Working Together For Children

Upcoming Events

**Term 1 Week 9**
- Zone Netball Knockout: Wed 25/3
- Kinder to Hunter Valley Gardens: Thur 26/3
- Stage 2 Incursion: Thur 26/3
- Primary Assembly 2pm - 3W: Fri 27/3

**Term 1 Week 10**
- Easter Hat Parade: Fri 2/4
- Cross Country: Fri 2/4
- Last Day of Term: Fri 2/4

**Term 2 Week 1**
- Students Return to School: Tue 21/4
- Zone Cross Country: Thur 23/4
- Primary Assembly 2pm – 5/6B: Fri 24/2

Parking

A number of parents are using the staff carpark both in the morning and afternoon. There is a sign at the driveway that clearly states that it is staff parking only. Drop off and pick up times are the most dangerous times to have vehicles moving in and out of that area. Please, for the safety of all students, park on the street, or use the Kiss n Ride area. Parents are not permitted to drop off or pick up students in the car park.

Kiss N Ride

Thank you to everyone who has assisted us by staggering the pick up times and displaying the name tags on the car. This has certainly improved the efficiency and safety of the Kiss n Ride program. Please remember not to park in the bus zone or across the crossing. A fine in the lead up to the holidays would not be a good way to end the term. Additionally if you are dropping off in the morning please move all the way to the end of the Kiss N Ride area to ensure other cars can pull in behind you.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests on Tuesday 12th May – Thursday 14th May. It is important that all students complete the test to ensure that the school receives the staff and funding required to run the necessary support programs. A note has been sent home this week with further details of the NAPLAN procedures. If you have any questions please talk to your child’s teacher.

ICAS

Each year a number of our students enter the UNSW assessments - ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). These assessments are conducted externally by the UNSW for students who enjoy being challenged. Please note that these tests are not compulsory but they do provide students with an opportunity to sit more formal type testing and gauge their performance against students across the state.

Below is a list of the tests available to students, if you wish for your son/daughter to participate in one or more of these tests, please ask your child to collect a note from the office or Miss Tweedie. Alternatively you can download one from our website. Although the tests will be held on different days over the next few months, full payment for all tests will be required by Wednesday 1st April, 2015.

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**Astonishing Athletic Ability**

Elmmore Vale students have been shining in the athletic spotlight in recent times with two outstanding Year 6 students, Tiahna Skelton and Paige Worley, both showing their excellent athletic ability. Tiahna Skelton competed recently in the NSW Athletics Country Championship where she claimed an array of medals.

Tiahna claimed gold in 3 impressive wins including the 100m and 200m sprint as well as the long jump, making her the 12 year old girls NSW Country Champion in all 3 events.

Paige and Tiahna also competed in the strongly contested Summer Regional's Competition at Glendale. Paige put in amazing effort winning silver in the 4 x100m relay alongside team mate Tiahna Skelton. The fast flying Paige also managed to post fast qualifying times in the 100m and 200m to qualify for both finals. Tiahna also added to her vast collection of medals with 3 gold and 2 silver medals. The national runner didn't stop there as she broke 2 hurdle records along with the 200m sprint record. An outstanding effort by both students.

Kyle Brewis (Sports Coordinator)

**PSSA Cricket Knockout**

Last Monday the Elmmore Vale Boys Cricket Team played New Lambton Public School in the PSSA knockout cricket competition. Our boys were sent in to bat first and were unlucky to suffer some early wickets. The boys however ran up a nice score thanks to long batting innings by Connor Perrett and Jarrod Zieleman. The team also showed great fielding including a boundary catch by man of the match Connor Perrett and two wickets in a row by Ben Rumianek. Although our team did not win the game the boys represented Elmmore Vale P.S with spirit and sportsmanship.

**News Flash - Zone PSSA Soccer Trials**

Yesterday Ben Rumianek, Daniel Martinelli, Aidan Taggart, Xavier Radley, Damon Cavicchia, Marcus D'Amico, Tiahna Robertson, Montana Quick and Makayla White attended the zone PSSA soccer trials at Taylor Park, Bamsley. The selectors on the day have informed us that everyone trialed exceptionally well and displayed wonderful sportsmanship. Two students, Xavier Radley and Daniel Martinelli made the final selections and will now represent the Zone and Elmmore Vale Public School at regional trials where they will be competing with and against students from schools as far south as Caves Beach and North to Taree. Congratulations boys! We look forward to hearing how you go in the next round.

**Zone PSSA Netball Trials**

On Friday 6th March Holly Searles, Lily Kirkwood and Emily Cameron attended the zone netball trials. The girls played superbly and all 3 received recognition for their efforts. Holly and Emily were selected to go through to the regional trials and Lily was named as a reserve. Well done girls, this is a wonderful achievement.

**Watch this space**

Congratulations Cohen Cambourn and Charlie Harris who were recently selected into their first representative touch football team. The boys travelled to Port Macquarie to participate at the Junior State Touch Football Titles. After getting off to a great start and playing for 2 days in atrocious conditions the competition was called off. While they may not have come away with a state title this year we look forward to hearing about their progress in the years to come.
Band Buzz February 2015:
The Band would like to thank Cohen Cambourn for his very generous donation of a guitar.

