Working Together For Children

Upcoming Events

**Term 3 Week 4**

- Public speaking Finals - Kinder  Tue 4/8
- Public speaking Finals - Stage 1  Tue 4/8
- Band Information Night 6.15  Wed 5/8
- Pasta Day  Wed 5/8
- Kumaridha AECG Argenton Public School-Community Members 5.45pm  Wed 5/8
- Public Speaking Finals - Stage 2  Wed 5/8
- Year 2 Swim School  Thur 6/8
- Public Speaking Finals - Stage 3  Thur 6/8
- Infants Assembly  2pm – 1P  Fri 7/8
- PSSA – Upper Reserve  Fri 7/8
- Wallsend Fair - Choir and accompaniment  Sun 9/8

**Term 3 Week 5**

- ICAS Maths  Tue 11/8
- Zone Athletics Carnival  Wed 12/8
- Year 2 Swim School  Thur 13/8
- Primary Assembly 9am – 5G  Fri 14/8
- PSSA – Garden Suburb Public School  Fri 14/8

**Term 3 Week 6 - Book Week**

- Sydney Olympic Park - Stage 3  Mon 17/8
- Book Week Activities  Tue 18/8
- Silly Scientist Incursion K – 6  Wed 19/8
- Year 2 Swim School  Thur 20/8
- Infants Assembly 2pm – 1/2R  Fri 21/8
- PSSA – Upper Reserve  Fri 21/8

PBL

Our PBL journey is continuing and we are excited to announce that our three school expectations and mission statement have been established.

**Expectations**

At Elermore Vale Public School

- we are focused
- we are respectful
- we are safe

**Mission Statement**

We are committed to providing high quality educational opportunities in a supportive environment encouraging the whole school community to achieve our personal best.

**Kinder Orientation 2016**

If you are considering, or know somebody who is considering Elermore Vale Public School for Kindergarten in 2016, we would like to invite you to attend our parents/carers information session for Kindergarten 2016, which will be held in our School Hall commencing at 6.00pm on Wednesday 12th August.

On this evening, you will meet with our Principal, Kindergarten teachers, School Counsellor, representatives of our school bodies (P&C, Canteen and Uniform Committees) as well as our Commonwealth Bank School Officer.

Tea, coffee and a light supper will be served on the evening.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 4955 9016 or email elemoreva-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Congratulations Xavier!

Xavier Radley was selected in the Newcastle Under 11s State Soccer Titles Team. On the June long weekend Xavier travelled to Coffs Harbor to play in the State Title Tournament. Newcastle was very successful winning 5 games and drawing 2. Newcastle was then crowned State champions in both under 11 and under 12 boys.

Well done Xavier.
State Touch Football Knockout

Congratulations to the 9 girls who represented Elermore Vale Public School in the 1st and 2nd round of the PSSA State Touch Football Knockout. The girls took a short trip to face close rivals Wallsend South P.S. in the 2nd round of the knockout. After a big win of 21-1 in the 1st round and a very close trial game against the Wallsend South P.S. boys’ team, the girls entered the game with confidence. The extremely wet and slippery surface didn’t favour the speed and agility of Elermore Vale and the girls had to play a very direct game of touch football. The girl’s line defense was outstanding holding out Wallsend South on more than one occasion. The end result Elermore Vale 4, Wallsend South 7.

Junior and Senior Touch Football Gala Day.

Due to the cancellation of the Junior Touch Football Gala Day at Broadmeadow Touch Fields, Mr Brewis has been working hard in conjunction with other schools and organisations to book a new date for the gala day. The Junior Touch Football Gala Day will be on Tuesday 15th of September (Week 10). A new permission note and schedule will be provided in the weeks to come for those students who have been selected in the teams, no additional money is required. Mrs Walker will be managing and coaching the junior boys’ and girls’ teams.

The Senior Touch Football is scheduled for this term at the Broadmeadow Touch Fields on the Wednesday 16th of September (Week 10). Trials for boy and girl teams will be run in the weeks to come. Those selected in the teams will be provided with a permission note and a schedule of the day. Mr Brewis will be managing and coaching the senior boy and girl teams.

Oakvale Farm

On Wednesday 28th August, Kindergarten went on an excursion to Oakvale Farm.

We enjoyed all of the wonderful experiences of the day, particularly milking Daisy the cow and feeding the lambs. The kangaroos lazed sleepily in the sun and were happy to let us pat them. However, a few kangaroos were a bit cheeky and stole some of our ‘food bags’!

