

ELMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020

Term 1 Week 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great House Swimming Sports on Monday, February 10th and the afternoon saw all students competing and enjoying themselves. The winning house on the day was Blue House and Tom Drust collected the trophy on behalf of his team. Red House competed well all day and just missed out on winning. Photos of the day are attached.

The **Cluster Swimming Sports** are on Friday, March 6th for all Grade 3-6 students. They will go to the Rochester swimming pool by bus and return by bus. Permission notes will go home this week.

Welcome Back BBQ

Thankyou to all the families that attended. It was a great social evening and thankyou to Cameron and Michelle Simmie for organising it.



School Council nominations Nominations for our School Council open today.

Nomination forms are attached to the newsletter. Parents are encouraged to consider going on School Council to support the students, families and school community. If you have any questions about possibly becoming a School Councillor please feel free to ask me.



Getting to Know You Interviews. Thank you to all the parents who took the opportunity to meet with teachers. If you haven't yet had an Interview but would like to meet to talk, please see Mr Burn, Ms Stanford or Ms Acocks to arrange a suitable time.

School review. Each school in Victoria undertakes a School Review every 4 years and our School Review is happening this year. The school is undertaking a review on the first day of Term 2. This is called a Validation Day. I am currently preparing a Pre-review Self Evaluation and this process of self-evaluation is the initial step in the process that brings about change and improvement in a school. The three key questions that sit at the heart of an effective self-evaluation are:

- How well are we doing?
- How do we know?

How can we improve things further?

Schools undertake a Pre-review Self-evaluation (PRSE) in the term before their review, which brings together their self-evaluations from the previous four years and engages the whole school community in an analysis of the school's performance.



As part of preparing for our review I have been busy reviewing and compiling the necessary documentation. I have included the Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy with this newsletter for parent information. This policy, as well as several others are uploaded onto the School's Website.

Respect

Resilience

Integrity

Citizenship

Calendar and Dates

Term 1

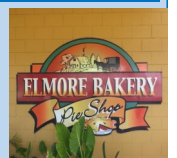
- 19/2 Prep rest day
- 21/2 MAAC van (Art)
- 24/2 MARC van (library)
- 26/2 Cultural Koori day - at the school
Prep rest day
- 3/3 School Photos
- 4/3 Last Prep rest day
- 5/3 School Council/ AGM 6.00pm
- 6/3 Cluster swimming Sports Grades 3-6. Rochester Swimming Pool
MAAC van (art)
- 8/3 B&S Ball volunteering
- 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

Term 2

- 14/4 Start of Term 2

special

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These Policies include-
Child Safe Environment Policy
Child Safety Code of Conduct
Child Safe Reporting Obligations
Student Engagement & Wellbeing Policy

Please visit the school website as Lesley and I have been updating it to include a current Calendar of Events as well as all relevant school policies for parents to be aware of.

Fruit at School

We are once again very lucky to have the McKerns Foundation supply fruit each week to the school for students to eat. We are very appreciative of their support.



School Dental Van

The service will visit the school early Term 2, April 15-22nd. More information will be sent home when it arrives.

B & S Ball

Thank you to the 13 volunteers who have offered their time to work at the upcoming 'B&S Send Off Ball,' on the March long weekend. Information was sent home last week to parents. We were lucky to be awarded a \$4,000.00 donation from the B&S committee. Michelle Simmie and Cameron Renshaw put together the application and we are thrilled to be able to use the money on some new library shelving as well as new library books. A big thank you Michelle and Cameron.



Chicken Houses

We still have the old large chicken pen for free if removed from site as well as the smaller chicken house, \$250.00 purchased recently and hardly used. Please see me if you are interested.



Have a great week everyone.

Helen Tuohey,
Acting Principal.

Head Lice



where necessary.

There has been reported cases of head lice at the school. Could you please read the attached and information sheet and treat your child's hair, hat, bedding and toys

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

(by school average)

Last week - 90%

Year to date - 89%

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

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





The Golden Goannas

Last Monday the swimming sports carnival was fantastic. It was great to see all the students participating and cheering each other on. The students have really enjoyed the Learn and Swim program as well as the water safety lessons down at the pool in the previous week.

You may have noticed that the students have started an at home journal with their spelling words. Their list of words and a word of choice will be given out on a Wednesday in class.

There is a range of activities they can do in the book to practice their words at home and they will be tested the following week. There is also an at home reading diary which is up to the student to fill in each night and do at least 10 minutes of reading at home.

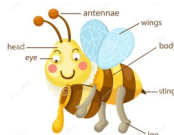
Literacy- The students have finished their holiday recounts which they had to plan, draft, edit and publish, all doing a fantastic job. They have finalised their "About Me" posters and letters to their future self. We placed them in our time capsule and we will open them on the last day of school. It will be interesting to see how much has changed or stayed the same over a year.



Numeracy- We have been revisiting place value and number sequencing in the thousands, tens of thousands and millions.

Inquiry- In the Learners for Life unit the students have been looking at goal setting, personal strengths, class and school expectations and our school values.

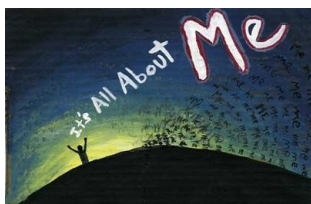
5&6 GTAC Excursion- This was fantastic and such a great experience for the students. They investigated pollination, dissected flowers and looked at bees all under the microscope. The students all learnt something I can guarantee and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



For the rest of the term our Literacy Focus is on autobiographies. Children may have some questions about earlier childhood and family. Can you please support your child with any information and advice.