The band will be holding a cake stall fundraiser on Saturday 28th March at the school on State Election Day. Please come along and purchase delicious baked goods and Easter Eggs. If you can donate some baked goods please take them to the canteen on Friday 27th March. If you are available to help out at the stall please complete the note sent home or advise the school office.

Notes from the Band Master, Mrs Robertson:
- New music books ‘Film Favourites’ have been sent home with students. Please cover them with clear contact prior to next band day.
- The band rehearses every Wednesday in the music room from 1.45pm. Parents and visitors are welcome to come and watch. Please ensure that all visitors sign in at the office upon arrival.
- Don’t forget students to practice at least 15 minutes, 5 nights per week!

Remember:  If you have not yet paid you annual instrument hire fee, please pay this at the school office.

Canteen News
The Canteen Committee would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in reviewing the winter menu which will start next term. We will be meeting in the canteen Monday 30th March at 2.15pm.

St Patricks Day
Thank you to Matt and Tracey Shearer for donating the green apples for St Patricks day and all the volunteers who helped make the special treats for the day.

Entertainment Books
Entertainment Books will be available to purchase for $60 next term. See Deb in the canteen for further details.

Easter Hat Parade Helpers Needed
Please contact Deb O’Neill if you are available to assist in the canteen on Thursday 2nd April. The canteen will be running a special menu on that day to cater for our visitors. Extra help would be greatly appreciated.

P&C Fundraising News
Thank you to all the families that have shown their support with their Easter donations for our upcoming Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on Thursday 2nd March. Just a reminder that all raffle tickets and donations for this event are due back at school no later than the Friday 27th March. Next Tuesday 24th March we will be starting to wrap our exciting Easter prizes, if you would like to help by volunteering your services and time please contact Tracey Thomas on 0422 228795.

State Election Day, Saturday 28th March, we are holding a BBQ at the school and we are still in need of some volunteers to help assist on the day. If you could spare an hour of your time to help cook or serve we would really appreciate it. Please leave your name and contact details at the office and we will be in touch.

Lastly, early next term we will once again organising a Mother’s Day Stall for the children to purchase some gifts. If anyone has any donations they would like to make towards this event please leave them at the front office for us to collect. Thanks again for your ongoing support.

Would you like your newsletter emailed to you?
If you would like to receive your newsletter in colour each fortnight via email, please complete this slip and return it to the office.

Students Name: ________________________  Class: ________  Email address: ___________________________

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Harmony Day with 1/2 R

In 1/2R we get along with each other and treat each other with respect and kindness.

Each day, we work as a team and help each other to understand and learn new things.

1/2R are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day this week because we understand the importance of sharing and appreciating the wonderful variety of cultures we are lucky enough to experience at our school.

School Cross Country and Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday, 2nd April, we will be holding both our school Cross-Country and the Easter Hat Parade. This will be a wonderful day and we encourage all our parents, carers and grandparents to come along and join us from 9.15am. If you are coming it might be a great idea to bring along a folding camp chair

Due to the warm weather we have had of late, the events on the day have been moved forward. The Cross Country will start at 9.30am. The students will be marshaled under the COLA. They will be placed into their various age groups ready to go to the starting line. If any parents are able to assist by sitting at a check point please let Mr Brewis know as soon as possible.

Students will qualify for the zone carnival from this event. This event is also a house competition with the winning house being recognised at our presentation evening.

Students are to wear sensible shoes for running and are encouraged to wear their house colours to promote this event. To assist you with this I have listed the houses and their colours below.

- Shortland - Blue
- Platt – Yellow
- Fletcher – Red
- Nelson – Green

Students will be reminded of their houses leading up to the event and all new students will be allocated a house.

At the end of the Cross Country you will then be able to join the students for recess prior to them returning to class to collect their hats for the Easter Hat Parade. The canteen will be open and you will be able to purchase food from there!

The Easter Hat Parade will commence at approximately 11.45am. All students from Kindergarten to Year 4 are asked to create a hat at home. Students in Years 5 and 6 have the option of making a hat, decorating their hair in an Easter theme or making an Easter mask from whatever they can find at home. Remember...chocolate Easter eggs are in danger of melting and could be a disaster in the sun. With less than 2 weeks to go until the spectacular event you no doubt will be thinking of how to do this. A simple cardboard crown with pictures attached, an ice-cream container with decorations, or an old sunhat with flowers are some suggestions. Have fun creating!

Our Easter raffle has been a huge success in the past. We rely on the kind donations of Easter eggs from our generous families. Donations will be gladly accepted at the office. Some of the raffle prizes will be drawn during the Easter Hat Parade and the remainder will be drawn at lunchtime.

Each child has already received a sheet of tickets at a cost of $10 per sheet or $1.00 per ticket. Please return all sheets to the office. Additional sheets are available on request.

The canteen will be running a special lunch on that day starting at 1.00pm. Mrs O’Neill, in the canteen would appreciate any extra help that can be offered. Order forms for the special lunch will be forwarded home shortly.

Looking forward to seeing you on the day.