



# Welcome to Elmore Primary School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all of our students in grade 3—6 who participated in the Winter Sports at Colbinabbin last Friday. You all demonstrated great sportsmanship and enthusiasm, representing our school very well, as usual.

This week, we have a Curriculum Day on Friday for staff to work on Reports so students will not be required at school. Next Monday, June 11th, is a Public Holiday too, so it's an extended long weekend for our students.

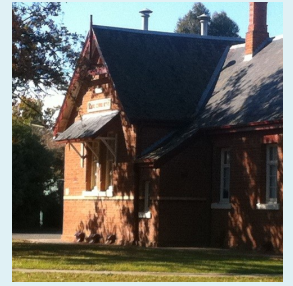
I will not be at school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, as all Principals from the North Western Victorian Region are required to attend the annual Principal's Conference in Melbourne. I look forward to sharing my learning from that experience with school council, staff and families upon my return.

There is a factsheet attachment to today's newsletter from the DET about school attendance. From the end of Term 2, all Victorian government schools must contact parents / carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained absence. This requirement supports student safety and wellbeing. Schools need to know when and why a student is absent, and parents / carers need to know if their child is not at school. Prompt communication also promotes daily school attendance.

Parents and carers must notify the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of absence using the school's preferred method. As a school, it is our responsibility to notify families as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained absence. This will occur via text message or phone call. If the school is unable to make contact with the family, an attempt will be made to contact the emergency contacts nominated on enrolment documentation, where possible, on the same day as the absence. Parents and carers should be aware that they have an obligation to notify the school of their child's absence. Our preferred method is a phone call and leave a message or e-mail the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this process.

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## Calendar and Dates

4/6	MARC Van
<b>8/6</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>
<b>11/6</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>
14/6	MACC Van
18/6	MARC Van
26/6	tabloid Sports at OLSH
28/6	MACC Van
<b>29/6</b>	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>
	<b>2.30 Finish</b>
	<b>Reports Home</b>
<b>16/7</b>	<b>First Day Term 3</b>





### **The crocodiles that can.**

We have had a fun few days while Mrs Tuohey has been away! We explored an animation program with a partner and found out how to create a representation of our number stories. We also discovered some important strategies for working well with a partner including sharing the jobs and taking turns.



In writing, we selected three items from Ms Griffiths' magic writing bag to inspire our own fairy tale. We have designed our drawing plans and have begun writing. There are some very interesting characters being developed including aliens, evil witches, blue wrens with magic phones and shell-dwelling fairies to name a few!



We are looking forward to having Mrs Tuohey back and hearing about her holiday.

Michelle.

### **From the Rainbow Serpents.**



Grades 3 – 6 students had a wonderful day last Friday at the Cluster Winter Sports in Colbinabbin last week. Students got to choose a sport to play for the day, where they learnt skills, did warm ups and played games. The sports played were netball, soccer and football. It was wonderful to see students with a range of abilities helping others and getting to know new people from the school cluster.

Last week we had some dentistry students come to the school, they had a chat to the students about oral health and how they can be looking after their teeth as well as conducting some check-ups on the students who handed the dental screening notes in.

This week we have a Curriculum Day on Friday for report writing, students are not required to be at school.

Remember to keep signing those readers when home reading is completed!

Happy reading ☺

Kelly Pettigrew

*"The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss*



*This week's awards: Principal, Literacy and Numeracy*



**Principal's Award** - Luke Drust



**Numeracy Award** - Hamish Worme



**Literacy Award** - Hunter Fourie

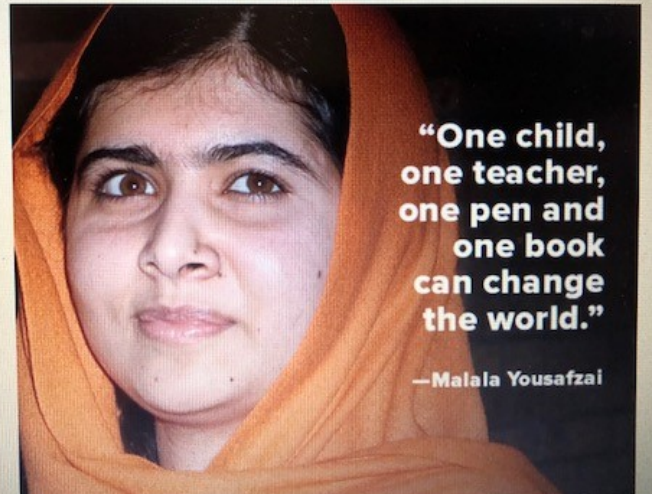


I played football. First we walked over to the club rooms to get ready for the game. We were then put into two groups and then two teams. I was in the 5/6 group and put into the Runnymede team and the first quarter I was on the wing and then second quarter I was in the centre, third quarter I was on the back line and the last quarter I was back on the wing.

