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From the Principal.

‘Gonski’ Funding

Many of you may have heard about the so-called ‘Gonski’ funding. This federal funding model basically distributes funds to schools whose students have the greatest need or disadvantage. Although our school only received a very modest amount of funding in the second half of 2015, we have utilised these funds using a ‘Quality Teaching, Successful Students’ program. We have employed an additional qualified teacher in T4 to give support to students in years 3-6 whose literacy skills are below grade benchmarks. It is hoped that by providing this daily skills acquisition session to each targeted student they will develop stronger fundamental literacy skills and greater confidence to improve learning outcomes across all key learning areas.

I will keep our community informed about any further initiatives which our school is able to implement as a result of any additional ‘Gonski’ funding.

Staff Recognition

Three of our dedicated staff were recognised for their outstanding contribution to public education at an awards ceremony on Monday evening. Mrs Rhonda Whelan received an award for her wonderful work as an office administrator, Mr Peters received an award for innovation and supporting professional learning across our network of schools and Ms Haran received her award for quality teaching practices and supporting the professional growth of colleagues.

This is a strong endorsement of the dedication that these and other members of our staff demonstrate each and every day.

Life Education- Healthy Harold

Educating students about healthy life choices is important. Students who have returned their permission notes will be attending Healthy Harold lessons next week.

Entry into selective HS in 2017-Reminder

Students in Y5 this year have the opportunity to apply for a selective HS for 2017. Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Applications open on 13th October and close on the 16th November.

P & C meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held this Thursday, 29th October, from 7.00pm-8.30pm. At this meeting I will be providing an overview of our school’s 2015 NAPLAN results. Everyone is welcome.
Whooping cough

Although our school has not been affected recently, the NSW Department of Health has issued a statement to say that there has been an increase in confirmed cases of whooping cough and that school communities should remain vigilant when reporting any suspected cases. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child home for 5 days after starting antibiotics.

It is also recommended that you check your child is up to date with their vaccines.

Ninja Belts

Your child may have talked about what ninja belt they are on at school. This is a new program which gets students to talk about their level of competency in the various aspects of numeracy. It is important that students have the language to evaluate their own learning as this promotes engagement in and responsibility of their learning.

Recognition Assemblies

Both our 3-6 and K-2 recognition assembly will be held this Thursday, 29th October. The 3-6 assembly will commence at 12.40pm and the K-2 assembly will start at 2.10pm.

Everyone is welcome to help celebrate our students learning achievements.

Year 6 Farewell committee meeting.

A meeting to coordinate our 2015 Y6 farewell will be held this Thursday at 3.15pm in Mrs Jansen’s room. Please come along if you can assist in any way.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help please contact the school on 46581632 and ask to speak to Mrs Jansen.

Thank you

Wayne Mason

Principal

TIGER SHIELD SOCCER TOURNAMENT

On Saturday the tenth of October 2015, a group of students went to Camden Tigers home ground to play in a football (soccer) tournament called the Tiger Shield. The team was chosen by Mrs Cannings and Miss Markovska. Mr Shipley coached the team and did a great job in coaching the team to the quarter finals. Our first game in the tournament was against Saint Claires who were the defending champions for three years. We unfortunately lost 2-0 but Elderslie gave it their best. For the second game, we played against Newbridge. The game finished 1-0 to them but the boys gave it their best and were just unlucky.

The next game was against Broughton Anglican College. In the team talk, Mr Shipley said that we had to win the game or we better wish that Holy Family have lost all their games. The boys went out and tried their hardest. The game ended 0-0. Mr Shipley went over to the officials and asked what the score on corners were. The officials said that it was a complete draw and that no one won. We were super lucky because Holy Family had lost all of their games as well. We knew that if we won the next game we would go to the quarter finals. Our team never gave up and the score was 2-0. We won!

William F. made history by scoring the first Tiger Shield goal that Elderslie Public School has ever scored, while Liam S. sealed the win with a good finish. Next we versed St Pauls in the quarter finals. Unfortunately, our team lost the quarter finals 0-0 (1-0 on corners). That was very good considering it was the school’s first year in the competition.

All of the players in the team would like to thank Mr. Shipley for entering our school into the Tiger Shield competition and giving up his Saturday so that we could compete in this event.

Written by Jack D., Liam S. and William F. – Year 5.
Sporting News

With all the gala days completed you might think that EPS is taking a rest from sport. However, our students are still very actively participating in a variety of activities.

Congratulations go to Mackenzie C. and Lachlan S. who competed at the State Athletics Carnival as members of the Sydney South West team. Mackenzie, who is in Year 5, competed in the 800m race. She performed exceptionally well, coming 6th overall in the finals of that event.

Lachlan, who is in Year 4, competed in discus. Having only recently turned nine, Lachlan was one of the youngest competitors in his event. He was competing against boys who had already turned ten. Lachlan achieved excellent results, coming 16th in a field of 40 competitors. Lachlan threw the discus an impressive 27 metres!

Three students Sam F., Isabella S. and Will F. attended trials for the PSSA Water Polo competition. Both Sam and Isabella were selected in the Sydney South West team to compete at the Metropolitan Water Polo championships to be held on Monday 16th November. William missed out on selection due to being a bit too short! Maybe next year, Will.

Good luck to Isabella and Sam when they compete at the next level.

The Stage 3 students have started a class v class sports competition. Each week students from all Stage 3 classes compete in boys and girls teams in a variety of sports. At the present time, the classes are playing one another in cricket and oz-tag. The competitors are all determined to claim victory for their class. Points are given out for wins, draws and losses and also for demonstrations of excellent sportsmanship.

