if it means less than three weeks notice

____ that students do no attend.

Additional Ideas for Improved Home / School Communication:

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas with us. Information regarding the data collected will be shared via the newsletter.

Elmore Primary School Allocation of Funds Ideas 2018.



Name: _____

My suggestions for how additional funds of \$141.00 raised by Parents and friends at the Mothers’ Day stall are:

This is because:

Future funds raised could be spent on:

Because:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. School Council will consider all of the suggestions received in light of our Annual Implementation Plan goals and share the decision with our community via the Newsletter.