From the Principal.

Learning continuums – What are they?

As part of your recent Parent/Teacher interview your child’s teacher may have made reference to the Literacy or Numeracy learning continuums. These continuums describe the expected student literacy and numeracy progress at key points in time for students in Kindergarten to Y6 and beyond.

Teachers will be using these continuums when writing each child’s report. Every child moves through these levels of attainment at different rates. Receiving a ‘Sound’ on a report means the child is progressing at an appropriate level and is doing well. Most students receive ‘sound’ to describe their progress.

Semester One reports will be sent home on the 24th June.

New School at Spring Farm opening in 2016

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter from the Director of Public Schools Macarthur about arrangements for Spring Farm residents to enrol their child in the new school in 2016. The enrolment process is being done through Narellan Public School during terms 3 and 4.

As you know, Elderslie P.S. was previously the local school for Spring Farm residents and any child enrolled at our school can remain. Families who already have a child here and who have a sibling starting in 2016 can also enrol their child at our school. This allows families to have all their children at the same school.

Vision Screen for Year 1 students. – Tuesday 2nd June

A note outlining an opportunity for all Y1 students to have their vision checked went home this week. Please be reminded that only those students who have returned their permission notes will have their vision checked.

‘Red Day’ Fun Lunch fundraiser –Wednesday 3rd June

The canteen will be holding a Fun Lunch on Wednesday 3rd June. Students can order foods and drinks that are not normally available through our canteen.

These Fun Lunches are held once or twice each term as a fundraiser for our P & C.
Please ensure you send in your child’s Fun Lunch order so that the P & C volunteers can order appropriate amounts of food and drinks. Late orders make things very difficult!

**Values Education**

As part of our continued commitment on educating the ‘whole child’ all classes are involved in discussions that focus on values such as kindness, responsibility, determination, cooperation, honesty etc. Each week students talk about what that particular value means and what it would look like here at our school if it is being used correctly.

Good manners and strong values are important!

**Grandparents Day for ES1 (Kindergarten) – Change of date reminder**

This is a final reminder that the Grandparents day activity for our Kindergarten classes is now being held on Tuesday 2nd June 9am to 11:20am. A note was sent home last week advising of this change.

A whole school Grandparents Day will be held in Term 3

Thank You  
Wayne Mason  
Principal

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**Kindergarten Grandparents and Grand Friends Day!**

Please note there is a change of date for the Kindergarten Grandparents and Grand Friends Day. It will now be held on Tuesday the 2nd of June from 9am-11.20am. We are looking forward to seeing all the Grandparents and Grand Friends there!

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**Debating – Round 1**

The EPS Super Speakers and the EPS Talented Talkers debated against The Oaks Public School on Thursday 21st May. For most of our team members, this was their first ever competitive debate. The Talented Talkers were the negative side of the debate that self-defence classes should be taught in all primary schools. It was a fantastic debate with both sides bringing up many relevant arguments. The result was very close, with The Oaks winning by a narrow margin. The Super Speakers were also on the negative side of their debate, arguing against the topic that homework should be abolished. Once again, each school put forward convincing points and each of the EPS Super Speakers represented our school very well. The debate was so close that the final decision came down to the length of each speaker’s speech. The Oaks won by mere seconds of speaking time. Each of the EPS debaters listened to the feedback provided by the adjudicator and we all look forward to using some of his pointers during our next debate. The next debate on the competitive draw will be an epic battle as the Elderslie Super Speakers go head to head with the Elderslie Talented Talkers. This debate will be held during Week 7 – date and time to be determined. Good luck to both teams.

T. Cannings and M. Viselli – Debating Coordinators.

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Patterns C, Chantel M, Katie C, Madeleine S, Ryan M, Violet S.M, Molly L, Kasey M
**Sporting News**

**Week 6 Gala Day**

The second PSSA gala day will be held on Friday 29th May. The senior and junior netball teams will play at the Kirkham netball courts. Girls soccer will be played at Belgenny Oval, Camden South and boys soccer at Onslow Oval, Camden. The AFL teams will play at Kirkham fields. If your child has a history of asthma, please ensure that they have a Ventolin inhaler with them at their sporting event. Please assist your child to apply sunscreen before arriving at school and pack sufficient water bottles for the day.

