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From the Principal

**Communication is the Key**

There is certainly a lot happening at Elderslie Public School and I can’t stress the importance of keeping up with the communications between home and school enough! As a 21st century future focussed school we are using ‘e­news’ the online app as often as possible so if you haven’t downloaded the app, we strongly recommend you do so to ensure you are well informed.

Thank you to those who have paid their child/children’s Essential Equipment costs of $40, the $22 subscription for access to both Reading Eggs and Mathletics and the voluntary contribution of $40. We appreciate receiving these payments and understand some families may not be able to make all of these payments at the one time. If you are needing to discuss a payment plan, then please don’t hesitate to call.

The canteen are holding a ‘Showbag Day’ on the 29th March as a special once a term treat for the children to order a special lunch, drink and snacks all in one pack. We will be sending the flyer and order form electronically and if you give your child permission to purchase a Showbag lunch then we ask that you fill out an envelope with your child’s name and class, clearly labelled with SHOWBAG lunch and put $6.00 in the envelope and return it to the canteen. The more notes that are posted electronically means the less paper we are consuming and the more trees we are saving! Your help with this is very much appreciated.

**Pleased with P & C**

Many thanks to all of the parents and staff who came along to our first meeting of the year. It was great to see so many interested parents. We are all looking forward to seeing even more parents at our AGM on the 17th March in 4/5/6H classroom.

**Special Students Spotted**

I was delighted on Friday when I was out on the playground and came across a group of four students busily gathering papers and packaging that had been dropped on and around the playground. These four principled and responsible girls had taken it upon themselves to help clean up our school. I would like to commend and recognise the efforts of Tiffany M, Jasmine B, Veronika M and Hannah A. Thank you girls for helping to keep our school neat and tidy without being asked to.

Next weekend is Clean Up Australia Day and Miss Campbell has included some details about this further on.
Flags Flying High

You may have noticed our Australian flag was looking very worn and faded on one of the flagpoles in the playground. On Thursday 18th we were visited by Mr Russell Matheson who kindly donated three flags to our school. Our student leaders graciously accepted the Australian, the Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander flags. Both the Australian and the Aboriginal flags are now flying high. On Monday 7th of March we will begin the week with a more formal approach. This type of formal assembly will take place at our weekly Monday morning assembly led by our student leaders. The National Anthem will be sung and our newly written school pledge will be read as part of our Monday morning assemblies. Please read our pledge below and you may like to help your child/children learn this very important pledge that reinforces our school’s values.

Pledge
- As a citizen of Elderslie Public School I will enjoy, participate and succeed in all aspects of school life and learning.

- At all times I will follow the school rules and be a safe and respectful learner.

- I am proud to be a student of Elderslie Public School and I will always try to be my best.

Attendance

Please be reminded that any student absences must be explained as soon as possible after the absence. You can send in a note explaining the reason for the absence or if you prefer to speak to your child’s class teacher then you may do so. The Home School Liaison Officer visits our school on a regular basis to monitor attendance.

Parents Dropping Children Off

We would greatly appreciate parents help in the mornings by dropping their child/children off from 8:30am unless your child attends OSH. Some children are finding separating very difficult and having their parents in sight can increase separation anxiety. We are encouraging independence, so your help in this matter will ensure a successful start to each school day!

Who is Who?

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our Site Manager Mr Tim Webber or Mr Tim as many of our students refer to him as and Carolyn Watton one of our School Administration Officers.

Tim Webber

Tim works tirelessly to keep our school looking tip top. Tim has worked here at Elderslie for the past 3.5 years. His hobbies include renovating as he really is a talented handyman with many skills. Tim is very popular with all the students especially when their soccer ball goes over the fence or their shoe ends up on the roof!

Carolyn Watton

Carolyn was appointed to Elderslie Public School back in 2011. Carolyn enjoys working in the Office with Karen and Rhonda and next term she will be at Elderslie PS 5 days a week. She has 2 children and she likes to spend time with her family and her friends. Carolyn is the proud owner of Molly a British Bulldog.
Funky Hair or Hat Day

Two students have taken it upon themselves and their parents to register for ‘The World’s Greatest Shave’ and to help both Adam and Christian with their quest to raise funds to support the Leukaemia foundation. We are asking students to donate a gold coin and wear a funky hairstyle or a funky hat to school and receive a ‘zooper dooper’ ice block in return. The actual shave will take place with both Christian and Adam’s parents on the morning assembly Friday 11th March at 9am. You are most welcome to pop in for 10 minutes to witness the event. The money collected will be donated to the Leukaemia foundation from Adam and Christian on behalf of all of the students at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11th March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Expertise and Interest Register

Have you remembered to fill in the Parent Expertise and Interest Register so we can compile our database of all parents and carers’ skills. Please ask if you’d like another copy!

Induction Assembly

On Tuesday the 1st of March a K-6 assembly was held to introduce our Student Representative Council members, Sporting House Leaders and Library Monitors to the school community. At this assembly, these leaders received their badges and pledged to follow our school rules, uphold our school motto and do their best in their elected role. These positions are essential roles within our school. The SRC meets fortnightly to identify areas of need within the school and forms action plans to make our school an even better place. There are two SRC members from each class and they are responsible for representing the ideas of their peers. Our House Leaders play an essential role in lifting school spirit, four elected leaders from each house support a range of activities within the school including assisting at our school sport carnivals.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
The Library Monitors are a small group of highly organised students that support the running of the school library and a range of literacy activities around the school. We know the elected students will do their very best this year and we look forward to seeing all their exciting initiatives.

