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From the Principal

New staff appointments

I’m pleased to advise you that 2 new staff members have been appointed to our school. Mrs Katrina Smith has been appointed as part of a merit selection process. Mrs Smith is extremely experienced and her skills as an educator have been recognised at her current school where she has held the position of a relieving assistant principal.

Ms Jessica Tougher has been appointed as part of a targeted graduate program. She has been ‘targeted’ by the Department of Education as a result of demonstrating outstanding skills in her training and school internship experience.

We look forward to both teachers starting in Term 2.

Student Feedback focus

Our school will be continuing its focus on providing students with authentic feedback and facilitating student self-assessment. Providing opportunities for students to critically reflect on their own learning and the learning of their peers develops a deeper engagement and a sense of personal responsibility. As we often say, we expect students to work hard when they are at school.

Information about student feedback and self-assessment will be sent home soon.

P &C Annual General Meeting.

Our P&C AGM will be held this Thursday evening from 7.00-8.30pm. We need lots of parents/carers to support the many initiatives that the P&C run so please come along and volunteer to help. Some of the jobs are small “one off” tasks while others require a greater level of involvement.

Voluntary school contributions

We currently have around 45% of families that have paid their contribution. Paying this contribution is one way of supporting our school without giving up your time supporting other fundraising events. Your support in the
payment of these voluntary contributions would be greatly appreciated.

**Gallipoli - 100th anniversary memorial coin.**
The opportunity to purchase a memorial coin for the 100th anniversary of the landing in Gallipoli will be available soon. Our schools rotary group will coordinate the sale of these coins. Although final costs will depend on the numbers ordered, it is anticipated that the costs of the coin will be approximately $4.00

**School Cross Country Carnival**
Our school Cross Country carnival will be held on Wednesday 25th March. Our K-2 carnival will be held at school and the 3-6 carnival will be held at Kirkham Oval.
See full details later in this newsletter.

**Badge Presentation Assemblies - Reminder.**
Students who have been elected as class SRC representatives, school library monitors or sport house captains & vice captains will be presented with their badges at this Thursday’s K-2 and 3-6 assemblies. The 3-6 assembly will start at 12.40pm and the K-2 assembly will start at 2.10pm.

**Dance & Gymnastics programs in Term 2**
Information about a 3-6 gymnastics program and a K-2 dance program will come home shortly. Both programs are delivered by qualified external providers and run throughout T2. The approximate cost for the 9 sessions will be $22.00 and $23.00 respectively. A note with full details and final costing will be sent home shortly.

**Inquiries about your child**
If you require information about your child’s learning programs, excursions, discipline or other welfare issues you need to contact your child’s teacher. If any issues need further clarification or follow up then this needs to be discussed with the stage supervisor which is one of our Assistant Principals. Our Assistant principals are:
Kindergarten- Ms Haran
Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Badewitz

Year 3 & 4 - Mr Peters
Year 5 & 6 - Mrs Jansen
Support classes- T1 Mrs Hodgson & T2 Mrs Bailey.

**Chris O’Brien ‘Lifehouse’ fundraiser on the 24th March-reminder**
The fundraiser to support the Chris O’Brien ‘Lifehouse’ cancer centre which has been organised by some of our senior students will now be held on **Tuesday 24th March**. We request that students bring in some money (no more than $5) on Tuesday 24th March to purchase a ribbon and buy some drinks to support this fundraising event.

**School Banking**
Some parents have requested that the school commence a school banking program. This would be organised through the Commonwealth Bank and be run entirely by volunteers. If you would be interested in your child utilising a school banking program, please send a short note confirming your interest in to the front office as soon as possible. A decision about whether to start a school banking program will be made at the next P & C meeting on the 19th March and will be based on the number of written responses we get from our parents.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews – Week 2 Term 2**
This is an early reminder that we will be holding a parent teacher interview in week 2 of next term. Full details about the online booking process will be provided in the next newsletter. The purpose of this interview is to outline each child’s learning progress and areas for further development.

