Welcome Back!
Welcome back to school for 2016. I hope all students, parents and carers have had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new families to our school and trust that your transition to our school is a smooth and successful one.

Classes
The beginning of a new school year can be a wonderful mix of excitement and nerves as new classes are formed and different routines are established.

Teachers are hoping to be able to form classes by Friday 29th January, however this may not take place until early next week when our enrolment numbers become clearer.

The Department of Education sets clear guidelines for the number of students in each class and it is the number of students enrolled that sets our staffing entitlements.

I do ask that parents and carers are patient with us at this time and I would like to assure you that we are all doing everything we can to make this process as speedy one.

If parents and carers do know of any families that may have moved out of, or into, our area, please let the office know. This will greatly assist our preparation for moving into our new 2016 classes.

Staffing
This year we welcome Aimee Harber and Alexis McInnes to our teaching staff. We also welcome Tony Mandl to our school as our General Assistant.

Parking
The beginning of a new school year is also good for a timely reminder about the need for safety around school. Newcastle City Council have advised our school that enforcement patrols will continue in our area and they will be targeting:

- pick ups/drop offs on or too close to pedestrian crossings
- pick ups/drop offs in no stopping and bus zones
- parking for too long in short term pick up/drop off zones
- stopping for long periods in no parking zones

Please help us keep children safe by following the rules of the parking zones around our school.

Class Kits
All the school supplies and equipment that students need for the year has arrived in our school and teachers are busy unpacking and getting all equipment sorted. Each stage is preparing one kit for display in the office so that you are able to see what you are purchasing for your child. Class Kits continue to include Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions plus an exciting new subscription to World Book Online. We ask that students keep their own pencil cases and equipment if they have it at home ready for homework! Invoices for class kits will be sent home shortly.

Swimming Carnival
Students will be receiving information soon about the swimming carnival which is on Friday 12th February at Wallsend Pool. This carnival is for students in Years 3-6. Please note that students in Year 2 are able to participate on the condition that they are able to swim 25m, are intended to participate and swim at the carnival and will be turning 8 this year.

Upcoming Events

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Positive Behaviour for Learning

(an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students)

Ready... set... go!

PBL is all systems go at Elmore Vale Public School

We are proud to introduce our PBL mascot ‘Ellie the Eagle’. Ellie will become a familiar sight around the school as she supports us to engage positively and respectfully with each other.

Our core PBL values are ‘Safe’ ‘Respect’ and ‘Focus’.

The following ‘All settings’ poster highlights the main responsibilities for each value.

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Safe
Think and act responsibly.
Be in the right place at the right time
Follow instructions

Respect
Be proud of all you do and say
Take pride in your appearance
Value our school environment

Focus
Do your personal best
Be organised
Be a team member
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We are very excited to be launching the first of our PBL lessons next week. This lesson will focus on sun safety and we encourage all families to talk with children throughout the week about staying safe in the sun.

At Elmore Vale Public School we are ‘safe’ because we think and act responsibly when in the sun.

Ellie says.........