Some sports venues do have a canteen operating, however it is recommended that students bring lunch and recess to avoid waiting in long canteen lines.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff, to thank the EPS parents for their excellent support and understanding on sports gala days. Teachers cannot always provide an exact starting time to games and each player is required to take their turn at reserve as required. It is always a relief to know that the EPS parents are supportive and flexible with these arrangements.

Thank you!

T. Cannings - Sports coordinator.

**Razorback Zone Cross Country**

Last Friday, 32 students represented Elderslie Public School at the Razorback Zone Cross Country Carnival at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park. Our students performed very well over a difficult course and represented our school with enthusiasm. Mackenzie C won her race and will now be representing Razorback at the Regional Carnival. We wish her the best of luck.

Thank you to the parents who attended and to our Team Manager Mrs Bryant.

Mr Shipley

**Admin News**

Please ensure ALL money is placed in the letterbox on the Front Office counter and not given to classroom teacher.

Lost property is located in front of the school hall.

**Choir Visits Centenarians Luncheon**

The Junior and Senior Choirs performed at the Centenarians Luncheon in Camden on Monday. The children sang beautifully. At the end of their performance they were given the opportunity to meet the centenarians. The children were enthusiastic and respectful in their interactions with the elderly audience. We received the following letter from one of the organisers.

Just wanted to thank you again for bringing your lovely little choir to our event yesterday. The centenarians and their families really ‘sang’ their praises (excuse the pun!). A lovely day was had by all and as the ladies left they were saying, “see you next year”.

Please pass on our thanks again to the children and of course to the school for allowing the children to participate.

Have a great day

Heather

Heather J Leishman

Care Facilitator

Home Services Macarthu
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.

As most of you are probably aware by now we have a new face around OSHCLUB with Jess starting at the start of term Jess has been working in childcare for 8 years and will be joining the team as the Coordinator when Trude goes on maternity leave at the end of this week(don’t worry she will be back 😊!)

We would just also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we are getting busier as the term goes on so you do need to book in advance if possible.

Also a friendly reminder to sign your children in and out when arriving and departing.

**THANK YOU THIS WEEK**: To The families who donated to

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Parent Information

OSHCLUB program phone: 0478 081 301
Coordinator: Jess
Assistants: Natalie
OSHClub 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.
STAGE ONE EXCURSION

Students in Stage One visited the Wollongong Science Centre for their excursion. They began their day with an ocean view lunch before they arrived at the Science Centre. Next on the agenda was a visit to the Planetarium to learn about the sky and universe. Students then had the opportunity to explore and use different types of technologies. Finally they watched the H2O show and were amazed at the cool things water can do! We had an excellent day!

Science Excursion

On Thursday 1/2M went to Wollongong Science Centre for an excursion. The first thing we did was explore downstairs. The first thing I explored was the parachute.

Firstly I looked at the parachute because it looked really fun. The thing you do with the parachute you put the man under the air with his parachute.

Next we explored upstairs, I went straight to the dinosaurs. I liked them a lot and they looked at me to roar at me!

Lastly we looked at the Planetarium. In the Planetarium we looked at a video about the planets. Before we went we watched a Science Show with water. With the water we made clouds. I had a fantastic time with the class!

Emily E (1/2Magenta)
Science Excursion

On Thursday we went on a bus to Wollongong Science Centre.

Firstly we went to Wollongong Beach, so we could eat our lunch.

After that we arrived at the Planetarium. We put our bags in a room and went into a very dark room to watch a movie.

Next we went upstairs to experiment with games and toys. My favourite game was the parachutes because they went so high up.

Finally we went back to school on the bus. Then we arrived at school and played outside.

