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School Diary

March 24th—Final day of Term 1 — 2:30pm dismissal
Casual Dress Day—gold coin donation
April 11th—Term 2 begins 9.00am start
April 25th—ANZAC Day Public Holiday

2016 Term Dates
Term 1: 28/1—24/3
Term 2: 11/4—24/6
Term 3:11/7—16/9
Term 4: 3/10—20/12

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From the Principal’s desk.....

Kana
Wow! What a float that was! Unfortunately I wasn’t in Victoria to be able to enjoy Kana but the photos certainly do tell the story! An AMAZING effort by Mrs McCallum, supported by Mrs Slater, Ms Sell and Jane, along with our students and families to pull together the AWESOME display! A great example of just what a fantastic school we are! Well done again Mrs McCallum!!

Also on the weekend our dedicated P&F group, with the help of many others mixed, kneaded, shaped and baked their way through our annual Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. This is a HUGE task and is a credit to the commitment of our P&F volunteers for the betterment of our school. On behalf of our entire school community, THANK YOU for the amazing work you do to support us all!

Swimming lessons
Thank you to those parents who have responded regarding swimming lessons for students in Years 3-6. If you have not yet done so, please return your expression of interest TOMORROW in order to be considered in our decision making.

Religious Education
We have been offered a teacher to run a Christian education session once a week through ACCESS Ministries for our students at a cost of $10 for the year. The sessions will be run at lunchtime, in line with recent legislative changes that restrict RE to sessions before or after school, or at breaks. As this is an ‘opt-in’ arrangement I’m seeking expressions of interest from families who would like their child/ren to participate. A small return form is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions regarding this program, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Looking ahead....
For the information of parents of students in Years 3-6, our 2016 camp program is as follows:

- Year 3/4—one night at Sovereign Hill in November.
- Year 5/6—two nights at Camp Kangaroobie in November.

At this stage costs have not been confirmed so we are unable to provide an estimate, however parents are most welcome to begin paying off these camps at ANY stage—remembering that CentrePay and direct debit are very effective ways of keeping your school account balance positive! Please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Lorraine, our Business Manager with any queries about accounts/costs.

Health Eating
As mentioned previously our School Council is in the process of drafting a revised Healthy Eating Policy. Part of this initiative is providing parent with tips/suggestions regarding healthy lunchbox options. Included in the newsletter each week you’ll find a section titled “Healthy Lunches”. We hope you enjoy it and find lots of yummy things to try in lunchboxes!

School Council
Earlier this month we held our Annual General Meeting, part of which involved inducting our newest member, Carla Marshall, as well as electing our office bearers for the 2016/17 year. Many thanks to both Carla as well as Sallee Sell who has continued her role as President, Emma Warton for her role as Vice President, Johanna Latham as Secretary and Adam Hall as Treasurer. Also thank you to our volunteer staff members Denise Hulonce and Nicole Slater who have extended their current tenures until 2018. Your commitment and enthusiasm towards our school is very much appreciated.

End of Term 1
Unbelievable, but Term 1 comes to an end this week! The last scheduled day is this Thursday, 24th of March, due to Good Friday falling on Friday 25th. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day. Lunch will be at 12:30pm and students are invited to wear CASUAL DRESS with a gold coin donation going towards our SRC fundraising. I’d like to once again take this opportunity to reflect on ’the term that was’ and all the fantastic learning that occurs in our school every day. Some highlights include:

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter break! A great time to relax with family and friends, doing the things that you enjoy. See you all on April 11th—ready to go for Term 2!

Angela Hall
Principal
Friday 25th March, 2016

NO CANTEEN
GOOD FRIDAY

PARENTS & FRIENDS
A huge thankyou to all the amazing mums and grandmothers who came and helped with the Hot Cross Buns. We made 2000 buns. A brilliant effort with a profit of $1594 for the Hot Cross Buns and $1296 for the Easter Raffle.
The winners of our Raffle are:
Connor & Josh Carson and family
Caroline McCallum
Harley Hill
Hugh Riches
Carsen Bath
L. Dougherty
Caroline McCallum
Nicole Walter
M. Heinze
Caroline McCallum
Anna Borsos
Mason Murray
Rachel Walker
L. Dougherty
Nicole Slater
Annalie Harris
N&K DeLaRue
Anna Borsos
Anna Borsos
Alex Heaton Harris
Caroline McCallum
Luke Quilty
Kellie Bennett