The Stage 2 students participate in sports on Thursdays. Each class participates in a variety of games and modified sports including Newcomball, Dance, Yoga and T-Ball. The focus is on developing a range of movement skills. Classes rotate through the sports and games on a weekly basis.

The Stage 1 classes are exercising both their bodies and their funny bones! Mr Shipley recently purchased some dinosaur feet and rubber chickens, so Stage 1 students are learning to throw and catch whilst having a good belly laugh because the “ball” is actually a rubber chicken. They are developing gross motor skills as they stomp around on dinosaur feet. Students are learning about sharing and turn taking and that being fit and active can be lots of fun.

Kindergarten students are busily developing their fundamental movement skills. The boys and girls are practising their catching and throwing skills, side gallops and sprint runs. The students are having lots of fun learning about staying active and sharing equipment.

T. Cannings and M. Shipley
Sports Co-ordinators.

P&C News

Uniform Shop

This is your final reminder that uniform orders are closing this Friday the 30th of October. Please ensure all orders are placed either with the uniform shop or dropped at the office by 3pm. The orders should arrive before the end of term and will be notified via the school newsletter. Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Lisa Dickson
0409 369 688

Admin News

Our Kinder Orientation has started. If you have any child who will be attending Kinder in 2016 and you haven’t yet registered them, please contact the Office as soon as possible. Our next Orientation day will be this Friday 30 Oct.

Don’t forget the school now has payments online via POP. Go to the school web page and click on the “$ Make a Payment” tab.

Thank you
Karen Chrupalo
School Administrative Manager
“Koalas!” “Koalas, ready!” We are just about to find out what our next activity is. “Koalas, you are now going water sliding with Trevor!” “YAY!” We shout. As we are now having Trevor for the third time! And we are finally going water sliding! As we walk over to the water slide we are chanting for Trevor. “Trevor!, Trevor!” we get changed, and walk back over to the water slide.

Trevor opens the gate, I grab a mat, I wait at the stairs, the water is pumping down the slide. Now, we walk up the stairs and I’m third in line. Liam goes down, Sebastian goes down, okay, it’s my turn. I put my mat down, and I push off. I go around the corner at high speed. I slide past my friends, I wave back and kept going. I fly around the next corner, another corner, and splash! I ‘am soaking wet. And I go and line up again.

After what seemed like five minutes, we were soaking wet and freezing. Next up was archery. Okay, flat like a table. Load the arrow. Blue to sky, green to grass. Clip the arrow in. Tall like a tree. Pull back to your ear. One, two, three! I fire the bow, and It’s a bullseye! I fire again. Red. I fire again, I hit the wood. I go to collect. After what felt like forever we had dinner and went to bed.

By Liam Halloran

3/4Blueberries
Having a Dabble in Creativity and Innovation

Yesterday we had the i-Pads in our classroom for the whole day. We were instructed to complete two tasks. One was a photography task and the other was a video task. My group chose to do the photography task.

My group included Will, Lachlan and myself. We made an illusion by positioning Will close to the camera in the top of the photo with his mouth open. We made him close to the camera to make him a large size. Lachlan and I were further in the distance. This changes the proportion of the people in the photo and creates a different effect.

Our original idea was to place a soccer ball close to the camera but the effect didn’t look as great. We started taking photos on the grass but it was too bright so we moved near the library where there was lots of shade. We used the camera on my i-Pad to take the photos. I put it on a ten second timer while Will and Lachlan were in position. I had to quickly run into my position before the timer ran out. We had lots of attempts and ideas but the effect just wasn’t as good as what we achieved with this particular shot.

I hope you like our photo. I have included some photos from some of the other students in my class as well. It looks easy, but it actually takes many attempts to create the right effects.

By Jack D. – 456C

Photo features Will, Jack and Lachlan.
Photo captured by Jack using the delayed timer setting.
Photo features Katya and Laura.
Image captured by Isabella.

Photo features Angel, Mikayla and Bianca.
Image captured by Abby.
# Term 4 Calendar

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Cobbitty Village Markets

Cobbitty Village Markets provide quality & unique Crafts and produce. The markets are held on Cobbitty School Grounds on the first Saturday of each month between 8 am and 1pm.

TRADITIONAL JAPANESE KARATE

ELDERSLIE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Monday & Thursday
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Shihan Michael 0412 611 072
Program Update

Hi Everyone!

At OSHClub, the children's ideas create the program and they have the option to do the activities programmed or there are always materials for free craft available, and equipment for free play.

Welcome back to Term 4 2015! The OSHClub team are happy to welcome the warmer months this term and a lot more active play outside! This term we will be focusing on healthy eating with the children and do encourage any families if they have a suggestion that their family really enjoys to share it with the OSHClub. We will be trying out new recipes as well as tweaking old ones trying to find space for our beautiful seasonal fruits and vegetables. Some of the new things we have started in our menu is yoghurt with fresh fruits such as fresh raspberries and mango.

Just as a small reminder we would ask you to please check your child’s belongings in their bag and if they have an item that is not theirs please return this to OSHClub. Lastly we would like to encourage all of our families to help us develop our own Elderslie Philosophy and do ask if you have any ideas or feedback to please pass these on to the staff.

Thank you this week: To the following families for their donations: Speechley’s, Martin’s, Davies, Pan’s and Chenhall’s

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This week's focus area is to get in touch with their emotions

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0478 081 301
Coordinator: Jess
Assistant: Natalie
OSHCClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program. Remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.