This week we have lots of fun learning ahead!

Sam and Daisy



A Hit of Tennis



The Baby Koalas

Last Friday 14th February, the Prep/One/Two students completed Valentines Day themed activities. We discussed various ways we can show our love and appreciation for ourselves, each other and our family and friends. We then brainstormed different things that we love for our writing. We talked about what we love about ourselves (I love that I am and I love that I can) as well as showing appreciation for what we have (I love that I have).

Have a great week everyone
Darren



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Everyone has the right to be safe
and be protected from abuse.

Junior School Council news

J.S.C.



Donut and Drink Day- Wednesday, March 11th at recess

Junior School Council and the Elmore Bakery are organizing a donut and drink day. It is going to be on Wednesday, March 11th at recess.

The order form is below and all orders and money must be back at the school by Friday, March 6th.

EASTER VALUES RAFFLE

What is it?

During lunch and recess time, our Grade 3-6 our Values Leaders are giving out raffle tickets to people who are helping out or doing something good. This is like our values of Respect, Citizenship, Integrity and Resilience.

The tickets will into a bucket and on the last day of term the raffle will be drawn and the lucky winner announced.

How can you donate?

Just bring along to school any Easter type things eg Easter eggs, Easter headbands, fluffy bunnies etc., to go in the prize box.

Paige, Grace and Ms Stanford are the organisers. See them if you have any questions.



Crazy Hair Day & Out of Uniform Day

On the last day of Term 1, Friday March 27th will be Crazy Hair Day & Out of Uniform Day. Students need to bring a gold coin to be out of uniform and everyone can come to school with crazy hair!

Small prizes will be given out for the:-

- ♦ Craziest boy hair
- ♦ Craziest girl hair



Zooper Doopers

Zooper Doopers will be for sale at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and Fridays for the rest of the term starting tomorrow, Wednesday, February 19th. They will cost \$1 each and the maximum any one person can buy is two Zooper Doopers.

Junior School Council members will be selling them led by Callum and Harper.

Please cut off and return to school with your money in an envelope.

✂ _____

Childs Name _____

number ordered

Drinks	Choc Milk \$3.00	
	Straw Milk \$3.00	
	Apple Juice \$3.00	
	Apple/Blackcurrant Juice \$3.00	
	Tropical Juice \$3.00	
Donut	Cinnamon \$2.50	
	Choc Iced \$3.00	
	Strawberry Iced \$3.00	
	Jam Donut \$3.00	

Total	\$ _____
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Our award recipients are:

NUMERACY: Lachlan Down for working hard during maths.

AWSOMENESS: Tom Drust for displaying maturity and responsibility in organising the swimming pool.

LITERACY: Paige Simmie for her holiday writing.

NUMERACY: Callum Giffin for his enthusiasm towards number work in maths.

PRINCIPAL: Genevieve Messfeldt for her great work in the vegetable garden last week.

LITERACY: Annabel Taylor for helping others with their writing.



KIDS EASTER CLUB

ALL WELCOME

Explore the meaning of EASTER through
Story, Craft & Song.

for primary school-aged children & pre-schoolers with a parent

to be held at the UNITING CHURCH Hall, ELMORE.

Tuesdays: March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24

3:45 for 4pm start.

BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL

*Please register with **Liz Dow:** 0408 315 253 or **Michelle Simmie:** 0427 315 230
by 28 February.

All leaders have 'Working with Children' accreditation.

ACTIVITIES:

3:45pm: after school snacks

4pm: Welcome & Story Time

4:15-5:15pm: related craft activities & music

Please note:

*Parent to sign child/children in and out

*Adult helpers welcome

*This is a **free program** provided by
the Uniting Church ELMORE.



School Council Elections 2020

The Annual General Meeting for Elmore Primary School Council will be held on Thursday, March 5th at 6:00pm. Immediately afterwards, we will elect our 2020 office bearers and hold our first meeting for the new Council.

There are currently two parent vacancies, two community vacancies and one DET vacancy, by rotation, for a two year term and any interested parties are urged to nominate for School Council. The whole school benefits from a variety and diversity of opinion on Council, and the value of fresh ideas and enthusiasm is not underestimated. The current School Council is as follows:

Retiring this year: Parents: Leanne Henry, Tim Giffin

Retiring next year: Cameron Renshaw, Michelle Simmie

We thank retiring members, both of whom have made valuable contributions to School Council. Retiring councillors, who meet eligibility criteria, are welcome to nominate for further tenure on School Council.

Nomination forms will be located in the foyer. You can self-nominate or be nominated by a current member. Please see Helen if you have any questions about this process. Please text if you'd like a nomination form sent home.

Successful nominees will be contacted directly by the Principal by Friday, February 25th, 2020 unless the number of nominees exceeds the number of positions available.

Should the number of nominees exceed the number of positions available, the process for an election will be as follows:

Elmore Primary School Council Election Process and Timetable 2020		
Event		Date
a	Notice of election and call for nominations	Tuesday, February 18th, 2020
b	Closing date for nominations	Friday, February 25th, 2020
c	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday, February 25th, 2020
d	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Friday, February 25th, 2020
e	Close of ballot	Tuesday, 3 rd March, 2020
f	Vote count	Tuesday, 3 rd March, 2020
g	Declaration of poll	Wednesday, 4 th March, 2020
h	First Council meeting to elect office bearers (Principal to preside)	Thursday, 5 th March, 2020

House Swimming Sports



SCHOOL PHOTOS 3rd MARCH

**Please bring the envelope and money
back to the office prior to this date.**

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS REQUIRED.