Riley A (1/2Crimson)

Science Excursion

On Thursday 1/2Opal went to Wollongong Science Centre and it was fun in the bus. Then we all ate lunch because we went to Stuart Park and it was fun. There was a martian and you had to wait and the ball went up and it made a loud noise. We also went to the Planetarium and there were stars and we saw pictures in them. We then watched a show together and it was fun. There were different kinds of games that we played and they were fun.

Reece D (1/2Opal)

Science Excursion

Yesterday all 1/2 classes went to the Science Centre. We saw lots of cool stuff. We saw a fan that you could turn up and down. We put little parachutes in and they flew up. Next we went to a place where you had to build a wall. Then we went on these bars that you had to hold on to until the timer went off. We went there to learn about Science. My favourite part was the building blocks.

Aidon B (1/2Green)

Science Excursion

Yesterday 1/2R and 1/2O also some of 1/2M went on the big bus to Wollongong. On the bus I sat next to Chloe S. On the way to the Science Centre I saw lots of signs and planes and trees. I also saw some coloured cars too. It was fun on the bus. I fell asleep a little. When I woke up we were there. We had lunch at the park. On my sandwich I had vegemite. After that we went on the bus again to the Science Centre. At the Science Centre it was amazing! What I liked the most was the dinosaurs because I think they were funny. Then we went to the Planetarium. It was awesome!! After that we had a water show. It was fun. Then it was recess. I had plain chips. That was my awesome excursion! I hope we go again sometime.

Charlie K (1/2Rainbow)
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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

Macraken Cleaning Service

Jackie Rushworth

Windows and Domestic Cleans

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New school opening at Spring Farm in 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

You may be aware that the new K-Year 6 NSW government public school at Spring Farm is currently under construction. The school will open in 2016 and enrolments for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are currently being accepted through Narellan Public School.

I encourage you to complete an enrolment form for each child you wish to enrol at the new Spring Farm school and lodge it at Narellan Public School. Enrolment forms are available from Narellan Public School or you may download from http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/gotoschool/enrolment/detsef.pdf. Detailed information about the Application to Enrol Form can be located at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/enrolment/parentsinfo.php

Narellan Public School will organise a Kindergarten Orientation program for those children who will commence Kindergarten in 2016. By lodging an Application to Enrol form, you will provide your contact details and the school will be able to invite you and your child to attend the Orientation program in Terms 3 and 4 2015 prior to starting at the new Spring Farm school in 2016.

I seek your ideas in regard to the naming of the school. In general schools are named according to the suburb in which they are built. This makes it easy to locate the school within a community. In some circumstances a school may be named in consideration of local pioneering men, women or families, famous Australians, writers, scientists, explorers, community leaders or Aboriginal place names or words. If you have a particular reason for the school to be named other than ‘Spring Farm Public School’, I encourage you to complete the attached form and forward to me by email at glenfieldco@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Ms Christine Tasker
Director, Public Schools NSW
Macarthur Principal Network
ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
Information from the Home School Liaison Officer
About Compulsory School Attendance

Good attendance at school by all students is a high priority at Elderslie PS

The law in NSW states that all children between six and seventeen years of age are required to attend school regularly, it is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to make sure that their children attend each day the school is open for instruction.

Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and build important coping and friendship skills. These children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. All children have a right to an education and through regular attendance at school can make the most of educational opportunities leading to happy and successful futures.

At various times throughout the year, the executive teacher in charge of attendance and/or the HSLO may contact parents of students with identified concerns in their attendance. Concerns with attendance may include:

- An attendance rate lower than 90%
- Unexplained or unjustified absences
- Regular lateness / part day absences.
- Extended periods of illness.

The purpose of contact with parents is to promote and support improved attendance at school.

Parents are encouraged to work with the school to resolve any attendance concerns to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for all students at school and in their future opportunities. If you are having trouble with your child’s attendance please contact the school as soon as possible.

Tom Pastor
Home School Liaison Officer
Elderslie PS
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