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From the Principal’s desk.....

Save the date!
As Spring blooms and our gardens all take off, so do the weeds in our school! We'll be holding a small Working Bee on Friday 13th of November, starting straight after school to complete small jobs around our yard, such as weeding, whipper snipping and poisoning so that our school grounds reflect how proud we are of our school! All parents/grandparents/uncles/aunts etc are encouraged to come along and provide as much or as little assistance as they can. We will work until around 7pm, when we'll stop and enjoy a pizza tea together as reward for effort! Please pop the date in your diaries now!

Welcome
This week we welcomed Tahlia S to our 3/4 Learning Community. We hope you and your family enjoy your time at EPS Tahlia!

Social Media Policy
Last week we attached to the newsletter a draft of a new Social Media policy that is now a Department of Education and Training requirement for schools. If you haven’t already, please have a read of this policy and provide any feedback to us via the office. It’s important that all of our school community are aware of and adhere to this policy as we educate our children in an increasingly digital world. Additional copies are available from the office.

GONSKI Morning Tea
Today we hosted a morning tea for our entire school community to celebrate the allocation of equity funding that is a result of the GONSKI review into education. This funding is designed to address inequities within the government funding allocation regime for all schools so that we can best meet the varying needs of our children.

Parents and Friends
Our P&F Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday November 16th at 9:30am (after assembly). I encourage any and all parents to come along and contribute to this meeting which will both establish the committee for the 2016 year, as well as plan the upcoming events that are so integral to supporting our school, both financially, as well as developing our school as a community of staff, students, parents and friends.

ICAS Awards
Next week at assembly I will be presenting the certificates for students who participated in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) tests earlier this year. Well done to Eliza W, Zainab B, Lori P and Hayden S who all put their hand up to have a go at these and challenge themselves. Fantastic effort all of you!

Bike Ed
It’s been lovely this week to see so many of our senior students participating well in our Bike Ed program. This is an integral component of our curriculum focussed on both the physical skills associated with bike riding, as well as the safety component of riding on public roads. Please ensure your children (Years 3-6) have the necessary equipment at school each day this week and next so they are able to fully participate in this excellent program.

Reminder
A reminder that next FRIDAY, the 6th of November is the Colac Show Day holiday. Our school will be closed on this day as it is the gazetted public holiday for our shire.

Angela Hall
Principal
Friday 30th October, 2015
Morning Supervisor: Renee Hall
9:00am: Casey McCoombe, Karen Harrington, Deb Reynolds
Afternoon Supervisor: Robyn Ward
11.30am: Lisa Hanson, Julie Walters

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Disco— We will be holding our Disco on Thursday 5th November.
ELECTION DAY STALL — CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF RESPONSE
Christmas Raffle— A small donation from every family would be greatly appreciated for our Christmas hampers. All donations can be left at the school office.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for 2015 is to be held on MONDAY NOVEMBER 16th at 9:30am.

Thank you.
Kerrin Irvine—President

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STUDENT AWARDS

Prep  Saxon E for his achievements in reading and writing.
2G    Isabella K for her amazing smile and for demonstrating all our school values.
3/4R  Sarsha F for being an absolute all rounder giving all her learning 110% effort! Awesome effort!
3/4T  Ashlee S for doing really well in improving her reading and maths and for being a responsible student.
5H    Lori P for willingness and eagerness to participate and contribute to all class activities.
6H    Hayden C for always being well mannered and respectful to his peers and the staff at Elliminyt Primary.
Indonesian  Indiana T for helping other in Indonesian classes.
             Arabella M for outstanding attitude and knowledge in Indonesian.
Art      Angus Z for consistent improvements in Personal Best, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.
School Value  Symantha B for her positive attitude and her willingness to help others at anytime. Well done. Keep it up.

Principal’s Award

This weeks Principal’s Award goes to Makayla B.
Makayla demonstrated excellent leadership skills in the P-4 Activity Day.
You provided an excellent role model for your peers, and wonderful support for the junior students.

Well done Makayla!
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