Admin News
Lost property is located in the school administration building. PLEASE clearly mark all school hats and jumpers with your child’s surname.

Thank you to all parents who have paid School Resources, Mathletics and Reading Eggs. Passwords for Mathletics and Reading Eggs will be distributed shortly.

There has been some confusion regarding the payments of the Stage 3 Tea Gardens Camp. The total camp cost is $380.00.
A deposit of $100 was required by the end of February.
Payment 2 $100.00 is due by 11/03/2016.
Payment 3 $50.00 is due by 08/03/2016
Payment 4 $50.00 is due by 08/04/2016
Payment 5 $80.00 is due by 06/05/2016

Please contact Mrs Sarjana or Ms Chrupalo if you are experiencing financial difficulties.

Karen Chrupalo
School Administrative Manager

Young Leaders’ Day

On Monday 29th February, the student’s leaders went to the Young Leaders’ Day at Homebush. We learnt about leadership and what makes a good leader. There were 6000 students at the event. We heard from 3 speakers and listened to a panel. The main topic that we learnt about was Master the Little. We had a fantastic day at Homebush and enjoyed all the stories that the speakers told.

By Baileeh & Damon

Library News
We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March. There will be a great range of books for students to choose from starting at only $4. Students will have the opportunity to browse the books with their class teacher on Thursday or Friday next week before the fair commences and make a wish list. The books will then be available for purchase on Monday and Tuesday morning from 8.30-9.30am. The Book Fair will take place in the foyer of the 4/5/6H classroom (old Library). By supporting our school Book Fair you are helping us to purchase new books for our school and for students to borrow and read.

Book Club Issue 2 is due back 21st March.

Nicole Comerford
Librarian

Until our next Elderslie Express
Michelle Sarjana
Relieving Principal
Sporting News

Zone Swimming Carnival
On Thursday the 25th and Friday 26th February, the Zone Razorback Swimming Carnival was held at Picton Pool.

Elderslie Public School had 26 amazing swimmers attend. All of those swimmers did a fantastic job representing our school. They all participated with wonderful enthusiasm and demonstrated great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all who attended, you all did our school proud!

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in attaining a position at the Sydney South West Regional Carnival to be held at Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, The Parkway, Bradbury on Tuesday 15th March.

Kaniesha C
Hayley C
Charlize D
Baileeh F
Alicia P
Hannah S
Emily D
Charlotte C

A big thank you to the large number of parents and family members who came to support their children. The large community turn-out helped ensure a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for all.

Miss Schroeder

Meet the Teachers Session & BBQ
Did you join us for the Stage Information session and opportunity to meet the teachers on Wednesday 10th February?

If so can you please give us your thoughts via email to the school.

* What worked well?
* How could we make our Meet the Teacher sessions and BBQ even better?

Many thanks for any feedback.

 CLEAN UP EPS DAY

In conjunction with Clean Up Australia Day, the whole school will be taking part in a Clean Up EPS Day! Each class will spend a small part of their day cleaning up litter on the school grounds. Students are encouraged to bring in gloves on the day. We have such a beautiful school and it is our job to keep it litter free!

Miss Campbell

Easter Activities

This week a note will be coming home about our Easter festivities. We will be running an Easter Raffle to help raise funds for our school charities, Kids of Macarthur and our World Vision sponsor child. To assist us we would like to ask all K-6 students to donate an Easter egg or something to go in a gift hamper, so that we can make some great prize packs. Your child will bring home a book of raffle tickets to sell. Each family will be given a book of 10 raffle tickets to sell. There are lots of great prizes to be won. The tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2.

If your child is in K-2 please remember to bring in all the materials to make their Easter hats by Friday 18th of March 2016. These go to their class teacher in a plastic bag with their name clearly labelled on the front.
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TRADITIONAL JAPANESE KARATE
ELDERSLIE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Monday & Thursday
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Shihan Michael 0412 611 072

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 1 pm.

ELLINGTON BEAUTY

BODY MASSAGE
Combining the use of essential oils, aromatherapy and Swedish massage techniques

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PREGNANCY MASSAGE
Provided massage with special emphasis on the needs of the mother to be by using or other areas to reduce swelling, increase circulation, release tension and help to prepare the body for labour.

HAND AND FEET MAINTENANCE

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Pair some time off with an aroma therapy body massage, aromatherapy head and end body massages and hair and body treatment packages. Focusing on essential oils blended for your specific temperament.

PH: 043881798

FEBRUARY SPECIAL
BOOK IN WITH A FRIEND AND RECEIVE A FREE FACIAL MASSAGE EACH
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

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.

We have been very busy at OSHClub over the past few weeks learning and growing as individuals and also as a group. We have finally had the opportunity to start our OSHClub garden to eventually growing our own vegetables and we may even branch into fruit. This has been a group project that the children have been taking charge of. We have planted many vegetables and herbs to start off and finally we have some growth. This is an area that the children have shown great interest in and have been very excited to have an area they take charge in and have control over the growth.

We have also started to teach the children about different cultures and languages, we have started with Spanish, Japanese and Chinese. This has been an exciting time for us at OSHClub as we are attempting to draw the children into new cultures and their way of life.

Thank you this week: To all the families for their support through the first half of the term

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This week’s focus area is to enhance the children’s cultural awareness

Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0478 081 301
Coordinator: Jess
Assistants: Bernadette and Sarah
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 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.