*Wayne Mason - Principal*
Maths in 4/5/6C

The students in 4/5/6C are keeping me on my toes in maths, particularly the Year 6 students! As I taught many of these students in maths groups last year, I have had to find new, challenging problems for these students to solve. Many of the students in Years 5 and 4 are also showing excellent progress with problem solving. Special mention should be made of Lachlan S., Callan P., and Jackson D., who continue to speed through the Year 4/5 maths problems so that they can attack the Year 6 maths! As a teacher, this type of determination continues to inspire my teaching and I never cease to be amazed by what students are capable of. Below are some examples of problems the students have solved recently:

1. One loaf of bread and six rolls cost $1.80. At the same prices, two loaves of bread and four rolls cost $2.40. How much does one loaf of bread cost? (correctly solved by Rubin C. and Gael S. in approximately two minutes)

2. Six dollars were exchanged for 5c coins and 10c coins. The number of 5c coins was the same as the number of 10c coins. How many 5c coins were there in change? (correctly solved by Katya K. in less than one minute)

3. The product of two numbers is 504 and each of the numbers is divisible by 6. However, neither of the two numbers is 6. What is the larger of the two numbers? (correctly solved by Katya K. in less than one minute)

I would like to congratulate Katie C. and Blanca D. for working hard to improve their speed and accuracy with the 4, 6 and 7 times tables. Alana M. and Madeleine S. have realised that fractions are not as scary as they thought – even those pesky problems that require addition of fractions with prime number denominators.

Congratulations for being brave enough to step outside of your maths ‘comfort zone’ girls!

T. Cannings – Teacher, 4/5/6C.

Tree Time Activity

It is almost time for this term’s Tree Time activity to celebrate the students who have continued working hard to receive tree tokens.

Our tree time activity for this term is an electronics and games session.

The details are as follows:

When: Thursday 26th March 2015 (Week 9)
Time: 11:45am-12:45pm
Where: In classes
Clothes: Green mufti clothes may be worn.

Remember to wear sensible enclosed shoes.

Students are invited to bring in an electronic game or a board game to play with during the session. Games will be kept inside the classrooms and are not to go out to the playground during Lunch and Recess.

Any student who has been placed in our Reflection Room for two or more times this term will be excluded from our Tree Time activity. These students will be given a work pack to complete in another classroom during this time.
KS have been busy learning about famous Artists and have created some of their own Masterpieces.

Emily, Mimi, Eva Rose and Ryan E

Mimi K

Julian M

Lara W

Isaac H
**Student leaders visit NSW Parliament House**

On the 5th of March the student leaders had the privilege to go to Parliament House in Sydney. These six students were: Isabella S, Molly L, Shanayah M, Patrick C, Cael S and Samuel F. At 7:00 in the morning, we came to school and caught a bus to Campbelltown train station. From there we had to catch a train to get into the city. Along the way, we were accompanied by Mrs Jansen… and we even got to meet Sam and Kochie from the Sunrise program.

Once we had found our way to Parliament House, we were invited into meet our tour guide, Mr Chris Patterson MP (member for Camden). We were taken into the lower house and did a short role play to see what it would be like to be a politician. Isabella was the Minister for Education. Soon after, Mr Patterson took us to the Upper House. We met Prue Acton MP. They explained to us how the upper house was created and is run and talked about different ministries.

The treasurer also came to visit us and the other schools during the afternoon. Approximately 500 trillion dollars is given to NSW each year to be spent on education, transport, health, sport, local communities and much more.

Thank you to Mr Patterson for organising for us to go and to Mrs Jansen for taking us. We thoroughly enjoyed this excursion.

Written by: The Student Leaders

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*Student Leaders at Parliament House*

*EPS student leaders meet Sunrise Hosts, Sam and Kochie*

*Camden electorate student leaders and teachers*
Elderslie Cross Country

Our Elderslie Public School Cross Country Carnival for 2015 will be held at Kirkham Oval on Wednesday the 25th March 2015. Students born in 2007 (Under 8) though to students in Year Six will be participating as part of the PDHPE and Sport programs. Students will be walking from school to Kirkham Oval and back to EPS at the completion of the carnival.

The K-2 assembly will be held at Elderslie Public School on the bottom oval. It will commence at 1.00pm and should be completed by 1.40pm. Please ensure you have packed plenty of water, hat and sunscreen plus any medications they may require. The children will need to wear their full EPS sports uniform but may wear a coloured t-shirt for their house. Races will commence at approximately 9.45am and are expected to finish by 12 noon arriving back at school by 12.40pm. A P&C fun lunch is available on the day. Please see the information below.

