**Upcoming Events**

**Term 3 Week 2**
- Senior Girls Touch Knockout: Mon 20/7
- Group Photos: Tue 21/7
- Hunter Dance Festival Rehearsal: Wed 22/7
- Band Link: Wed 22/7
- Band Link: Thur 23/7
- Year 2 Swim School: Thur 23/7
- Premiers Debating vs Edgeworth PS: Fri 24/7
- Infants Assembly 2pm – 1K: Fri 24/7

**Term 3 Week 3**
- ICAS English: Tue 28/7
- Kinder Oakvale Farm Excursion: Tue 28/7
- NSW PSSA Basketball Gala Day: Thur 30/7
- Year 2 Swim School: Thur 30/7
- Milkshake Day: Thur 30/7
- Primary Assembly 9am – 4S: Fri 31/7

**Digital reputation**

**Young children**

All internet users will have a digital or online reputation. Essentially, this digital reputation is the opinion that others hold about the user. Digital reputations are informed by content that is posted online and how people communicate online. People can be judged on how they behaved as a child well into the future.

For young children, the concept of a digital reputation is probably too complex for them to grasp. General internet safety tips are a good start in helping children to develop appropriate online etiquette and to learn appropriate ways of responding online. These are available under the Parenting online topic.

As a starting point, it can be useful to help young children understand that they should behave the same way online as they do offline. Help them to understand that other people can see what they are doing online. So they should take care with what they say and do.

The Cybersmart program provides a range of cybersafety materials for parents and their children. For more information, resources, advice and tips visit the Cybersmart website at www.cybersmart.gov.au. Encourage your children and teens to take a look around the website. If you have young children, you may like to explore it together to help them understand how to protect themselves against online risks and make the most of their experiences online.

**Band Information Evening**

Elermore Vale School Band invites you to our annual band information evening. If your child is interested in being part of the school band in 2016 please come and see what instruments are available in the band. Mrs Robertson, our Band Conductor will lead the information session, the band members will show students how to play each instrument and the band will perform. This gives your child the chance to see and hear the instruments they may be interested in learning. More information will be given to any child who wants to take information home. Students and families from year 2-5 are most welcome. Our aim is to ensure your child enjoys their experience in being part of the EVPS Band.

Who: Students and Parents/Guardians are invited to attend (entry is via the main administration office)
Please note: Parents/Guardians who cannot attend this session are welcome to contact Mrs Tarrant for more information by email renee.tarrant@det.nsw.edu.au.
We look forward to meeting with parents to answer any questions on the night. Please join us for tea/coffee and nibbles.

Kind regards,
Mrs Robertson (Band Conductor), Mrs Tarrant (Band Coordinator) and EVPS Band Committee
Congratulations to our new Athletics Champions of 2015

Junior Champions
Sophie Urane and Lachlan Graham

11 Years Champions
Xavier Radley and Montana Quick

Senior Champions
Damon Cavicchia and Tiahna Skelton

This year’s Athletics Carnival had a very different format to previous years in that Kindergarten to Year 6 all attended on the day with the 5-7 years of age carnival running in conjunction with the 8 - 13 years of age carnival. It felt like a very dynamic set up and we certainly aimed to maximise the professional capabilities of the outstanding Sports Stadium.

It was fantastic to see the infants getting amongst both track and modified field events for the first time in EVPS history. The non-competitive and supportive environment created by the teachers and students enabled an inclusive and rich experience for all involved.

There were many outstanding performances from the Primary aged students with over 15 new records broken in various track and field events. With outstanding performances also came outstanding sportsmanship, all students are to be congratulated.

We extend a massive thank you to parents, Glendale High School Year 11 and 12 students and to their wonderful teacher Kelly Butler for making it all happen and giving their time and expertise in assisting with events on the day. The Carnival could not have been the success it was without your help and support.

The house points tally was a close one with Platt House claiming bragging rights in Athletics for 2015, closely followed by Shortland in 2nd place. It was a tightly contested third place with Fletcher narrowly passing Nelson at the end of the day.

Congratulations to those students who have made the Zone Athletics Team. Zone qualifiers are a combination of place and time, length or height qualifications. Zone qualifiers will be notified and provided with permission note and relevant information no later than week 2. The 50 students selected will form a strong athletic team and will compete at Glendale in Term 3 on Wednesday 12th August.

Kyle Brewis

Group Photos

Master School Portraits will be returning to school next Tuesday to take our group and sporting teams photos.

Students in PSSA sporting teams as well as our knock-out teams will have their photos taken along with Star Struck Choir, Star Struck Dance, Hunter Region Dance, the school choir, band and debating teams. Teachers will advise the students on Monday what they will need to bring / wear for their photos.

Hunter Dance Festival

Hunter Dance Festival is fast approaching and I am very excited to see our talented dance group perform next Wednesday 22nd July.

I would like to remind you that our rehearsal next Wednesday at Newcastle Panthers is a full dress rehearsal. Students are to come to school on this day with their costume packed and their hair and makeup already done. Thank you.

Miss Kinloch

Star Struck

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who performed in the Star Struck Choir. It was a terrific experience to be involved in such a high quality production and Elermore Vale was very strongly represented. Having an opportunity to listen to our choir sing in rehearsals, I was greatly impressed with the intonation and strength of singing voices from our group. The Choir looked and sounded amazing in each of our performances and I was very proud of them. Star Struck is such a rewarding experience and I feel sure that this will not be the last time we see many of our students on stage! I would like to extend a big thank you to children and parents for their commitment and support.

Mr Griffin
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Eam & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Eam & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Eam & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Eam & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Eam & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/eamandleam

Working Together for Children
Silver Ridge Friendship Club Visit

On Wednesday 24th June we hosted the Silver Ridge Friendship group (a group of elderly residents from our local area) for a musical concert. We were able to showcase our very broad creative arts program including: our school band, school choir, year 3 recorder band, year 2 ocarina band, kindergarten dance and our Hunter Dance Festival performance.

Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed the concert, singing and joining in. Some songs even bought tears of joy to their eyes.

2H enjoyed speaking with the ladies and telling them all about Elermore Vale Public School. Our wonderful Band and choir families donated morning tea.

The efforts of our generous parents and talented students enriched the lives of our Friendship group visitors.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Elermore Vale Public School celebrated NAIDOC week with a whole school assembly and traditional Indigenous games on Thursday 16th July. Our assembly showcased artworks from each class. In addition to this the Indigenous dance group performed and we were treated to a very special Didgeridoo performance by the talented Eddi Allen.

Congratulations and well done to all those involved.

Mrs Hamilton