



Wednesday Weekly

10 December
2014

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From the Principal

Last day of School

Friday 19 December 2014

Dismissal at 1:30pm

VALE: DR MARK THOMPSON PRINCIPAL ELTHAM PS

It is with great sadness and regret that I inform our school community of the tragic loss of Mark Thompson, Principal of Eltham PS. Mark was a trusted colleague and close personal friend and we are all shocked and saddened by the news. He was a passionate and dedicated individual who gave his all to state government education. This is a very sad time for Mark's family, the Eltham PS community and the teaching profession. Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with Mark's wife, Lynda and their three children.

I know many of our families have links to Eltham PS. Support is always available for families and their children who may be dealing with grief, loss or mental health concerns. Parents can contact the Department's confidential parent advisory service Parentline on 132289. Other services offering such support include Headspace at headspace.org.au Kids Helpline on 1800 551800 or Lifeline on 13 1114

STAFFING FOR 2015

After many weeks of consultation, planning and recruitment, the following staffing structure will be implemented across the school for next year.

Year Level/ Program	Staff Name	Location/ Room Number
Prep	Jacqui Matters	15
Prep	All Browne	16
Prep	Bonnie Lewis	17
Prep	Chloe Hanley	18
Year 1	Melissa Greatrex	12
Year 1	Sue Pearson	13
Year 1	Mark O'Halloran	14
Year 2	Katrine Smith	8
Year 2	Vikki Lygo	9
Year 2	Haylee Lyttle	11
Year 3/4	Zara Demeris	19
Year 3/4	Nick Kuhn	20
Year 3/4	Sarah Pollnitz	21
Year 3/4	Emily Rogers	22
Year 3/4	Mia Clark	23
Year 3/4	Sarah Linssen	24
Year 5/6	Ruth Reidy	1
Year 5/6	Kerryn May	2
Year 5/6	Scott Eastwood	3
Year 5/6	Julianne Haldon	4
Year 5/6	Tony Moore	6
Literacy Coordinator & Reading Recovery	Kerri Glowacki	Literacy Room
ICT	Rachel Mercuri	Library & ICT Room
Music	David Perry	The Centre
Physical Education	Trent O'Sullivan	The Centre
Art/Craft	Clare Meehan Jaliya Rudd	Art Room

Students will be advised of their grade placements for next year on **Monday 15 December**. An opportunity to meet their teacher and fellow class members will be provided as part of our transition program on this day.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MARKET NIGHT

Yes, this is happening tomorrow evening commencing at 5:00pm. Don't forget to bring the picnic rug and come along for an evening of wonderful student performances, food and market stalls.

STUDENT REPORTS AND 2015 STUDENT PLACEMENTS

This Friday all children will bring home an envelope containing the following important documents:

- End of year written report
- Acknowledgement of School Report Form

After reading the Student Report for your child/children, if you would like to discuss anything or seek clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher concerned. The best time for such contact is before or after school. The 'Acknowledgement of School Report' is an important way to receive feedback from you regarding what is contained in the Student Report, so please return it to school completed, as soon as possible.

In order to maximise learning opportunities, it is essential that students have regular school attendance. The individual student report will outline the number of days your child has been absent throughout the second semester.

How many days of school has your child missed this semester?

0-6 Days: A student with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the learning and teaching opportunities available to them.

7-10 days: A student with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

11-20 days: A student with this attendance rate could miss up to 2 years of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

20+ days: A student with this attendance rate could miss over 2 years of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

How many days has your child been late this semester?

Being late at the beginning of the day disadvantages the child due to missing vital instruction, and they may feel disorientated by not knowing what learning is taking place. Going home early also disadvantages the child as they may miss necessary instructions for the following day as well as school notices. Missing 15 minutes at the beginning or the end of a day could add up to missing over two weeks of schooling per year.

Tina King (Principal)

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Hi everyone!

Enrolments for next year are rolling in very quickly for what we expect to be a busy year. Just a little reminder that the \$15.00 enrolment fee is required to accompany the completed form. We are unable to accept one without the other, as like most places this year, we have paper and administration items all over the place and without a doubt, it is too easy to lose things. Your cooperation is appreciated, the feedback forms we have been receiving are wonderful and the children are excited about their entries into the end of year hampers and raffle draws. Keep your forms coming in, we do not want our regular families to miss out on the places for next year.

