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2015 Term Dates
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Term 1: 28/1 — 24/3
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From the Principal’s desk…..
Only a week and a half of Term 3 left!

Father’s Day
I hope all our Dads and special men had a great day on Sunday and enjoyed time spent with their families. Many, many thanks must go to our dedicated P&F team for arranging the beautiful gifts our children were able to purchase last week in order to treat the men in their lives. It really is a pleasure to watch the enjoyment the children get from ‘shopping’ for their special man/men. Thanks also to all the families who rallied to ensure we had enough donations to make sure all our children had something to give.

‘TRACE’ program
Over the next two weeks we will be hosting various speakers and events provided by our local Road-Safe group focussed on our children’s safety on and around roads. This is a free program that is assisted by the Colac Otway Shire. Yesterday we had Mr John Lee from Victoria Police talk to all our students about road rules and how they can ride/scoot/walk to school safely, including the proper way to wear a helmet. Please revisit this talk with your children at home to ensure they fully understand the best way to keep themselves safe every day.

Another part of the program, specifically for parents is the offer of free Child Restraint checks. These will take place on Monday 14th of September from 3pm onwards. Bookings for these can be made directly through RoadSafe on 52321088.

We’ll also be conducting a final assembly for the term on Friday 18th of September at 11:30am when prizes for the associated competitions will be awarded and we’ll have a hybrid car on display which the RoadSafe group will educate us about. Parents are encouraged to attend this assembly.

It’s also a timely opportunity to remind parents and families about safe traffic movement around our school, particularly during the busy drop off and pick up times. Our EPEE Centre carpark is available for parents to use, as are the designated parking spaces in Slater Street. Please ensure you are using a designated space and driving slowly around our school. Children can be unpredictable, and don’t always look carefully. Also, be aware of the new restrictions regarding smoking around schools. Smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of a school entrance and we encourage parents to not smoke at all around our school boundaries in the best interests of all our children.

Basketball
Last Thursday we had two teams representing EPS at the Colac Basketball Championships at Colac Primary. Both our girls and boys teams gave it everything they had and I was very proud of their efforts. I was fortunate enough to be able to see a couple of our boys games and witnessed a great deal of effort and great sportsmanship — and a great win! Well done to all!

Thanks to Mr Hackett for both organising our teams, as well as coaching both of them on the day.

Lock Down Drill
Next week a “Lock Down Drill” will take place. If parents have any concerns after please contact me.

End of term arrangements
Next Friday our SRC are hosting a ‘Footy Fever Day’ and students are encouraged to wear their footy colours to school. A gold coin donation is requested for the day. Our canteen will be offering a ‘Footy Food Day’ menu — order forms included with this newsletter.

Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day.

Angela Hall
Principal
Friday 11th September, 2015
Morning Supervisor:
Nita Carson
9:00am: Sara Furney, Claire Suares, Rebecca Graham
Afternoon Supervisor:
Hayley Dewar
12:30pm: Marlene Farnes, Donna O'Reilly

SWIMMING Prep S and Prep/1 H
Next term, students in Prep S and Prep/1 H will visit Heather’s Swim School for 6 swimming lessons. The first lesson will be on Friday, October 23rd. The cost will be approximately $50. The cost will be confirmed on the permission slip which will be sent home week 1, term 4.

MARKET DAY
As a culmination of all the learning and hard work on their Earn and Learn topic this term, Grade 5/6 have been planning a Market Day. We would like to invite the students and teachers of Elliminyt PS as well as our wider school community to visit our stalls which will be selling various goods and services.

Hot Dogs  Lollies  Cakes  Drinks  Beads  Jewellery  Nails  Hair  Face Painting
AND LOTS MORE
When: Monday 14th of September 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Where: EPEE Centre
Don’t forget to bring your money

‘ODDBALL’ The Movie
Otway Plains District Scouts invite you to a screening of the brand new family movie ‘Oddball’ staring Shane Jacobson. Thursday 17th of September at Colac Cinemas.
Adults at kids prices. All tickets $13.
For more information visit Otway Plains District Scouts on Facebook or contact Kathy on 52348376

SYNERGY KIDS
Please note that there is no more Synergy Kids
Current grade 6 students are invited to attend Synergy Youth at 7pm, Fridays.
Please contact Vicki on 0419 786 256 for more details.

EARN & LEARN STICKERS
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Every little bit helps.
Thanks again for all your support!
STUDENT AWARDS

Prep  Tyler F for his excellent work in Maths. Top counting on Tyler!
P/1H  Jake D for trying to do his personal best and attempting to complete tasks on time.
1T   Scarlett A for a positive attitude towards her tasks at all times. Keep up the fantastic work!
2G    Xzani H for working on her tasks independently.
3/4R  Shay-Lee P for improved organisation and attitude towards her school work. Well done!
3/4T  Keely B for working hard to improve her number skills with regular practise at home!
      Annalise L for managing her time well, concentrating and producing an excellent 3D map.
5H   Emily D for lovely manners, a bright smile and eager participation in class discussion.
6H   Lucas M for always being respectful to all staff and students and being grateful for the opportunities he has.
      Troy M for outstanding prediction skills when reading.
Sport Luana G for excellent teamwork and performance in gymnastics.
      Trent B for outstanding performance at the division basketball.
Science Archie W for continually doing his personal best and always determine to have a go!
Indonesian Eliza W for continually excelling in Indonesian.
Art  Jai W for his enthusiasm and great manners
      Ashlee S for taking pride in her work and being quietly persistent.

Principal’s Award

This week the Principal’s Award goes to Riona A.

Riona is a great friend and role model for her peers.

She has a strong sense of what is right and wrong and is not afraid to speak up when she knows something is not right.

Well done Riona!
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