Working Together For Children

Upcoming Events

**Term 3 Week 10**
- Spelling Bee Final: Tue 15/9
- Junior Touch Gala Day: Tue 15/9
- P & C Meeting 7pm: Tue 15/9
- CAPA Night 6pm: Wed 16/9
- Senior Touch Gala Day: Wed 16/9
- Year 2 Swim School: Thur 17/9
- Infants Assembly 2pm - School Leaders: Fri 18/9
- Last Day of Term 3: Fri 18/9

**Term 4 Week 1**
- Labor Day Public Holiday: Mon 5/10
- Students Return: Tue 6/10
- Year 6 Sport Gala Day Glendale High: Wed 7/10
- Dance to be Fit Year 6: Thur 8/10
- Primary Assembly – 6Y: Fri 9/10

**Term 4 Week 2**
- State Athletics Carnival: Wed 14/10
- State Athletics Carnival: Thur 15/10
- Kinder Orientation: Thur 15/10
- Dance to be Fit Year 6: Thur 15/10
- Infants Assembly – 2H: Fri 16/10

**Holidays**
As this will be our last newsletter for the term, we would like to congratulate the students on a very busy and successful term and wish you all a safe holiday. We look forward to seeing all students back at school, safe and rested, on Tuesday 6th October.

Mrs Jodie Bell
Jodie is an inspirational and passionate teacher who has been a very valuable member of our Elermore Vale PS team since she started working with us in 2008.
Throughout her time at EVPS, Jodie has been a very knowledgeable, yet humble colleague. Her expertise in many areas, particularly PBL, Stage 3 curriculum, and of course, netball, has been central to the continued success and growth of EVPS.

During her time at EVPS, Jodie has taught many stages, including a period of teaching RFF, following maternity leave.

Jodie’s approachable and caring nature is an asset for our school community. We will truly miss her wonderful sense of humour, and the genuine rapport she has with her students, colleagues and the wider school community, when she leaves us at the end of this term.

Thank you Jodie for the positive impact you have had in the lives of the students, families and staff you have worked with.

Newsletter
In term 4 we will be moving to a weekly newsletter to further assist with communication and staying up to date with school events.
Many families have indicated they are now accessing the school newsletter via the Skoolbag app on smartphones or tablets or via our school website. Given that we are increasingly accessing information in this way, we now have the opportunity to become more environmentally friendly and reduce our paper use. The idea of going largely paperless was put to the P& C at the last meeting and they support a trial period of a weekly, digital newsletter. Families now have the option of accessing the newsletter in one of four ways:
- via the Skoolbag app (phone and/or tablet)
- the school website
- having the newsletter emailed
- obtaining a paper copy

We would like to ask everyone to consider participating in the trial and receiving the newsletter in one of the digital forms. Even reducing the number of paper copies by half would represent a significant reduction in paper use at our school. We have included a slip at the back of this newsletter for all families to complete, to indicate how you would prefer to receive the newsletter.

If you are happy to access the newsletter via the app or the school website you do not need to return the slip. If you would like the newsletter emailed or still require a paper copy, please complete and return the slip to your class teacher.

If no slip is returned, we will assume that your family will access the newsletter in one of our digital forms. We will evaluate the success of the trial at the end of term 4. Thank you for your support.

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Book Week

In week six our school celebrated Book Week. The theme this year was Books Light Up Our World. It was wonderful to see the many characters our students came dressed as on our celebration day. In the lead up to Book Week, students had been reading the shortlisted books for the CBCA Book of the Year Awards and on our celebration day, enjoyed the various shared stories and activities conducted by our dedicated staff. A big thank you to all the students who entered our Book Week competitions and to those who donated books and purchased from our second hand book stall run by our very helpful library monitors. We raised $101.70, all of which has been donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to help provide books for indigenous children in remote communities. It is great to think that through such a small act, our students can celebrate books which light up their lives and at the same time help give the same opportunity to other children.

Mr Boyd

Runners-Up for 2015

It was another successful year for the PSSA Elermore Vale Senior Soccer Team. After a shaky start to the season the team in blue and gold came home strong to sneak into the top four on the ladder and qualify for the finals. The finals day was held last Friday at Federal Park, Wallsend. Conditions couldn’t have been much worse for the big day with constant rain and wind making for a muddy occasion.