Cool Care will commence at 1.30pm on the last day of school (19/12), children normally enrolled on a Friday afternoon will be included on our rolls for this session which will close as usual at 6.00pm. If you are not requiring care as per normal, please let me know this week. We have vacancies for this day if you need casual assistance. This Friday afternoon we have the Travelling Kitchen providing another cooking experience for us. Stay tuned for the report next week.

Have a great week, call me please, if you need any Cool Care help. Stay Cool! Jenny



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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014 IS FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER – FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND ASSEMBLY IN THE CENTRE AT 1.00PM WITH DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM



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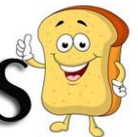
TWILIGHT CAROLS - THIS THURSDAY 5pm to 8pm
Come along to our final fundraiser and social event for the year. Our very talented students will be performing Christmas Carols and a special guest will be popping in. There will be market stalls and food available until 7pm. Our stall holders this year include:

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Each stall holder and some generous local businesses have donated an item for our raffle. All raffle tickets and money needs to be returned to the school ASAP. Tickets will also be available for sale on the night. Come along for a great night of festivities. I can't wait to see the kids perform. We are still looking for helpers, especially for setting up so we can start cooking as early as possible. Please contact me ASAP if you are able to help.

Regards, Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)

Canteen News



Another year over, and that time again to thank everyone who has helped in the canteen this year. Your help is always appreciated. Thanks to the Grade 5/6 students who also help us throughout the year. Good luck to all our Year 6 friends who are heading off to Secondary School. Please don't forget us – we certainly will never forget any of you! ☺

YES, the canteen will be open on THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER for LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES!

Last day specials!

SLURPEES ONLY \$1.00 and PADDLE POPS ONLY \$1.00

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you!

Stay safe and we will see you next year.

Cheers – Di & Karen!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thurs, 11 Dec	Twilight Carols
Wed, 17 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep EOY – Hands on Science• Year 1 EOY – Kew Traffic School• Year 2 EOY – Epping Leisure Centre• Year 3/4 EOY – Westerfolds Park
Thurs, 18 Dec	Year 5/6 EOY – Oz Tenpin Bowling
Fri, 19 Dec	1.00pm Assembly – 1.30pm Dismissal

Performing Arts News

CHOIR TOUR

What a great day the choirs had last Friday! After two successful performances we had a great picnic lunch in the beautiful surrounds of Gasworks Park. The second date is today.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

I have received confirmation that WNPS will be performing as part of the massed choir in the 2015 Victorian State Schools Spectacular. Not a compulsory event, places are limited and will be restricted to students who are members of the choir in 2015, and preference will be given to children in older year levels. This is always an exciting event and a great opportunity for our students.

CHOIR 2015

Application forms for Senior Choir in 2015 will be going out very soon. I urge all children in Years 4 or 5 who are interested in singing to consider joining, as there are a lot of exciting plans for next year!

YEAR 3 2015

Is your child entering Year 3 in 2015? They will need a recorder! This is a separate item to be purchased and most families do this through the school. We sell recorders for \$8 and a note for this will go out at the very start of the year. Year 3 students also have the opportunity to take up group recorder lessons with Tony Barnden for a lower than usual price – information will be provided in Term 1, 2015.

CLARINET PROGRAM 2015

Students in Years 3 and 4 THIS YEAR might consider joining our beginner clarinet program – Mr Fitzgerald will be teaching beginner groups early in 2015. Please contact Mr Perry if you have any questions.

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



LAST DAY FOR UNIFORMS!

TOMORROW:

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER

Uniform shop re-opens **ONE DAY PRIOR** to school starting – **WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2015** from **10.00am to 12.00pm**

THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY – 8.30-9.30am as normal
Jodie Park (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

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YEAR 5/6 CAMP RUMBUG

MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY TO WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

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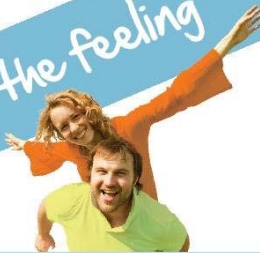
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