The koala talk was really interesting and we learned lots of facts about koalas. Did you know that a baby koala is called a joey and when it is born it is the size of a jelly bean?

During the reptile show many of us showed great bravery by volunteering to hold the lizard and snake. We all agreed that the snake was soft and smooth to touch while the lizard was rough and bumpy.

What a fantastic day! Congratulations to all kindergarten students and a very big thank you to all of our magnificent parent helpers.
Skoolbag is now up and running for Elermore Vale public School. Please note that we will now be switching over to this from Team App. Mrs Bell has been working industriously on this App and has pre populated it with the upcoming events. Please follow the instructions below and install it today.

**For iPhone and iPad users**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click “Get” then “install”.
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
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**Please Note:** Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager” changed to “Allow” instead of “Notify” in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

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Band Buzz July 2015

On Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd of July twenty two students from EVPS Band participated in the Hunter Bandlink workshops at the Newcastle Jockey Club. Bandlink is a wonderful learning experience where students from nine schools bring their bands and come together to produce a combined quality performance. We would like to congratulate all who attended for demonstrating responsible behaviour while representing our school. All students used their manners throughout the two days. They learnt two pieces of music then performed them to a large audience on the second day. We were particularly impressed with our students’ willingness to learn and progress in the areas of instrument care, technique when playing and performance skills. Well done everyone who attended. Excellent job!

Invitation

The EVPS band committee would like to invite students from years 2-6 and their parents to an information evening on Wednesday 5th August from 6.15 – 7.30pm in the staffroom. Mrs Tarrant will present a short information session, Mrs Robertson will be able to answer questions, some of our current band members will demonstrate how to play their instruments, followed by light refreshments.

This is an annual event held to introduce new families to how our band works, ready for new members joining in 2016. Interested students from years 2-6 will this year have the unique opportunity to start hiring/learning their instrument for terms Three and Four 2015. This will enable them to be ready for full participation in band rehearsals in term 1 2016. This will provide new students with time to learn how to read music before joining the band rehearsals with Mrs Robertson.

Please RSVP via phone on 4955 9016 by Monday 3rd August.

Mrs Tarrant, Mrs Robertson and the EVPS Band Committee

Public Speaking

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to compete in the finals of the Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking Competition next Wednesday at Booragul Public School.

Early Stage 1 - Hugo Moore and Emma Hearnden
Stage 1 - Bridget Wallace and Taliyah Renshaw
Stage 2 - Sienna Martinelli and Hailey Dixon
Stage 3 - Mikayla Croak and Tara Jenkins.

We wish them all the best in their respective competitions.

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Canteen Roster

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Term 3 School Disco

Instead of our usual Week 4 night time Disco, this term we will trial our first ever day time Disco on Friday 28th August.

This will provide an opportunity for all children from Pre-School to Year 6 to attend.

More Information regarding times and cost will be made available in the next school Newsletter.

P&C Fundraising News

As the month of September is fast approaching the Fundraising Committee have been busily organising the upcoming Father's Day Stall and Raffle. If anyone has any donations that they would like to make towards either the stall or the raffle please feel free to leave your donations at the front office for us to collect.

The Fundraising Committee have also organised a BBQ to be held at Wamer's Bay Office Works to be held on Saturday 29th August. For this event to take place we require volunteers to help make the day run efficiently. If you can spare any time at all on this day, even if it’s just 1 hour we would be appreciative. Please contact Tracey Thomas on 0422 228795. Thanks again for your ongoing support.

Earn and Learn

Earn and Learn stickers are a great way for us to obtain extra resources for the students at no extra cost to the school or families.

Don’t forget to collect your Earn and Learn stickers when you go shopping at Woolworths. If you have family friends or relatives that shop at Woolworths ask them to collect them as well. There is a box in the office foyer where stickers or completed sheets can be placed or alternatively the students can hand these in to their class teachers to add to their class sheet.

This year we would like to purchase additional games and activities for the students to use at recess and lunch times.

Statement of Accounts

Term 3 statement of accounts were posted last week. These accounts include all major excursions, and incursions for the term. Along with the accounts were colour coded permission notes for each excursion.

Please return completed permission notes to the class teacher along with the payment or alternatively you can take advantage of our Eftpos facility in the office.

Wallsend Fair

If you are heading to Wallsend Fair this Sunday, take a few minutes to stop and listen to our amazing choir and some of our band members who will be entertaining the crowd. Our students will be performing at approximately 12.00pm

Attendance Reminder -

It is not OK to be away.

As we move into the second half of the year and the colder months are here with us, we need to be diligent in ensuring that student attendance does not drop away.

