# Working Together For Children

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## Australian Youth Choir

The Australian Youth Choir was established in 1975 and has provided students with singing lessons in a choral setting as well as the opportunity to travel and perform at major events throughout Australia and on the world stage.

On Monday this week the Australian youth choir coordinator will be visiting our school to listen to interested students in years 2-5 sing a chorus of their favourite song or a verse of the national anthem. Information will then be distributed to successful students for your consideration.

## Make Bullying History - Year 7 GTH 2016 Students

Glendale Technology High School would like to invite Parents and Carers of our future students to attend a free presentation by Brett Murray from the 'Make Bullying History' Foundation on Thursday 25th November 7pm - 9pm in the schools Multi-Purpose Centre.

Brett has been presenting to schools, parents and staff over the past 13 years and is the only organisation to have his presentations federally endorsed. Finger food and drinks will also be provided.

## Year 4 Parent Forum – Glendale Technology High

Anthony Angel Principal of Glendale Technology High would like to collect feedback from Parents of our current Year 4 students through parent forums which are being held at Glendale Technology at the High school. Two forums have been scheduled and will take place in the school library. The forums will last no longer than 45 minutes and provides a great opportunity for you to participate in discussions.

All parents of year 4 students are invited to attend on either Monday

- 30th November, 9.30am or
- Wednesday 2nd December, at 2pm

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to the office on 49549166 or email

Glendale -h.school@det.nsw.edu.au .
Canteen Roster

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Canteen News

Volunteers Christmas Night Out will be held on Friday 11 December at the Blackbutt Hotel. Dinner is booked for 7pm. If you would like to join us please leave your name with Deb at the canteen.

Blue & Gold Day

There will be no lunch orders on this day. The canteen will be selling:

- Eagle Boys Pizzas $4.00
- Sushi $3.50
- Chicken Burgers $3.50
- Pies & Sausage Rolls $1.50

This will be a very busy day in the canteen. If you are able to spare any time to give Deb a hand please let her know you will be available. Thank you.

School Uniform Update

A new school uniform for Elermore Vale is coming. However, it will not be the official uniform until 2017. The process for changing the school uniform is quite long and involved. The uniform action committee meet regularly and are looking at designs and fabrics to ensure that we get the best possible product at the best price. We will continue to work on this and once a design is selected we will organize samples to be made up which we will then take along the P&C meeting. It is anticipated that the uniform will be available for purchase towards the end of 2016 ready for 2017 with our new Kinders starting in the new uniform. In the interim students are to continue to wear our current school uniform.

Infectious Diseases

We have recently had confirmation of Conjunctivitis at our school. Symptoms are scratchy red eyes and may water. Lids may stick together on waking. You will need to keep your child at home while there is discharge from the eye. You can help prevent spreading the disease by careful hand washing and avoid sharing towels. Antibiotics may be needed.

Scholastic Book Club

Ordering for the current and final issue for this year will close on Thursday. Thank you for your support through Book Club this year. Every order has helped purchase additional resources for our school.

Library Book Borrowing

All borrowing from our library has now ceased for this year. Students need to return all library books to the library as soon as possible so end of year sorting can commence. Please help your child find any missing books. If you have any difficulties locating them, please contact the library. Invoices will be issued for unreturned/lost books. Children wanting to continue borrowing are encouraged to join and borrow from the Wallsend Public Library. Thank you for assisting your children with their library books this year.

Band Buzz

The Band Committee would like to thank everyone who donated a gold coin and supported the out of uniform day last week. The money raised will support the repairs and replacement of instruments.

Band members have been asked to bring their instruments on Monday and Tuesday this week for band rehearsal. Due to the Matilda excursion on Wednesday and Year 4 swimming on Thursday rehearsal times have been changed.

The Band Committee will be holding their final meeting for the year on Wednesday night at 5.15pm in the staffroom. All members and interested people are welcome to come along.
3 Big Events Not To Be Missed

Stage Assemblies – Friday 4th December

Our Stage assemblies recognise the special contributions that all students have made to our school this year. This is a special day for all of our students and we look forward to seeing those of you who can make it. A special invitation is extended to our Kangaroo’s preschool group who do not normally attend on that day. If you are able to attend please let Miss Dittberner know.

These assemblies will be held in our school hall on Friday 4th December at the following times:

- Pre School and Early Stage 1 9.30 am
- Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) 10.45 am
- Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) 12.00 pm
- Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) 1.45 pm

The canteen will be open between each of the presentation time slots catering for all who attend.