Angus

Screen shot of Hamish's work today on his laptop.

On Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June we read Malala's magic pen with Mrs Gentry, it was an amazing true story of a girl who changed the world. Not only has she won the Nobel Peace Prize. She has met the Queen and Barack Obama. Also she has spoken at United Nations.



First we walked over to the club rooms and got ready to play Netball. We then walked over to the courts. For the first game I played GA and then we split into two groups and I was in the group with the older kids, because I was more familiar with Netball. I was on the red team for the first quarter and played WA, for the second quarter I played WD, third quarter I played C and the last quarter I played WA.

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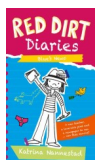
# MARC MONTHLY!

## Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

It is terrific to see so many students participating in the challenge this year. The list of books in the challenge (which can be found on the website) is exhaustive, many of which I have in the truck.

*'More than 2.5 million young Victorians have read more than 45 million books since the Challenge launched in 2005 – enough books to fill almost 11 Olympic-sized swimming pools.'*

## What I have read....



This series is brought to us by local author Katrina Nan-nestad. Blue is trying to get the school newspaper up and running with the 'help' of her school friends. There are lots of laughs along the way. These books are written in diary format and have a distinctive Australian feel.

Oh my, what a glorious book. This is the first novel Peter Carnavas has written and it has made the CBCA shortlist. It is about Olive, her Dad and his great big sadness which shows up as an elephant. I read it in one sitting and it will be replaying my mind for quite some time.



This book has been co-written by 2 well respected children's authors. It is a tale of friendship and magic. It's been 5 years since Livy has visited her grandmother in Australia and she realises she has forgotten something really important; the creature in her cupboard who is wearing a chicken suit. A fabulous journey ensues!



## Term 2's focus is 'Shaping students into empathetic people'.

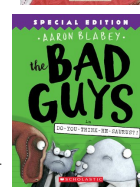
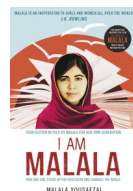
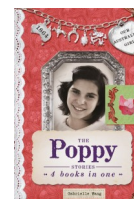
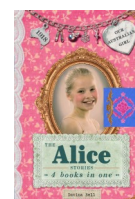
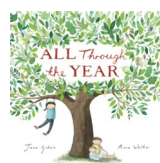
Room on Our Rock is an exquisitely executed book. The story uses seals to explain the plight of refugees. When reading the book from front to back the message is one of rejection and exclusion. What makes the book truly unique is that it can be read back to front; giving us a story of hope and inclusion. Students discussed their knowledge of refugees and also ways in which we can make anyone new feel happy and included.



Drawn on a wall is also palindromic in it's style. The words in the text can be used in both a positive and negative way. The main character goes from sense of hopelessness to one of hope. We discussed situations which could be viewed either negative or positive (eg. A rainy day, a broken cup).



## Some of the NEW BOOKS in the truck...



And lots

**Oh my** what a wonderful 2 days I had in Geelong! On Friday May 18th a group of 10 MARC teachers met at Geelong College to learn from and share with Jo Panckridge who is a teacher librarian in the junior school as well as a Book Week judge. She discussed library projects she has taught and gave us all many ideas to bring back to our schools.



On Saturday May 19th I was lucky enough to attend the CBCA state conference at Deakin University. Morris Gleitzman was the keynote speaker (and yes, I have included a sneaky photo with him!). He speaks with such passion for books and stories and the value of reading with and to our children. Boori Monty Prior, Sue Lawson, Lance Balchin, Ann James, Anna Walker, Nicki Greenberg and Claire Saxby also presented. We participated in both 'lectures' and workshop activities. (The cardboard bear in the truck was made in Anna Walker's workshop!) I think everyone who attended has come away with a renewed sense of excitement and possibility!

