Wow! We certainly ‘hit the ground running’ here at EPS! A busy start to our year, but that’s the way we like it!

Diary dates
Don’t forget our ‘Welcome Night/Twilight Sports’ event is NEXT Wednesday at 6pm. You can choose to BYO picnic, or our amazing Parents and Friends group are running a BBQ with sausages in bread for $2 and cans of drink for $2.50. This is a great opportunity to chat with our staff, with each other, and to watch our kids enjoy themselves in the fantastic activities Mr Hackett has planned for them. We envisage the night finishing around 8pm.

Friday 26th of February is our first STUDENT FREE DAY for 2016. No students to attend on this day.

Canteen
Our school canteen is run by volunteer parents and is coordinated by Sallee Sell. If you are able to assist in any way, please let us know at the office. Our students REALLY look forward to lunch order day on Friday and all the profits go straight back into our school.

When ordering from the canteen please ensure you clearly label the bag/envelope with your child’s FULL NAME and grade, and ensure the foods they order are both on the order list and appropriate for your child. Mini-mart orders are available through the school office from Monday—Thursday. Please do not order direct from the Mini Mart if avoidable.

School Council Elections
This year we have 5 parent vacancies on our School Council. We are awaiting nominations from anyone interested in filling these vacancies. It’s a fantastic way to be involved in and stay connected to your child’s school and I encourage anyone considering it to nominate and give it a go. If you’d like more information please don’t hesitate to contact either myself or Sallee Sell, our School Council President.

Student Leaders
On Monday of this week I had the absolute privilege of presenting our 2016 Student Leaders with their badges. We are very pleased with the group of leaders we have chosen and know they will do an excellent job of representing our school. Our Student Leadership Group for 2016 is as follows:

School Captains: Eliza W and Danny H
School Vice Captains: Roisy I and Adam G

House Captains:
- Banksia—Edwina H and Connor C
- Eucalyptus—Tahlia S and Frankey F
- Acacia—Clare H and Aysha M
- Grevillia—Lori P and Aiden G

Student Representative Council:

Well done to all of you and I look forward to working alongside you!

While on the topic of leaders, I’d like to take this opportunity to commend and thank our current Year 6 group on their roles as ‘buddies’ to our Prep students. These students have made an excellent start to their role as buddies in supporting the Prep students in a very mature, compassionate and responsible way. They have absolutely contributed to a very positive start to school life for our Prep students. Well done Year 6!

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 sub-committees 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

Canteen
Friday 12th February, 2016
Morning Supervisor:
Nita Carson
9:00am: Ally Groves,
Casey McCoomb, Sallee Sell
Afternoon Supervisor:
Hayley Dewar
12:30pm: Leanne Scott, Donna O'Reilly

BOOKCLUB
Our first book club order forms for the year were sent home last week. Orders can be placed in the box in the office. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to ‘Scholastic'.
If you wish to order books without your child's knowledge please mark this request very clearly on the order form. You will be personally contacted when the orders arrive so that you can collect the books from the office.
Orders for this issue are due back on Friday 12th February.
Thank you, Jane Watts

INDO CORNER:
Did you know that Indonesia has the fourth largest population in the world – approximately 240 million people. Indonesia also has world's largest archipelago (group of islands) – about 13,677; last time I checked.
Pak Gray (Indonesian teacher)

PIANO LESSONS
If you are interested in your child/ren learning piano Pam Radcliffe has a limited number of times for lessons for 2016. For more information please contact Pam on 52314194.

STREETBEAT MUSIC LESSONS
Instruction is available at school for Guitar, Keyboard & singing provided by ‘StreetBeat'. Details and forms at the office.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
The Parents & Friends committee had a fantastic first meeting and it was lovely to meet 4 new mums willing to give it a go and raise some much need funds for our school. We are dedicating our fund raising to a new school fence this year. I hope that if you can help out in any way it would be much appreciated. It doesn’t just involve attending meetings and organising events. We have this covered with a great team of committed parents. But it is about putting your hand up to help out at the various fundraisers we host throughout the year. It might be just about selling the hot cross buns to your work colleagues, obtaining a raffle prize for our end of year raffle, donating to our mothers and Father’s stalls and Easter raffle or just buying one raffle ticket! What ever you can do and how ever you can contribute will greatly help us out and makes it all worth while. Remember to join our face book page so you can keep up to date with all that is happening.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:
February 17th—Sausage sizzle at our Welcome Night
Any dads wanting to show off their BBQing skills please let us know if you can help

Easter raffle donations needed. Anything Easter. Please leave at the office.

Looking forward to a fabulous 2016 and seeing that new fence go up!

Warm regards Kerrin Irvine (President)
STUDENT AWARDS

Prep S  Taiah W for striving to achieve her personal best. Well done!
Prep R  Callum L for having a positive start to the year and already demonstrating 5L’s.
1G     Penny M for being a great classmate and role model, and always doing her personal best.
1/2T    Zeke C for his leadership and ‘PERSONAL BEST’ attitude towards all of his school tasks.
Ruby H for bursting through the classroom door with a smile on her face.
2G     Charles L for great organisation in the morning and always being happy to offer assistance.
3/4C    Annalise L for modelling our school values of honesty, respect, personal best and responsibility.
3/4S    Amber F for being super responsible, trusting and mature in her learning.
5T     Zainab B for her excellent attitude towards her learning, working carefully but efficiently to complete work tasks.
6H     Kody W for making a positive start to 2016! Kody has been a responsible, mature and well behaved student.
Art     Jade W for being supportive and helpful to her team.
Sport   Jed W for excellent participation in PE and Sporting School Tennis.
Indonesian  Jaymee M-K for brilliant knowledge of Indonesian numbers.
School Value  Matilda B for her friendliness and positive, confident attitude. Keep up those wonderful smiles.

ELLIMINYT PRIMARY ART GALLERY
Prep R and Prep S have taken over the art gallery space in the main building, just next to the library and art room. You are invited to come and enjoy their totems on display.
Caroline McCallum

KANA
The theme this year for kana is “Our Wonderful Otway’s”. The parade will be held on Saturday 19th March, so lock this date into your calendar. Their will be more information in the coming weeks.

SRC INFORMATION
The SRC will be holding a Pyjama Day in March. All money raised will go towards The Good Friday Appeal. More information will be in the next weeks newsletters.
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