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**Congratulations Band**

Well done to our school band who attended band camp over the weekend. The aim of the camp was to merge students in both Intermediate and Senior Bands into the Concert Band while improving musical skills and developing a great team spirit amongst the band members. The team spirit was certainly clearly evident. The students had a fantastic weekend and I'm sure gained lots from their experiences. Special thanks to Mr Goeldner, the Australian Army Band and the many parents who made the camp possible.

**Exciting Helicopter Visit**

Last Thursday our students were treated to a very special visit from the Westpac helicopter service. Students enjoyed hearing about their work and certainly were excited to see the helicopter land and take off. Many thanks to Dr Leonard for organising the visit and to the wonderful Westpac crew and Mr Kleynjan for making it all possible.
Please Update all Information
To improve our notification systems we are moving into SMS alerts in addition to our current emailing system. It is therefore essential that you keep the school informed of any changes to your mobile number and email address. Please also note that our website contains lots of useful information, alerts and messages including our newsletter and excursion notes.

Term 2 Calendar

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Happy Week 5
Kindest regards,
Josie Bailey Principal ☺

Important WHS News
Please note the following important changes to ensure the safety of our students:
- Gates will be closed between 9-2:30
- Entry to the school during this time is via Ian St only.
- All visitors and volunteers are required to sign in and out at the office. This includes assembly visitors, canteen, P&C and classroom helpers.

We apologise for any inconvenience but I’m sure you would appreciate that student safety is always our primary objective.

Great project work by Flynn in KBS

Enrol Now For 2016
If you have a child or know of a child in our area due to commence school in 2016 please let the school know ASAP.
Positions are filling quickly and we would like to ensure all students can be catered for.

Library News
12 weeks until this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge closes off. Congratulations to Aidan M. KH, Hayley M., Matilda B. and Olivia E. KLF, Eli A. KBS, Milla B. 1D, Zane Z. and Eric H. 1G, Reid E., Levi K. and Nicholas G. 1/2DM, Brayden B. 2P, Darcy M. 2H, Seon B. 4JT, Lachlan B. 5FS and Asha K. 5/6L. Well done to 1G who have now overtaken 5/6L and are fast catching up to 4HB in the class Challenge, who now only hold their lead by 1.

Those who read – succeed
Robyn Forbes
Helicopter Visit
Just a HUGE thank you to some of people who made the incredible visit by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter such a success:

- Peter Allington our General Assistant for his assistance with preparation of the site.
- Rob Thorne for supply of audio equipment free of charge.
- The chopper crew - especially Nathan Langham for his wonderful Q&A session with the kids.

Great also to have Peter Kleynjan here (another EPS dad) representing Westpac’s support of the event and the rescue helicopter program.

A wonderful afternoon for all!
Dr Carl Leonard

Sport Report
Hunter Soccer Team - Congratulations to Sam Haren who was successful in making the Hunter Region Soccer Team. This is an incredible effort and Sam should be very proud of his achievements. He will compete at the State Championships later in the term.

Regional Cross Country - A huge congratulations to Bradley Freeman, who came 29th at the Hunter Region Cross Country carnival in the 9 Year boys. This is a fantastic achievement.

Thanks Mr May

Cricket Report - In one of the windiest games of cricket ever played, Eleebana played Booragul at Croudace Bay. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. We started quickly, however, lost a few early wickets. Rhys and Jack D came to the crease and quickly started to score runs. A long outfield made scoring big runs difficult and it would be singles that would get us over the line. Both boys retired on 40 not out within a few balls of each other and we finished with a score of over 150. Booragul struggled with our tight bowling but held on until the end where they eventually finished their overs with 41 runs.

Great sportsmanship was shown by both teams and the boys look forward to round 4 which will take place towards the end of Term 3.

Well done boys!
Mr Burrows.