Kerrin Irvine
(President)

KANA THANKYOU
What a great time we had at Kana. Our float won an award for the most dramatic and colourful and that it was! Thanks to all the children who supported EPS both at school and on the day. The truck was soooo big I wasn’t sure we could fill it with children but we had to squeeze in at the end. Well done everybody for getting into the spirit of our wonderful Otway’s and dressing up, your costumes were amazing. Enormous thanks go to Scott Peschel for all his work on Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Scott does a great job driving the truck so smoothly in the parade and in helping to make things work on the back of the truck. His trusty helpers, Kerry, Chelsea and Riley also need a mention as does Harry’s dad, Jarrod Ingram who was also a big help on Saturday morning. Outside of our school community Karl, from Wettenhalls, was very generous with his time and donation of the truck for the parade and Sam Evans from Forrest was more than happy for us to borrow his enormous dinosaur and even delivered it to Colac for us to use on Saturday. Thank you both enormously.

Caroline McCallum.

REASONABLE EDUCATION
I would like my child/ren .......................................................... to participate in the Christian Religious Instruction program at Elliminyt Primary School in 2016, held during lunch breaks.
I am prepared to pay $10 per child for this program.
Signed: ..........................................................
Healthy Lunches—Fruit!

Include at least one serve of fruit in your child’s lunch box each day. Use fresh seasonal fruit whenever possible. Canned fruit in natural juice (with no added sugar) is also a good alternative. Dried fruit is high in sugar and can stick to teeth, resulting in dental health problems. It is best to include dried fruit only occasionally.

Some ideas for including fruit in your child’s lunch box include apple, either whole or cut into quarters – try royal gala, granny smith, delicious, Jonathan, pink lady or golden delicious varieties, banana, mandarin, orange cut into quarters (can be sent to school frozen), passionfruit cut in half with a spoon, cubes of watermelon, honeydew or rockmelon, chunks of pineapple, mango cheeks or slices, bunch of grapes – white or black, plum, nectarine – white or yellow, peach – white or yellow, apricot, small container of berries – try a mixture – strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, cherries, kiwi fruit with a spoon, pear – nashi, brown, packham or Josephine varieties, lychees! Experiment with what tastes good!

VALUES CORNER

Our School values of Honesty, Responsibility, Respect and Personal Best are core to what we do here at EPS.

This week we will look at some examples of Honesty in our school....

⇒ Handing in money found at the canteen line
⇒ Telling the ‘real’ story even when it means you get in trouble for what you do
⇒ Not saying things about people that you know aren’t true
⇒ Not hiding the truth—telling the full story in every situation

Mrs Hall
**STUDENT AWARDS**

**Prep S**  
Imogen M for showing courage when faced with challenges. Super effort Imogen!

**Prep R**  
Ethan P for always displaying all our school values in the classroom.

**1G**  
Riley L for being a positive class member and trying his best!

**2G**  
Lucindah B for an excellent transition into the 2G team. Welcome to Elliminyt Primary School.

**3/4C**  
Kianna M for being a great team member, helping others in the classroom and being an awesome all rounder!

**3/4S**  
Luana G for having an extremely high and positive work ethic. Always working hard and helping others. Great attitude!

**5T**  
Demi H for her excellent sportsmanship and the diligent manner in which she works on all tasks at school.

**Mitchell H** for always striving for his personal best at school and for being a responsible, helpful class member.

**6H**  
Mikhaela R for showing improvements in the You Can Do It values of Getting Along and Resilience.

**Eliza W** for always going above and beyond the expected levels when planning and completing tasks.

**Art**  
Every single Kana helper for being proud of our school!

**Indonesian**  
Hermione B for fantastic singing of an Indonesian song.

**School Values**  
Ruby H (1/2T) for her positive attitude to school and responsible efforts towards others. Top effort!

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

This week’s Principal’s Award goes to Xavier C for excellent improvements in his overall approach to school.
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