Sporting Schools Grant

Elermore Vale Public School has again been fortunate to receive the Sporting Schools Grant. Students in Years 3 – 6 will be undertaking 4 x 1 hour sessions in athletics skills provided by a qualified and experienced coach from Athletics Australia. This program is completely free of charge for students and forms part of our Physical Education program. The sessions for students start in week 5.

Student Statement of Accounts

Each term all families receive a statement of account that details the main expenses for the term. While inevitably there will be some minor expenses that will occur as different opportunities arise, the major expenses for the term are detailed on the invoice. The invoices cover voluntary school contributions, excursions and class kits, which provide all of the items that students need at school. Class kits include subscriptions to Mathletics, Reading Eggs and World Book Online which will be used by the students throughout the year.

Apart from excursions which must be paid by the due dates, invoices can be paid in instalments; they do not need to be paid as a lump sum. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if further information is required.

Preschool Assessment & Rating

It is a very exciting time for our school as we have received notification that our Preschool will be undergoing their Assessment & Rating process in the coming weeks. Our preschool will be rated against the National Quality Standards (NQS). There are seven quality areas, 18 standards and 58 elements that make up the NQS. If you would like more information about this process please visit http://www.acecqa.gov.au/national-quality-framework/assessments-and-ratings

Band Buzz

EVSP band has re-commenced for 2016. We are pleased to have so many returning musicians and some new musicians too.

We would like to introduce and congratulate the band leaders for 2016 - Emma Comally and Thomas D’Amico

These two dedicated band students have been chosen to lead and represent our band and we are certain that they will do a great job.

‘Welcome to 2016 from this year’s band leaders.’

Firstly, we would like to thank last year’s band leaders, Lily and Jarrod, for their enthusiasm and hard work. The whole band wishes them luck in high school.

We would like to welcome the new band members. We look forward to getting to know them and supporting them as they get used to their new roles in the band.

2015 was a very successful year with the band achieving great results in Bandfest. We hope that in 2016, by working hard with Mrs Robertson, we will be able to continue the band’s success.

Emma Comally & Thomas D’Amico
Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week we are going to focus on how to be respectful and respect our sports equipment. Respecting our sports equipment means that we ask the teacher or sports house captains before borrowing equipment from the sports shed. We always return our sports equipment promptly and neatly to the correct place after recess and lunch. We understand that we always use our sports equipment correctly and with care. It means we tell a teacher when equipment is damaged or goes out-of-bounds.

At Ellemore Vale Public School we are Respectful because we are proud of all we do and say and respect our sports equipment.

P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM)
The P&C are holding their AGM on Tuesday, 13th March at 7pm in the school staffroom. All positions in the P&C will be declared vacant at this meeting. If you are interested in filling one of these positions or wish to nominate someone to fill a position, you will need to complete the nomination form at the end of this newsletter, and return it to the school office by 3.00pm Tuesday, 13th March. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the office if required.

Only members who are financial and in attendance at the meeting are eligible to vote. The only positions that will be filled from the floor are positions where there are no nominations submitted.

The positions include President, Vice President (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Sub-Committees (Canteen Convenor, Canteen Treasurer, Canteen Secretary, Fundraising Convenor, Uniform Convenor, Publicity and Promotions Officer and Band Convenor.

Details of these positions can be found by accessing: http://www.ellemoreva-p.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au/our-school/p-c

Ironbark Creek Rehabilitation
Newcastle Council would like to invite parents to a community walk and talk next week regarding Ironbark Creek Rehabilitation Stage 4. Students and teachers from our school have been actively involved in the last three stages of this project and they hope to once again involve us this year around World Environment Day. The community event is being held:

Ironbark Creek rehabilitation Walk and talk
Come and join Council staff and Soil Conservation Services for a walk & talk along the recently completed stage 3 works and find out about the next stage of this project.

Date: Tuesday 23 February 2016
Time: 6 - 7pm
Location: Ellemore Vale Community Centre (located next door to the shopping centre)
RSVP: Council’s Environmental Education Officer 4974 2622

If you are interested in placing your child in After School Care at Ellemore Vale Public School, for either permanent or casual days, please head online to complete the registration process: https://www.campaustralia.com.au/Sch ools/EllemoreValePublicSchool/7244
Swimming News
Elermore Vale students have once again demonstrated their athleticism, competitiveness and sportsmanship at the annual school swimming carnival.

On the 12th of February students from Year 2 - 6 travelled to Wallsend Public Swimming Pool. Weather was perfect, banners and decorations brightened the stands, war cries filled the air, competition was fierce and it was great to see so many students participating in the 50m+ events. It was a very successful day. Nearly 40 students recording zone qualifying times and several students recording new school records. A special mention to Ben Shearer who recorded zone qualifying times for all the very challenging form stroke events.

In regards to the house points tally, Shortland House was the winning house for the second year in a row, closely followed by Platt, Nelson and Fletcher. Participation points once again are what got Shortland over the line with nearly 90 individual entries on the day.

Lastly, a big thank you to all our parents who kindly volunteered to assist in the running of the school carnival. Your school community involvement and support is greatly appreciated by our staff and students.

On the 18th of February our zone swimming squad of nearly 40 ventured to Speers Point Swimming Pool. Elermore Vale Public School once again looked the part with our bright blue labelled swimming caps.

Ben Shearer represented the school just after 7:30am to compete in the form events, swimming in multiple strokes and recording exceptional times and placing. There was a fantastic effort by all students in the 50 and 25 metre events. The big relay finale brought out the best in our swimmers, with our juniors putting in amazing performance and both senior teams recording outstanding finishes. The senior girls relay team came home strong with pace to take 2nd place and the senior boys relay recorded an easy second place.

Congratulations to Ben Shearer who was announced the 12 years boys PSSA Zone Swimming Champion of 2016. Ben also qualified for Regional in the 50m and 100m freestyle, 50m breaststroke/backstroke/butterfly events as well as the 200m individual medley.

Lastly, a big thank you to all parents who kindly volunteered to assist in the running of the school carnival and to those who assisted in transporting the zone squad to Speers Point. Your school community involvement and support is greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Emma Walker (Team Manager)
Kyle Brewis (Sport Coordinator)

Eagle Awards
Congratulations to our very first Eagle Awards recipients. These students have shown our PBL values of Safe, Respect and Focus.
(Absent: Georgia and Ryder)
The students in 5T have been working on two important projects to start our year. The first is called our ‘Growth Diaries’ and we are learning about turning our thoughts positive. The second is a project using visualisation called ‘Door to the Future Me’. We wanted to share some of them with you.

5T

Hailey Dixon said:
“I learnt to think positive thoughts not negative!”

Bree said:
“I learnt not to train my brain to think I am dumb or can’t do something. You can train your brain to say positive thoughts to

We have been working very hard in 5T

After watching a clip about Temple Grandin, everyone got to draw a door to visualise what wonderful things could be behind it.

“Angelina said: I want to be an actor when I grow up!”

Baden said: When I grow up I want to be a martial arts master.”

The Growth Diary is an excellent activity to learn to change your thoughts.

Jessica Marshall said:
“I learned that when you make mistakes you can always fix them.”

Edwin said: “I learned to always be respectful to the teachers and all of my friends.”
Skoolbag is up and running at Elmeroe Vale Public School. It is one of the most convenient ways to receive school notifications. 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.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for “Skoolbag” in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”
7. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
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