The qualifying final was to be played against Garden Suburb who had beaten EVPS 1-4 only two weeks ago. With a nervous start, EVPS found themselves behind on the scoreboard 0-1 in a matter of minutes. The team regrouped in defence and showed great comadery and determination to gain control of possession for majority of remaining first half. Nearing half-time some excellent defence by Jordy, Xavier, Wil, Lachlan and Aiden enabled Damon to cross a near perfect ball to a well-positioned Daniel who slotted the ball into the back of the net to tie-up the scores at half-time. EVPS came out in the second half with as equal effort in both attack and defence and dominated the game in all facets led by super-sub Tyler and Jacob. Great team work in the mid-field allowed Thomas and Ben to put pressure on the keeper with some great goal attempts, Jordy came through to pick up a poor clearance and tapped it in to put EVPS in the lead for the first time in the match. In the dying minutes Garden Suburb put good pressure on Sam our goal-keeper but he prevailed as did the whole team, winning 2-1 and going through to the grand-final.

EVPS were to play competition favourites Bamsley in the finals. After drawing 2 all in a recent match-up the boys entered the game with confidence. For the first half the teams exchanged shots at goal. A well timed cross by Daniel allowed Cooper to score a vital goal before half-time to narrow the score 1-2, Bamsley leading. The second half didn’t pan out how the team wanted with Bamsley stretching the lead. EVPS finished runners-up of 2015. A huge thank you to the parents who frequently washed the jerseys and supported the team over the past two terms.

Four Qualify for NSW State Athletics

Congratulations to Ladiya Morisho, Jacob Knight, Tiahna Skelton, Tahlya Iuliano, Lamona Faleako, Paige Worley and Montana Quick on a very successful 2015 Hunter Athletics campaign on Friday the 28th of August. All athletes placed exceptionally well in their respective events in both track and field. Elermore Vale’s Senior Girls 4x100m relay team (Paige, Lamona, Montana, Tiahna) displayed a standout performance on the day by blowing away the opposition by more than 15 metres and just falling short of breaking the record that has stood for nearly 20 years. Tiahna Skelton displayed exceptional individual athleticism by qualifying for NSW State by placing 1st in the 100m and long jump along with a close 2nd in the 200m. She will now travel to Sydney for the NSW State competition at Homebush accompanied by her fellow relay members in the Senior Girls relay. We wish all four girls the best of luck on this exceptional accomplishment.

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Eam & Learn Stickers

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Eam & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Eam & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Eam & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Eam & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Positive Behaviour for Learning

We are respectful     We are focused     We are safe

The PBL committee would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who submitted a design idea for our PBL mascot. Currently, a Graphic Designer is working with all designs to create our very own ‘unique’ EVPS mascot. We now eagerly await the arrival of our mascot! This week Mrs Heaney and Miss Kinloch attended two days of Universal PBL training. The training provided valuable knowledge and support to guide the successful implementation of the PBL framework in our school. It is a very exciting time for our whole school community as we work towards launching PBL late next term.

PBL is everyone, everywhere, every time!

Woolworths Eam & Learn 2015

Defect: The button batteries in the Torch may be accessed by children.

Hazard: If a young child gains access to these batteries and ingests them, they may suffer internal burns injuries, which can result in serious illness or, in the worst case, a potential fatality.

What to do: Consumers should immediately and safely dispose of the Torch.

Contact Details: Any queries may be directed to the participating schools’ School Banking Co-ordinator or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 574 495, Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm (AEST).
Canteen Roster

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P & C Meeting

Reminder that the monthly P&C meeting will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm in the staffroom annexe. All are welcome.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

The Athlete's Foot stocks a range of school shoes to ensure that there are options for everyone. $5 from every shoe purchased is donated back to our school. Even better, this applies to the whole family across their fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.

Movie Night

One of our ex students Alyssa Hall was recently selected in an Australian Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Squad to tour Brazil in November. This comes after a successful trip to National titles where as Goal Keeper she helped NNSW finish in 1st position.

As you can imagine this comes with extremely high costs and we are hoping that our friends and the wider community at EVPS can help support her adventure by attending this fundraising night at the Glendale Cinema on Friday 18th September from 6:15pm.

Prices:

Movie Ticket only $15
Movie Ticket, Popcorn and Drink Deal $20

All tickets need to be pre-purchased. Please contact Jenny 0412 498 778, Cameron or Alyssa for further details and payment methods.