Attendance data is being collected and monitored. Meetings will be arranged for any student whose attendance is 85% or less.

These meetings will be held at school with the Home School Liaison Officer. Parents of students whose attendance is below 85% will receive a letter later this week. The main purpose of this meeting is to support you and your child in meeting the expectations of the Department of Education (DoE).

Save the Date - DUGS DAY

Now is the time to save the date for all our Dads, Uncles, and Grandads to come along to school and join us for our DUGS day celebrations in the lead up to Fathers’ Day.

On Friday 4th September we have planned the entire morning for our male family members. The day will start with breakfast followed by activities with the students and will conclude at approximately 12.00pm. More details will be posted closer to the date.
From the Library

Book Club

Orders for Issue 5 for Scholastic Book Club are now closed. Thank you to all families who have ordered from the catalogues. These orders should arrive mid next week.

‘Oliver’ Our New Library Operating System

Our school is now operating a new library management program, Oliver. This new program supersedes our last program, OASIS, which had been running since the mid-eighties. Oliver is more user-friendly and offers a lot more functionality for students and teachers. Through their student portal, students can now access the Oliver library catalogue to look up the availability of books, reserve books, review their current loans and overdue notices, as well as read and write book reviews for books they have read. After being introduced to Oliver, many students have also been keen to log on and personalise their Orbit page in Oliver with fun backgrounds and avatars.

To access the Oliver catalogue at home, students can log on to their portal at http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/

Students can also access the library catalogue through the Library Link app available for IOS and Android devices from their respective app stores. Once in the app, students will need to scan the QR code on the Details page under the My Library tab on the main screen in Oliver. See the enclosed information for detailed instructions.

Book Week

Book Week is approaching in Week 6 of this term and to celebrate the theme of Books Light Up Our World, we have several activities and events happening at school. Leading up to Book Week, our wonderful Library Monitors are helping to run a few free competitions for students:

*On an A4 piece of paper with their name on the back, students can draw the existing or design a new cover for their favourite book. Entries should be submitted to the library before Book Week. The prize for this competition will be a Book Club voucher.

*By logging into Oliver and writing a book review, students can enter into a draw to also win a Book Club voucher. Students will be automatically entered once their book review is approved.

*A colouring competition will also be run from Week 4 with a Book Club voucher as the prize. Students will need to collect sheets and submit entries at the library.

During Book Week, the Library Monitors will be helping to run a Second-Hand Book Sale. Old library stock and donated books will be sold at coin-only prices, with the proceeds going back to our library and towards a donation to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. For this to be really successful, we need children to donate their pre-loved books which can be dropped off at the library or school office.

On Tuesday the 18th August students will participate in a Book Week Activities Day. On this day students may come dressed as a book character and will experience a variety of books and related activities to celebrate the event. Costumes don’t need to be elaborate; however, students need to be able to name the book character they are dressed as. Look out for more information about this day in the next newsletter.

Mr Boyd
Setting up Library Link

**STEP 1** On your mobile device, navigate to the app store or play store and search for the Softlink “Library Link” app. Download the app to your device, and open the app. Navigate to the setup page in the app.

**STEP 2** On another computer, preferably a desktop or laptop so that you can open a full version of the browser, login to the NSW DEC portal using your **own username and password**, and open Oliver in a tab of your browser. It must be your account that you use for Oliver so that your profile will be imported into the app via the generated QR code.

**STEP 3** Open the **My Library** menu and click on the **Details** page (see image).

**STEP 4** Follow the directions in the app to use your mobile device’s camera to scan the QR code into the app. This may not work correctly the first time – it might take a couple of scans before the app indicates that you have been successful in scanning your details into the app. **Leave the password field blank and click Save.**

![Login to Oliver and navigate to the Details page in My Library](image1)

![When successful, your school name will appear at the top and your personal loans will appear in My Loans](image2)

![N.B. For the purpose of this How To, this QR code does have a message but does not include login information!](image3)
Who sank the boat in KH?

This week, we have been learning about Mass. After reading the story ‘Who Sank the Boat’ we decided to conduct our own experiment to see if we could sink a boat.

We used paper cups, straws and coloured paper to make our boats. We used lots of different sized objects, from around the classroom, to try to sink our boats.

Our experiment was successful, we had lots of fun and we also managed to get a bit wet!

“It wasn’t just the mouse who sank the boat; it was all the animals together.”  
Ashton

“The marble was really heavy and when I put it in, it sank the boat all by itself.”
Jayden

“Two lids and the timer sank the boat together, just like in the story.”
Mia