Mr Shipley

Fun Lunch
- Sausage on a roll
- Drink (please circle)
Popper juice or Chocolate milk or Strawberry milk or Bottle of water
- Treat (please circle)
Freddo frog or Haribo Gold Bear lollies (Very limited supply so please only choose these if your child cannot eat chocolate)

$5.00 enclosed

I am able/unable to help out in the canteen on the day.

Thankyou

Terrina Coughlan Canteen Co-Ordinator

Canteen Fun Lunch
Wednesday 25th March

This Term's Fun Lunch will be held in conjunction with our school cross country carnival on Wednesday 25th March.

The Fun Lunch will consist of: A Sausage on a roll
A Drink (popper juice, chocolate/strawberry milk or a bottle of water)
Freddo Frog (an alternative will be provided for children with Allergies)

The cost will be $5.00. To ensure we have enough stock please return the slip below with payment no later than Friday 20th March.

NO regular Lunch orders will be accepted on the day. All regular canteen menu ice-cream/iceblock products will be available to purchase on the day. Volunteers will be required to help out in the canteen.

If you are available to help out during the day please text me on 0414 807763 or provide details on the slip below.

Assembly times this Thursday

Years 3-6 will be held at 12.40pm. (Gates will be open at 12.20pm)

Kinder-2 will be held at 2.10pm. (Gates will be open at 2.00pm)

SRC badges, Sport House Captains and Vice Captain badges and Library monitor badges will be presented at these assemblies.
Jacob H, San-Huy H, Molly L, Taya K, and Mohammed T are looking forward to commencing the Elderslie High School Science Links transition program this week.

TRADITIONAL JAPANESE KARATE
ELDERSLIE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Monday & Thursday
6:30pm – 8:00pm
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# Elderslie Primary Public School

**TUESDAY 7TH APRIL to FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2035**

**Hours of Operation**
7:00am - 6:00pm
Ph: 6776081 301

**Address:** 170 Lodges Road, Elderslie NSW

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Easter is here and it is very Egg-citing!  
**Activities:**  
* Egg and Spoon Races  
* Pin the Tail on the Rabbit  
* Easter Hat Parade |
| Wednesday | 8th April  | Exotic India
Learn to Bollywood dance and explore the vibrant Indian Culture with us today!  
**Activities:**  
* Elephant and Tiger crafts  
* Rangoli Painting  
* Mudgrip Carvings |
| Thursday  | 9th April  | Autumn In our backyard
Play in the leaves and join us for an outdoor adventure!  
**Activities:**  
* Harvest Dash game  
* Guess the weight of the Pumpkin  
* Nature Weaving |
| Friday    | 10th April | EXCURSION TODAY
Join us as we see the latest Children's Movie at United Cinemas Narellan. Movie title and session time to be confirmed a week prior.  
**Please arrive by:** 8:45am  
For updated departure and return times please confirm with the program coordinator a few days prior.  
**Additional cost:** $25.00 |
| Monday    | 13th April | What's old is new again
Get creative and Recycle or Upcycle our collection of treasures with your imagination today!  
**Activities:**  
* Junk Robots  
* Recycle Relay  
* Bottle Bowling |
| Tuesday   | 14th April | Yellow Brick Road
We're off to the Emerald City to see the Wizard!  
**Activities:**  
* Give the Tin Man a Heart Blindfold game  
* Yellow Brick Road Relay  
* Find some courage Obstacle Course |
| Wednesday | 15th April | EXCURSION TODAY
Go on an adventure with us as we get up close and personal with the animals at the Taronga Zoo today!  
**Please arrive by:** 8:30am  
For updated departure and return times please confirm with the program coordinator a few days prior.  
**Additional cost:** $25.00 |
| Friday    | 17th April | April Fools
Come along with your best practical joke and have a laugh with us today!  
**Activities:**  
* Jester Hats  
* Party Pranks  
* Funny Faces  
**Inursion:** Silent Disco  
**Additional Cost:** $25.00 |