Presentation Night Tuesday 8th December

This will follow the same format as it did in 2014. Parents of students who are receiving an award will be notified by mail prior to the event. Please ensure you contact the school with an RSVP as that will not only let us know your child is attending but also confirm you have received the invitation.

The evening will commence at 6.00pm in the Hall at Glendale Technology High. On arrival students will be required to sit at the front of the hall with their teacher.

Students are to wear full school uniform including black shoes and blue button up shirts for the boys

Carols Night – Thursday 10th December

Following on from the success of Carols on the Green last year we are planning our second event.

The band committee will be running a BBQ on the night. This will commence at 5.30pm and will be followed by a range of carols and Christmas songs presented by the students in class and stage items, the school band, and choir.

Bring your chair or picnic rug and enjoy the BBQ and sing along to all your favourites. This promises to be an amazing event.

The canteen will also have a variety of food and drinks available (see the Canteen section of the newsletter)

Please note – alcohol and smoking are not permitted on school grounds. This is an alcohol free event.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Tuesday 1st December

We are very fortunate to have the support of so many wonderful volunteers in our school. The are a wide range of activities that our volunteers take on either on a daily basis, weekly or as required from assisting in classrooms, library or the canteen, with the band, choir and dance groups, transporting students to sport, volunteering in the uniform shop, with student banking or working in the preschool or on the school grounds. The staff at Elermore Vale Public School would like to invite all our wonderful Volunteers/Helpers who have assisted us throughout the year in so many ways, to join us for morning tea at 11.00am in the school hall.

Please note that this is an open invitation to ensure that we do not miss anyone. If you have helped us out in any way please come along and join us.

High School Orientation Days

On Tuesday 1st December, Year 6 students are invited to attend the Glendale Technology High School Orientation Day. It will commence at 9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Centre. This is an opportunity for Year 6 students to familiarise themselves with the high school environment whilst also getting to know each other, their Peer Support Leaders, Year 7 Advisor 2016 (Miss Haylee Ward), Year 7 Deputy 2016 (Mrs Samantha Booth) and some more of the Teachers at Glendale Technology High School.

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend for the morning session from 9:00am – 10:00am; however, most information necessary for Parents/Carers will have been covered at our Information Night on Wednesday 25th November.

Students will be required to meet in the Multi-Purpose Centre located at the front of the school at 9:00am and can be picked up at 2:30pm from the schools bus shelter. Students will need to make their own way to and from Glendale Technology High School.

Recess (snacks and fruit) and Lunch (sausage sizzle and drink) will be provided for students.

Students attending Lambton and Callaghan College in 2016 will have their Orientation Days on the 3rd December. Information regarding these days has been sent directly to the students. If you have not received any information please contact the respective school.
The Music Bus

The Music Bus will be holding a demonstration day at our school on Tuesday 24th November.

The bus will be visiting the school on a weekly basis in 2016 to provide instruction in keyboard, guitar, drums, ukulele and singing for interested students in K-6.

On Tuesday there will be 2 activities:

1. Parent Info session - 3pm-3:30pm - parents can visit the bus, meet the teacher and ask questions
2. Student Tour – all children will take part in a short interactive session on the bus during the day.

For more information on the program visit www.themusicbus.com.au or Ph 1300 168 742

Blue and Gold Day

Reminder that next Wednesday is our annual Blue and Gold Day fundraiser. It is the major fundraiser for our current Year 6 students with money raised going towards a gift for the school. This year promises, once again, to be a great success with various activities, games, and food and drink stalls operating.

Students must pre purchase tokens by returning their permission note and money by Friday. The cost of the stall tokens is $5 for a sheet of 10 tokens. Students will then use these tokens to ‘pay’ for stall goods and participation in games and activities.

Hotdog stall tokens must also be pre-purchased at $2.00 per hotdog.

A cake and ice-cream spider stall will be open at recess (11:00am - 11:30am). Students will be able to use tokens for these items. Spiders are 2 tokens and cakes are 1-2 tokens depending on the cake.

The official Blue and Gold Day will commence at 12:00 pm and finish at 2:00 pm with the ‘giant prize raffle’.

An information sheet and price lists were distributed Friday, week 5. Additional notes are available on request or you can access them under the notes page on the school website.

Please note that this event is for the students currently attending Elermore Vale Public School. High school students are not permitted to attend. It is held during school hours and it is expected that older students would be attending school at that time.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

If you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to make contact with your child’s teacher or the school office.

Lessons Afloat

Stage 3 is off to Sydney for a “Lessons Afloat” day excursion on Friday, 27th November.

Stage 3 will board their own private ferry and venture out onto Sydney Harbour for the day. Students are expected to be at school by 6:45 am for a 6:50am roll call. Buses leave 7.00 am sharp from school and will arrive back at school at approximately 5.00 pm.

