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2016 Term Dates
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From the Principal’s desk…..

Student Free Day
Last Friday our staff spent time learning about and planning for ‘Professional Learning Communities’ which is a way we can enhance our current team work and the way we use information from students in order to maximise their learning opportunities. It was a great day that was very well spent!

Athletics Carnival
Our carnival will be held TOMORROW at Central Reserve. Students in Years 3-6 will commence at 9:30am, and the Prep-2 students will join them at 12noon. Students will be bussed from school to the reserve and back again at the end of the day. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch and plenty of fluids to get them through the day and don’t forget to dress in your school house colours.  Please note that NO SHOP ORDERS will be available on the day.
If any parents are available to assist with the activities on that day, please let us know at the office. The more helpers we have, the better the experience for our kids. Parents—if you are joining us on the day please ensure any children you are monitoring DO NOT use the grandstand due to safety concerns. No EPS students will be permitted up there.

Fruit supplies
At the moment we are unable to access the ‘Second Bite’ program that we have used in the past to supply fruit for those students who don’t have it. If any families have any excess home-grown fruit or vegetables that they are happy to donate to the school, any items would be gratefully received.

Parent Teacher Meetings
Thank you to all those families who returned the Parent Teacher Interview request slips. These interviews will take place NEXT WEDNESDAY and a time confirmation slip will be sent home this Friday informing you of the timeslot for your child/ren. We do our best to accommodate everyone’s preferences, although I’m sure you understand this isn’t always possible!
As these are introductory meetings our staff are looking forward to hearing from you about your child and your understanding of their learning and personal needs. Please bear in mind these meetings are scheduled for 10 minutes only and it’s important that we stick to these time constraints. If you require more time, please schedule another appointment with the classroom teacher.

PJ Day
Our Student Representative Council are holding a ‘Pyjama Day’ NEXT THURSDAY in order to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. As a school we have been supported by the work of this hospital and are excited about being able to give back to this amazing facility. Students are asked to come to school dressed in their PJs, but please ensure they wear suitable footwear, not slippers. This does not have to be school shoes, but must be safe, enclosed shoes. A gold coin donation is requested from each child that will be fully donated to the hospital.

Attendance
Why is it the rule? Why does it matter?
It matters because we’re committed to your child’s education! One of the best ways to nurture learning is with consistent attendance. Even regular late arrival can affect the quality of learning for your child, but also for everyone in their class – it is estimated that the average student will lose up to one year of education due to absence and lateness. An entire year! Just imagine the impact that could have by the time your child reaches Year 6! For important parent information regarding student absence, please follow the link below:


Angela Hall
Principal
**Canteen**

Friday 4th March, 2016

Morning Supervisor:
Sallee Sell
9:00am: Karly Shaw, Deb Reynolds
Elizabeth Borsos
Afternoon Supervisor:
Casey McCoome
12:30pm: Julie Walters, Kellie Bennett

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

A huge thank you to our hot cross bun sponsors LJ Hooker, Borwicks Trading, Plants Plumbing Plus, Spence Construction, City Bowls, Pam Shaw Remedial Massage Therapist, Little Tikes Family Daycare, Tyre Power, CTMP and HF Richardson.

Keep your eye out for order forms for the Hot Cross Buns as they will be sent home this week.
If you wish to help with the making of our Hot Cross Buns on March 20th please let Hayley Dewar or the office know.

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday 7th March 10 am canteen. See you there.

Kerrin Irvine
(President)

**INDO CORNER:**

COLOURS in Indonesian –
MERAH - RED
MERAH MUDA - PINK
BIRU - BLUE
HIJAU - GREEN
KUNING - YELLOW
COKLAT - BROWN
JINGGA - ORANGE
HITAM - BLACK
PUTIH – WHITE

Pak Gray
Indonesian Teacher

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

2nd Colac Sea Scout Group are inviting the community to help clean up Lake Colac on Clean Up Australia Day this Sunday 6th of March between 10am and 2pm.

Participants can register online at [www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au) or just sign up on the day at the 2nd Colac Sea Scout Hall, located near the Colac Yacht Club off Armstrong Street and Queens Avenue.

Participants are reminded to wear appropriate clothing and bring along a pair of gloves. Rubbish bags will be provided, and there will be a briefing on the day at 10am.

For more information please contact Jonathan Graham 0439 329 713

**KANA 2016**

The Kana theme this year is ‘Our Wonderful Otways and the parade will be on Saturday 19th March at 1:00pm. Every year our entry in the Kana Parade is well received and popular with the students who love to participate in this whole school/community event. This year we will be having a large dinosaur on our float and we would like the children to dress up as anything from the Otways which could be a dinosaur, glow worms trees etc. I am looking forward to a successful joint venture with students, parents and teachers. Caroline McCallum.

My child/ren will/will not be participating in the Kana Parade on Saturday 19th March at 1:00 pm.
I am/am not available to assist on the day.
**STUDENT AWARDS**

**Prep S** Seth C for his great work during independent task time. Keep up the good work!

**Prep R** Chloe H for being a responsible team member of Prep R.

**1G** Saxon E for his excellent money skills and for always encouraging others.

**1/2T** Mathilde D for developing into a positive, kind and helpful team member who always tries her personal best!

**2G** Adam H-B for being a “see something, do something” problem solver!

**Natalie L** for being a caring and compassionate friend who shows respect to others.

**3/4C** Harrison H for displaying a great work ethic and helping others in the classroom.

**3/4S** Spencer H for taking the initiative to help out another classmate during a tricky task. Well done!

**Camron P** for being a mature, fair and responsible team member, ensuring his team achieves to their highest potential.

**5T** Hermione B for using her learning time very well and always doing her personal best work. Great attitude Hermione!

**6H** Clare H for effectively incorporating her natural ability and flare into her first Big Write narrative!

**Lori P** for accurate and fluent reading when reading difficult texts.

**Science** Emily M for her research and learning so much about gravity at school and home.

**Jai W** for his excellent work in Science at school and home.

**Sport** Joel F for outstanding sportsmanship and effort in P.E.

**Indonesian** James W for being a helpful classmate.

**Mitchell H** for enthusiasm and participation in Indo.

**School Value** Ella M for helping at the Family Night volunteering.

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

This week’s Principal’s Award goes to the Year 6 Buddies for doing an amazing job of looking after our Prep buddies. Excellent team work guys!
Thank you to our sponsors....
Elliminyt Primary School Athletics Day
Thursday March 3\textsuperscript{rd} Central Reserve

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