Recent Notes
- Eleebana Art Extravaganza Raffle Tickets
- Term 2 Costs Sheet
- A reminder that there are still some family photos that need to be collected from the office

Intermediate Band Families
The Intermediate Band will be combining with the Senior Band as of next week creating our Concert Band. The rehearsals days after this week will be Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Hall.
Band Camp - Thank you all for a wonderful weekend. The camp was a huge success with the Intermediate and Senior Bands combining effectively. Student behaviour was outstanding across the weekend and I am pleased to report that all members from the Army Band spoke highly of all students that they worked with in regard to effort, musicality and behaviour.

I would personally like to thank all parents involved across the weekend. Mr Arthur-Kelly, Mr De Grauw, Mrs Suciu and Ms Price for staying overnight. Mrs Eidels, Mrs Freedman, Mr and Mrs Bradbury and Mr Nesbitt - Schott for assisting with service and catering. A special thank you to Mrs Doughty and Mrs Elsworthy who managed to attend every meal. I would also like to thank Ms Brown and Mrs Doughty for their time and effort in the lead up to the event. (I do apologise if I missed anyone.) Also, special thank you to Mrs Bailey and Miss Tegan Hill for their contribution to our camp.

Pivotal Cup Basketball
On the 30th of May the Eleebana Pivotal Cup team will be competing in the first round of the Pivotal Cup Challenge. This challenge is a basketball skills challenge which gives school the chance to $5000 in sporting equipment.
The night which the team competes is also a fundraising night, each school is given specially labelled tickets to the game and for every specially marked ticket used $2 of that ticket goes directly back to the school itself. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for parents.
The location for this event is the Newcastle Basketball Stadium, located at the corner of Young and Curley Roads Broadmeadow. The stadium also provides a hot food canteen and a bar for the parents.
The night that has been chosen is also The Hunters reunion night, which is sure to bring large crowds for a great experience. Games start at 3, Women's ABA is at 5 with the Men's ABA kicking off at 7:15. The skills challenge is set to take place at 6:45.
Let’s get behind the team and the school for an enjoyable night. Cheers, Eathen Kibble.

Eleebana Art Extravaganza

Tickets and money need to be returned to the school by 25th May.
Please support this fundraiser and remember “You have to be in it to win it!”
Proceeds raised will be used to support art programs this term. These will include

• Art at the park for Early Stage 1 & Stage 1
• A school art competition and
• Mural paintings with links to NAIDOC activities.

Art Club
Students in year two have been voluntarily spending Tuesday lunch time learning tricks and skills to create some amazing and effective artworks. Last week, students produced a representation of the Sydney Opera House using chalk and hairspray! It was messy, but the results were fantastic.

Thanks Mrs Summers.
P&C News
A big week last week with the finalisation of our gift wrapping, the conducting of our Mother’s Day stalls and the drawing of our Mother’s Day raffle. I hope everyone had a great Mother’s Day and enjoyed receiving their gifts as much as the children seemed to enjoy selecting them. There were certainly a lot of excited shoppers! A big thank you to Mayfair Jewellers for our fantastic first prize, and all the helpers who made it possible to conduct these successful events - you’re all amazing!
And an appeal to anyone who has considered volunteering and helping out the P&C - we’re always happy to see new faces in any area - monthly meetings, canteen, uniform shop, mother’s day, father’s day, Easter, Spring Fair, just to name a few. The door’s always open and everyone is welcome - it’s fun, it’s social, and it’s a great way to help support our kids, so please come along to any of these and help us continue to provide our kids with the valuable support they deserve.
Lastly, a reminder that tonight is our next P&C Meeting, 7pm, all welcome. Hope to see you there.

Robyn Tooze
President

Canteen Roster

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Athlete’s Foot

The Athlete’s Foot have been great supporters of Eleebana Public School for the past five years. Having a local company supporting us financially is a real bonus. It is satisfying for parents to know that they are buying quality shoes and helping the school at the same time. Thank you to The Athlete’s Foot Charlestown for your generous support and your School Rewards Program. It is truly appreciated by the Eleebana school community.
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