Welcome back to another year at EPS everyone!

We’re delighted to welcome 40 new Prep students this year who have made an excellent start to their formal schooling and were officially welcomed into our school community at assembly on Monday. We hope they continue to enjoy school, and to grow and thrive within the fantastic environment that we share.

We have also welcomed a number of students into our Years 1-6 classes—big welcome to Holly M, Marc K and Tiffany K as well as their families to our EPS school community.

Further to that, we also have a new staff team member—Miss Hailey Griffiths! Please introduce yourself to Hailey as you see her in and around our school. We are delighted to welcome all of our new school community members and hope that they enjoy being part of our fantastic school!

Uniform
It’s always lovely to see our students at the beginning of the year all decked out in their new uniform with shiny new shoes! However I have noticed that quite a number of students are regularly wearing sneakers/runners to school. Our Uniform Policy states that shoes must be plain black school shoes for both boys and girls, and that sneakers can only be worn on PE and sport days. If you haven’t already, you should shortly receive a welcome letter from your child’s teacher outlining a number of things, including your child’s class timetable which shows PE and Sport days. Please ensure you adhere to the Uniform Policy and feel free to contact either myself or your child’s classroom teacher if you have any concerns.

Fees
Our ‘Essential Education Items’ (Subject Contribution Fee) this year remains unchanged from the last two years at $140 per student. There is also a voluntary Facilities and Technology contribution that goes towards maintaining our school and our technology equipment. Fees can be paid at any time through the office and there is a copy of the fees statements with this newsletter. We are always more than happy to accommodate payment arrangements via either direct debit, cash payments or using Centrepay which is a very convenient way of making regular contributions straight to your school family account from your Centrelink payments. Please contact Lorraine Cole, our Business Manager for further information.

Also, the ‘Camps, Sports and Excursions’ fund is available to families who hold a current means-tested concession card. Please see the attached flyer for further information and application details. Applications MUST be received by February 29th.

Assembly
Next Monday, the 8th of February our assembly will include a special presentation of badges to our newly elected School Captains, Vice School Captains, House Captains, Vice House Captains and Student Representative Council members. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to join in this celebration—9am in our EPEE Centre.
Recent hoax threats

I’m sure you’re all aware of the recent hoax threats to some Victorian and NSW schools. I would like to reassure you that at Elliminyt Primary we have a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that we enact whenever necessary. In the case of a threat like this, we would implement our ‘Off site Evacuation’ plan in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children. I’m sure you understand that in this phase of the plan our primary concern would not be contacting parents, but instead ensuring all of our students are out of harms way. Should the need arise to contact a number of parents very quickly, we would utilise the Emergency SMS system that is part of government schools technology. It’s therefore for this reason that I urge you to promptly complete the Family Information Sheet that has been sent home with your child/ren and ensure your contact details are always up to date.

School Council Nominations

School Council is the governing body of government schools in Victoria and ours is a very active, positive group that over-sees the running of our school. Every two years, the tender of our parent positions ends and councillors either need to re-nominate or surrender their position. This year 5 parent positions are ending and we are calling for nominations to fill these positions. Please see below for more details about this process.

Diary dates

Student Free Day
This year, our first student free day will be on Friday 26th of February which will allow our teachers to attend a professional development workshop on “Professional Learning Teams”. NO STUDENTS will be required at school on this day.

Welcome Night/Twilight Sports—Wednesday 17th February
This is an opportunity for parents, teachers, staff, students and extended families to all come together and enjoy a picnic tea and a bit of fun in order to get to know each other better. It’s a great chance to meet other parents, chat with your child’s friends and their parents and to chat informally with our staff. Pack a picnic tea, the picnic rug and chairs and bring the whole family along to school. The night will commence at 6pm with a BYO Picnic and will include an event for each year level where the focus is on fun and participation, not achievement.

Athletics Carnival
Our own Athletics Carnival day has been set for Thursday March 3rd, with a back up day of March 10th. Thursday has been chosen to ensure we don’t disrupt the essential Year 1/2 swimming program which runs on a Friday. This day will involve all students from Prep to Year 6.

Parent/Teacher ‘Getting to know you’ Interviews
These are scheduled for Wednesday 9th of March and will take place between 2pm and 6pm. Note: this is NOT a student free day. Closer to this date forms will be sent home for time preferences etc.

Get ready for a busy term everyone!

Angela Hall
Principal

School Council Elections

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. School Councillors generally serve a two year term, with vacancies being created every year via a rotation system. This year, we have 5 Parent Member Category vacancies. As such we are calling for nominations from our parent body to fill these positions.

Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. No special experience is required to be on school council – what you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future. The full council meets monthly, with subcommittees also meeting outside of this monthly schedule.

I hereby issue a Notice of Election for the Elliminyt Primary School Council and call for nominations for the Parent Member Category.

If you wish to nominate yourself, or someone else, please either collect or request a nomination form from the school office and return it to school BEFORE Wednesday 24th of February. Should the number of nominations outweigh the number of vacancies, we will proceed to a ballot.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of this, don’t hesitate to contact either myself, or Sallee Sell, our School Council President.

With thanks,
Angela Hall
Principal
YEARS 1 & 2 SWIMMING 2016

Swimming for Grades 1G, 1/2T and 2G will start next Friday 12th February and run for six weeks. Consent forms were sent home last week please make sure your child’s form is signed and returned to the school along with payment as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Hailey, Hollie & Jonathan

INDO CORNER:
Welcome to INDO CORNER – a small section of the newsletter devoted to our teaching of Indonesian. During the year the children will learn about the language and culture of Indonesian – our largest, closest neighbour. I thought it would be a good idea if the school community also had a ‘crash course’ in Indonesian, via the newsletter. Today we are looking at NUMBERS.

0 – NOL
1 — SATU
2 – DUA
3 — TIGA
4 – EMPAT
5 — LIMA
6 – ENAM
7 — TUJUH
8 – DELAPAN
9 — SEMBILAN
10 – SEPULUH
11 – SEBELAS

Pak Gray (Indonesian teacher)

SCHOOL BANKING
Student School Baking will resume next week. If you would like your child/ren to start school banking information packs are available from the office. Thanks, Megan Doolan

UNIFORM INFORMATION
A uniform order was sent home last Thursday, if you are wishing to place an order please make sure you have your order form and money in by this Friday 5th February. All Grade 6 jacket and t/shirt orders must also be in by this Friday.
Thanks,
Megan Doolan
STUDENT AWARDS

Prep S
Prep S for a fantastic first week at school! Top Effort!

1G
Marc K for being confident and settling in to his new school.

1/2T
Reegan W for his focus, leadership and high standard of work!! Keep up the fantastic work.

2G
Bailee R for setting a great role model standard to kick start Grade 2!

3/4G
Jack H for demonstrating fantastic classroom behaviour and making a great start to the year!

3/4S
Josh S for being an awesome classroom helper!

5T
Imogen S for a super start to 2016! Imogen is organised, helpful around the classroom and she works accurately and carefully!

6H
Edwina H for really ‘stepping up’ from the get go, showing she is a responsible leader in our class

School Value
Dean G for always doing his personal best and being a role model to others with his organisation. Great to see his confidence and wonderful smile. Well done.

Music Lessons
This year we are offering weekly music lessons to our students, provided by “Streetbeat Music School”. This will be a private arrangement that parents enter into with the company, including payment, with the lessons being conducted within the school day each week.

SPORTING SCHOOLS
This term we are running Athletics on and Monday night and Tennis on a Thursday night, each will take place at school with Mr Hackett taking both activities.
Athletics started on Monday with Tennis starting tomorrow after school. There is still room in each group if you wish your child/ren to take part. Consent forms are available from the school office.
Thank you to our sponsors....
Elliminyt Primary School also invites parents/guardians to assist our school by making the following ‘Voluntary’ Payments. The School is extremely grateful to parents/guardians for making ‘Voluntary’ payments which help to ensure technology devices, infrastructure and services, as well as our buildings and grounds remain at an exceptional standard.

**2016 Charges**

**Years Prep to 6**

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**OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

Camps, excursions, performances, swimming and other various events will be charged on a user pay basis.

**VOLUNTARY**

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**Technology Contribution**

The Technology Contribution assists with the cost of technology in the school – hardware, software, digital learning devices (i.e. interactive whiteboards, digital cameras, computers and ICT infrastructure.) This contribution also assists with the upkeep and upgrading of digital learning devices and subscriptions to ICT providers etc

Suggested Voluntary amount $50.00

**TOTAL**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Elliminyt Primary School  
Canteen Price List  
Term 1  2016  
Lunch orders need to be handed in before 9.00am Friday Morning.

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<td>Steamed Dim Sims</td>
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<td>Chicken Strips</td>
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The above items must be ordered in the morning & will be delivered to the class.  
½ Donuts and Mud Cup Cakes are available due to their large size.

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<td>Cheese Rice Sticks</td>
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These items can be purchased from the canteen window after lunch has been eaten.