Band Buzz July 2015

CAPA night and Band Fest are fast approaching and the band students have been all working very hard on their performances which Mrs Robertson says are sounding fantastic!

The Band will be running the CAPA Night BBQ on Wednesday 16th September from 5pm.

Sausages with or without onion on bread rolls will be $3.00 and drinks will be $2.00. There will also be a raffle on the night.

Please come along to support the band performance and fundraiser.

EVPS Canteen Survey

Thank you to all those who have returned the canteen survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

If you have not completed a survey as yet, can you please complete and return one to the school office by Friday 18th September.

Educational Experience presents FUNDRAISING

A 2015 Fundraising Catalogue from Educational Experience has been sent home with Preschool and Kinder students today. When you make a purchase from the catalogue and nominate Elermore Vale Public School and we will receive 20% in learning resource vouchers. Goods will be sent direct to your doorstep from mid September. You will also have a chance at winning a Disney Family Cruise in the Caribbean.

There are spare catalogues in the office if other families are interested in making a purchase.

Fundraising

We would like to thank our sponsors and the school community for all the wonderful prizes donated for our Fathers’ Day raffle. Congratulations to our lucky winners.

We would also like to thank all the parents, carers and grandparents who helped on the stall and cutting up raffle tickets. Your time was very much appreciated.

The Fathers’ Day Stall and Raffle raised approximately just over $2,000. A huge thanks once again from The Fundraising Team.
This term, class 5G have been exploring a variety of complex and very important environmental issues. We hope you enjoy the read!

The Red List

Written by
Jessica Hart
and Georgia
Hannah

Over the past fifty years, 832 species of plants and animals from around the world have become extinct. The ‘red list’ is an international environmental list that identifies animals and plants that are most vulnerable and monitors their habitat, behaviour, diet and breeding.

Humans are the main reason for animal extinction. We kill out their habitat to make more room for ourselves and our interests. We mine for natural resources and are responsible for global warming. No animal is safe, particularly those living in arctic regions.

Now extinction is not just ancient history, like with the dinosaurs. Many animal species have become extinct in the past fifty years. The red list identifies animals and plants that are most vulnerable. Over the past 5 decades 832 species have become extinct, which is extremely sad.

On earth there are over 4,500 species that are critically endangered. The hairy nosed wombat is one animal that is included in this highest category. 7,000 species are categorised as endangered and 11,000 animals are listed as vulnerable.

The most serious wave of extinctions taking place is the frog species. Up to 122 different species have become extinct since 1980. Scientists believe that a fungal disease and global warming are the main factors for their extinction.

Actions that you can take to help protect plants and animals are to; water plants, put bird boxes in trees and water in a bucket beneath trees for koalas to drink, pick up rubbish and to keep our creeks clean.

Extinction is forever. Animal species don’t simply come back. It is important to know that if one animal species dies out, it affects the whole food chain. So just think, if you were one of these animals, would you want someone to step in to save your species?

Greenhouse Gases – Written by Hirra Khan

Have you ever wondered what all the talk about greenhouse gases is really about? Well, greenhouse gases are a mix of methane, carbon dioxide, and nitrous oxide. They can be found everywhere from factories, power stations and even your own car gives out greenhouse gases!

What happens is that these harmful gases block the sun’s heat from escaping from our atmosphere.

Think of a warm blanket on a freezing cold night, it traps the heat making you warm, but with too many blankets you will start to feel hot. This is exactly what is happening. And with too much heat, we could melt the South and North Pole. As for me, I have two big massive problems. 1. Sea levels will rise. 2. Santa will have to move to Mars! Australian governments are trying to lower the risk of extreme weather by calling the green army to plant more trees.

The prime minister is even giving big businesses money to invest in new clean energy ideas so we can reduce our greenhouse gas levels by 5%. It is not much but it is better than nothing! Climate Scientists state that once we hit extreme temperatures on earth, there is no turning back and its effects are irreversible.

Ways we can help begin to take action against global warming are to:

- plant trees
- grow your own herbs, fruit and vegetables.
- recycle food scraps, creating compost
- walk or ride a bike to school (if you can)
- buy less things. Be resourceful with the materials you have.
- recycle glass, aluminium and cardboard
- rethink plastic shopping bags
- turn your room light off when you are not in
- be smart with water usage
- talk to your parents about climate change and global warming.
Skoolbag is now up and running for Elermore Vale Public School. 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.
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.

**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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