Upcoming Events

**Term 1 Week 7**
- Kinder – Hunter Valley Gardens Excursion Wed 9/3
- Athletics Skills Program Years 3-6 Wed 9/3
- Selective High School Tests Thur 10/3
- Athletics Skills Program Years 3-6 Thur 10/3
- Primary Assembly – 6S Fri 11/3

**Term 1 Week 8**
- P & C AGM Tue 15/3
- Parent-Student Glendale Technology High School Tour Tue 15/3
- Athletics Skills Program Years 3-6 Wed 16/3
- Parent-Student Glendale Technology High School Tour Wed 16/3
- Athletics Skills Program Years 3-6 Thur 17/3
- Stage 3 Blackbutt Incursion Thur 17/3
- Milkshake Day Thur 17/3
- Infants Assembly – 1/2P Fri 18/3

**Term 1 Week 9**
- Harmony Day Mon 21/3
- Easter Hat Parade Thur 24/3
- Good Friday Fri 25/3

**High School Time of Year (already!)**
That time of the year has arrived where many High Schools commence their information evenings and processes for applying for selective and specialist classes. Details that we have at this time include:

**Glendale Technology High School**
GTHS are inviting Parents and Students for Year 7 2017 to tour the school with school leaders and to meet the Principal and Year Advisor informally. There are two dates for the tours. The first is Tuesday 15th March from 4 – 5.30pm and the second is Wednesday 16th March 4 – 5.30pm.

**Lambton High School**
LHS are holding an Information Evening for Year 6 students wanting to enrol for Year 7 in 2017. Information regarding Lambton HS e3 Academic Enrichment Class and CAPA Enrichment Class is now available on their website and these applications are due on March 23rd.

**Callaghan College Wallsend Campus**
CCWC is inviting parents and Year 6 students to an Expo on Monday 21st March at 3.30pm. There will be a free BBQ and organised tours of the school.

**Easter Hat Parade**
Our Easter Hat Parade is being held on Thursday 24th March. The parade will start at approximately 11.45am with a welcome from our School Leaders.

Our Easter raffle has always been a huge success due to the kind donations of Easter eggs from our generous families. Donations will be gladly accepted at the office. Some of the major raffle prizes will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade with the remainder being drawn during lunchtime. Each child will be bringing home today a sheet of tickets at a cost of $10 per sheet or $1.00 per ticket. Please return all sheets to the office. Additional sheets are available on request.

The canteen will be running a special lunch on this day starting at 1.00pm. Mrs O’Neill, in the canteen, would appreciate any extra help that can be offered. Order forms for the special lunch will be forwarded home shortly.

We looking forward to seeing you on the day and sharing the special Easter Hat creations of our students!

**Week 5 Newsletter Correction**
From time to time, mistakes and typing errors occur. Last week’s newsletter incorrectly stated that the P&C AGM was March 13th. The date for the AGM is March 15th, 7pm. Please accept our apologies.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week we are going to focus on how to respect our school environment by putting our rubbish in the correct place. Respecting our school environment means we always put our rubbish in the correct place. This means waste like plastic wrappers go in the garbage bin, paper and cardboard go in the recycling bin and fruit scraps go in the fruit scrap bin. We always put our rubbish in the correct place in the classroom and playground even if it doesn’t belong to us. We understand that putting rubbish in the correct place will help keep Elermore Vale Public School beautiful.

Harmony Day 21st March

Harmony Day, 21 March, celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is our diversity is our strength.

All students are encouraged to wear orange clothing on the day (no gold coin donation is required). It would also be wonderful to see students come in traditional dress reflective of our many and varied cultural backgrounds. On the day students will be participating in classroom activities that their teacher will be providing throughout the day. The Canteen will also be selling a variety of multicultural foods (more information to come).

For more information on this day go to www.harmony.gov.au

P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The P&C are holding their AGM on Tuesday, 15th 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, 15th 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 Convener, Canteen Treasurer, Canteen Secretary, Fundraising Convener, Uniform Convener, Publicity and Promotions Officer and Band Convener.

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

Canteen Roster

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Elermore Vale Public School’s onsite After School Care is now fully up and running! If you would like a place for your child or children, either on permanent or casual days, you will need to complete the registration process by visiting: https://www.campaustalia.com.au/Schools/ElermoreValePublicSchool/7244

Canteen News

E Books are coming end of March. See Deb in the canteen for further details.

Special Days coming up:

- St Patrick’s Day: Thursday 17th March
- Harmony Day: Monday 21st March
- Easter Hat Parade: Thursday 24th March
Have you ever watched a movie from the ‘Ice Age’ franchise?

If you have, then most of you would remember the characters: Manny the woolly mammoth, Sid the sloth, Diego the saber-toothed tiger, and the hapless prehistoric squirrel known as Scrat. You may also remember the humorous events as they as they embark on a mission across an ever-changing, increasingly dangerous landscape towards their salvation.

Well this term, 6B have been taking a closer look at Ice Age: The Meltdown. We have been looking beyond the films entertaining elements and have learnt to recognise underlying meanings and how the context can be related to the world we live in.

Understanding ‘context’?

To understand context, 6B had to look beyond the text and consider the world in which it was produced and the worlds of its reception.

What we discovered looking beyond the text?

We discovered that Ice Age: The Meltdown is a light-hearted and fun family film, but it does carry some more serious messages about the environment, climate change, global warming and animal extinction.

6B then looked at the underlying messages within the film and considered them in the world we live in (2016). We identified that we are facing the same problems of global warming and climate change caused by greenhouse gas (carbon dioxide) pollution. Very much the same as Manny, Sid, Diego and Scrat faced tens of thousands of years ago.

How is that possible? How are they the same?

The world in the Ice Age movie is undergoing a natural rise in temperature and the polar ice caps are beginning to melt causing rising sea levels, endangering environments and animals. Did you know the Earth naturally creates greenhouse gases causing the atmosphere to heat as demonstrated in the movie?

The world we live in today is still experiencing these natural causes but they occur too slowly to explain the rapid warming seen in recent decades. 6B identified that human interaction with the environment is to blame. As we continued to research we learnt that greenhouse gases produced by cars and power plants have increased greenhouse emissions 100 times more over the last 100 years!

Like the movie Ice Age, changes in temperature in our world has seen the polar ice caps melting, sea levels rising, environments being destroyed and living things on the fine brink of survival.
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I accept nomination for position of …………………………………………………………………… on Elermore Vale P & C Committee.

Signed .................................................. Date ........................................

Please supply the information below and any other which you feel will assist in your election. Use the reverse side of page if necessary.

Personal qualifications and interests - ……………………………………………………………
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What you hope to achieve through the P & C ………………………………………………………
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