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2015 Term Dates

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ELLY NEWS

From the Principal’s desk…..

3/4 Market

Last Thursday and Friday our 3/4 Learning Community conducted a ‘Twilight Market’ as part of their Integrated Studies unit this term. All money raised is being donated to “The Long Road Appeal” that is attempting to bring cancer treatments to Colac. The market was a HUGE success with our students gathering, sorting, pricing and promoting donations of goods, or services that they could provide themselves. Our team of staff and students must be congratulated on this fantastic effort, but thanks also to all the parents and school community who came along to the market and contributed to it’s success!

5/6 Great Debate!

To mark the culmination of the senior school ‘Democracy’ unit our 5/6 students will be participating in a debate THIS FRIDAY. The two highest scoring teams from each grade will ‘face off’ in a debating final! Parents are more than welcome to come and watch the ‘Great Debate Final’ which promises to be an intriguing event! It will be held in the EPEE Centre on Friday, 26th of June at 9:30am.

End of term arrangements

Remember that this Friday is the last day of Term 2, so school will conclude at 2:30pm.

Our Student Representative Council are running a ‘Casual Day’ so all students can come to school in their casual clothes, providing a gold coin donation.

Term 3 starts on Monday 13th of July. Mrs McCallum will be taking some leave for the first two weeks of next term—we wish her a relaxing break! I will also be on leave during the first week of Term 3—Mrs Denise Hulonce will be Acting Principal during this time. Please don’t hesitate to contact her for anything you need.

Policy

Due to recent legislative changes, our ‘Smoking Policy’ has required a redraft. This draft is attached to the newsletter for school community input. If you have any suggestions or concerns with this policy, please contact either myself of Denise Hulonce at school.

Uniform

There has been some confusion regarding students wearing sky-blue t-shirts as school uniform. These t-shirts were phased out over the last few years, with that ‘phasing’ period ending at the end of 2014. These t-shirts are now NO LONGER school uniform. Also, sneakers are only permitted on PE or sport days. Sneakers are not part of our regular uniform—plain black school shoes are the expectation.

If any families are having difficulty in ensuring their children are in correct school uniform, please contact myself or Mrs Hulonce at school and we will do what we can to assist.

Eating areas

In order to counteract some of the rubbish we’ve been encountering in the yard, students have been allocated to ‘eating areas’. Our Prep-2 eating area is the new Outdoor Classroom, and our 3-6 area is the timber seating around the BER garden. All students are expected to be in these areas when eating at either recess or lunch. Students will still be given time to eat their snack and lunch in the classroom and encouraged to deposit their rubbish in the bin before leaving.

Parents can assist their children to minimise the rubbish and impact this has on our environment by packing ‘nude foods’ in their child’s lunchbox. ‘Nude foods’ are those that don’t require packaging, eg. bananas, apples etc. Alternatives such as biscuits or s sandwiches can be packaged in containers rather than plastic wraps, which will also assist. Our School Council are currently evaluating our practices regarding the AusVELS Health curriculum and our approach to student wellbeing. If you would like input into this process, please let me know.

Surveys

Our Year 3/4 students should be bringing home a Parent Survey regarding the 3/4 Learning Community. If you didn’t receive one, please let us know.

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone!

Angela Hall
Principal
**SRC CASUAL DAY**

Friday the SRC are holding a casual day for the last day of Term 2. There will be a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to ‘The Long Road Appeal’

**DRESS UP DAY YEARS PREP, ONE, TWO**

Tomorrow Thursday, 25th June P-2 students are invited to come dressed as a sportsperson, sport or hobby. This is to celebrate our learning this term during our unit of work ‘Work, Rest & Play.’

**TWILIGHT SUCCESS!**

On behalf of the Grade 3/4 Team, we would like to thank the E.P.S. Community for donating to our Twilight Market last Thursday. Without your support the market wouldn’t have been able to go ahead. We were fortunate enough to raise $951 for the Long Road Appeal of Colac. It was a great experience and we learnt a lot about teamwork and doing things for others.

Yours Sincerely

Xavier, Jayden, Trent, Megan, Isaac, Jack and Emily L

**YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL CLINIC**

You may be aware that in the recent State budget announcement there was provision for a ‘Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund’. As of today, we are able to apply for support through this fund to assist families who hold a Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans Affairs Gold Card. The card must have been valid on the first day of Term 2, 2015. Payments will be made directly to the school and will be credited to the student’s account. If you hold one of the above cards, please collect an application form from the school office all applications must be lodged before this Friday June 26th, 2015.
STUDENTS AWARDS

Prep  Mason M for his great work in mathematics! Keep up the great work.
P/1H  Tilly H for being a great all-round student.
1T  Hudson D, Zarah D & Archie W for striving for their ‘Personal Best’ in writing and creating an exceptional information report!!
2G  Austin D for demonstrating role model behaviour and problem avoidance skills in class.
3/4R  Lily B for some extremely creative ideas in our ‘Big Write’ session and for her great teamwork at our Grade 3/4 Twilight Market!
3/4T  Matilda B for her terrific teamwork. Matilda helps others, listens well, is enthusiastic and works hard! Well done Matilda!
5H  Roisy I for her persistence and determination to complete her homework.
6H  Angus Z for showing a positive attitude, great leadership and good sportsmanship in the Lightning Premiership competition.
Art  Bailey S and Aysha M for continued excellence.
Sport  Jack H for sportsmanship and teamwork in Badminton.
School Value  Megan H-B for being co-operative, working well in a group. Great to see that smile. Keep it up.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

This week’s Principal’s Award goes to Lochlan G.

Lochlan demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and a ‘have a go’ attitude at the Lightning Premiership.

Well done Lochy—representing EPS with pride!

Keep up the great work!
By Zarah D 1T

By Archie W 1T

By Hudson D 1T
Smoking policy

Policy Statement:

Our school recognises the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for the school and its staff to provide positive role models to students. Consequently, for the protection of staff and students, smoking is not permitted within any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function by students, staff or visitors.

Aims:

1. To ensure that all students are made aware of the dangers of smoking.
2. To ensure that a fair and reasonable process for responding to incidents of smoking is developed, understood and consistently followed.

Implementation:

- Smoking and passive smoking are dangerous to the health of both Elliminyt Primary School staff and students.
- The Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985, requires employers to provide a safe workplace, and as far as practical, without risks to health. The Tobacco (Amendment) Act 2005 prohibits smoking in enclosed workplaces and at under aged music/dance events. Consequently, smoking is not permitted in any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function, by students, staff or visitors. Failure by employees to comply with the Act is an offence.
- From 13 April 2015, smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.
- It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable ‘No smoking’ signs at all entrances to the school grounds. The smoking ban applies to anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups. It also applies to any and all activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fates.
- The Elliminyt Primary School Council Code of Conduct bans staff smoking outside of the school property within the view of students and it is also the strong preference that parents and visitors to the school abide by this.
- The health risks associated with smoking, informed choices and the influence of peer pressure in decision making will form part of the whole school approach to the AusVELS Health curriculum for all students.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...