Students must wear full school sport uniform, school broad brim hat/bucket hat. Ensure students pack recess/lunch and a water bottle in a small back pack. Students are not permitted to bring any form of electronic device with them on this excursion.

If you have any inquiries or concerns you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to make contact with your child’s teacher or the school office.

Sun Safety

As part of our commitment to sun safety I remind all students and parents of the need for the school hats. They protect the students a lot more than caps or other hats. If your child does not have a school hat please come and see the ladies in the uniform shop on Wednesday morning or Friday afternoon.

If your child is not wearing a school hat or does not have a hat they will be directed to play under the shade.

Online Safety and Cyber bullying

The Australian Government has developed a website to raise awareness about cyberbullying.

The website is www.esafety.gov.au. It contains a range of resources including information and advice for parents on how to deal with cyberbullying. The website also includes a complaints scheme where incidents of cyberbullying can be reported.
Jump Rope for Heart

A huge thank you and congratulations to all the children and families who raised money and participated in our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising effort and spectacular Jump Off Day.

The Jump Off Day was held on Friday 13th November. The rain held off and classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in a range of fun and exciting skipping activities. The effort and enthusiasm from the students and teachers was brilliant; we had a very enjoyable morning.

Together we raised $8,226 for the Heart Foundation and Elermore Vale Public School. Hopefully the funds raised get us closer to being able to air condition our school hall.

Congratulations and thank you for you kind donations and support with this program. The winners of the lucky draw prize will be announced on Monday.

Miss Pawl
Elermore Vale Ps Year 6 Students present

BLUE & GOLD DAY 2015

Wear your Blue & Gold clothes, bring your money and help our Year 6 students raise money for their end of year gift to the school.

With over 17 stalls and activities ranging from 1 to 4 tokens to participate in, there is something for everyone.

* Year 6 will be holding a cake and ice-cream spider stall at recess time.

* A Spider Drink stall and Hot-Dog stand will be here to satisfy your taste buds.

* Be sure to pre purchase your stall and hot dog tokens!

* School canteen will be operating as per usual.

Starts 12 noon till 1.30pm followed by a picnic lunch

This is a school child only event.

All money raised will go directly to the Year 6 gift to the school.
What is happening in 5/6B?

Hybrid Texts

This term, 5/6B have been busily studying some amazing ‘hybrid texts’.

What is a ‘hybrid text’?

Hybrid texts, are texts in which graphic devices like photographs, drawings and experimental typography are integrated into the written text. 5/6B describe ‘hybrid texts’ as:

“hybrid texts combine words and images to create a text that is neither purely written nor purely visual.”

What is 5/6B’s favourite ‘hybrid text’?

5/6B have been once again encapsulated by author Jeff Kinney’s terrific series, ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’.

The series follows a young boy’s misadventures and is a laugh-out-loud funny, but there’s another reason 5/6B love these "Wimpy Kid" books: they’re "hybrids," half-text and half-illustrations. With the skyrocketing popularity of graphic novels among kids, it’s no wonder that kids love Kinney’s mixture of text printed on what looks like lined paper and deceptively simple, cartoon-style drawings.

While the books look simple and Greg says and does silly things, the "Wimpy Kid" books actually offer insightful humor that can even be sophisticated at times. Adults who read these books – and they should, if they’re parents – will discover some important, if sometimes troubling, insights about the way many adolescents approach life as spotlighted in Greg’s lazy, ethically challenged persona.

Where to next for 5/6B?

We loved author Jeff Kinney’s writing so much! That we decided to create our own hybrid texts based off the original ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’. To further show how clever we are, 5/6B will be transforming our hybrid texts into movie trailers using iMovie on the school iPads. Below are some of our titled examples:

DIARY of a Wimpy Kid

DIARY of a Weird Kid

DIARY of an Annoying 3 Yr Old

DIARY of an Unlucky Kid
Helping kids deal with horrifying news

Terrorist events in Europe in recent days have reverberated around the world. Graphic images have been brought into our living rooms and onto our devices via the media over the last few weeks, and will continue to do so in the immediate future.

But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as terror attacks. In reality we can’t do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society?

1. Reassure children that they are safe. The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.

2. Explain what happened. Sounds obvious but it’s important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what’s happened. Be calm and stick to the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.

3. Be available. Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

4. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

5. Support children’s concerns for others. They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

6. Let them explore feelings beyond fear. Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.

7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.

8. Be aware of your own actions. Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

Michael Grose
Founder, Parentingideas Schools