The Next 7 Days......

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Changes to Excursion Notes

To streamline processes, parents will no longer have to repeat information already provided such as medical details and contact numbers etc every time a new permission note is completed. You will only need to complete this section if your details have changed. We have all the necessary information for teachers, from our existing data base, and can make any changes as notified.

Our Amazing Classrooms

This term I am really enjoying working in our classrooms with our amazing students and talented teachers. It’s very exciting to see the variety of experiences teachers are providing for their students to cater for their various needs and strengths.

It’s also great to see technology being used in an increasingly authentic way to challenge thinking and creativity and enhance learning.
Term 2 Calendar

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Useful Links...

Food Allergies
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Is your child making friends at school?

Important WHS Reminder
Please note the following important changes to ensure the safety of our students:

- Gates will be closed between 9:30 -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.

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.

Public Speaking
At Eleebana we are very proud of our public speaking programs which help develop very important communication skills as well as confidence and ability to relate to an audience. Congratulations to the flowing students who have been selected to participate in their stage finals this week. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**Stage 3** - Thursday 9-11am (hall)

**Stage 2** - Tuesday 2nd June 9-11am (hall)

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.

Have a wonderful week
Kindest regards,
Josie Bailey Principal ☺
**Free Choice:** Oliver W, Olivia M, Jessica W, Madeline B, Genevieve S, Ben M, Leila T, Joseph B, Emma C, Rubin A, Laura T, Emily R, Shany E, Shelby L

**GRIP Leadership Conference**

On Monday 18th May our School Captains and Counselors represented EPS at the GRIP Leadership Conference in Newcastle. Guest presenters shared concepts of leadership that included: what makes a good leader, making the most of leadership opportunities, the importance of generosity, and looking for opportunities to lead; not to forget eating and LOTS of dancing! We look forward to hearing more about their day and the fantastic opportunity they experienced by attending the conference.

**Ethics Update:**

Please see important information from our Ethics Coordinator - Emma Hale

**School Ethics Coordinator Required**

Eleebana Public School provides three options for students during the time allocated for special religious instruction: SRE - Special Religious Education, SEE - Special Education in Ethics, and Non-Scripture.

Over 100 students now participate in Ethics Classes. In order to keep Ethics classes running, we rely on trained volunteers to teach the classes and we rely on an Ethics Coordinator to support the volunteer teachers and do some basic administration tasks.

EPS requires a new person to take on the role of Ethics Coordinator.

The Ethics Coordinator’s primary responsibility is liaison between the parents, the school’s Ethics Teachers, the Deputy Principal and the Primary Ethics organisation (Primary Ethics are the approved provider who designed the Ethics/SEE curriculum).

If you are interested in the role you must be available for about 10-15 hours of voluntary work per school term. You must be able to commit to the role for two years, have an ability to develop a good working relationship, and, an ability to interview and select new ethics teachers in an impartial manner.

For more information please contact Emma Hale (halehome@bigpond.com) or visit http://www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicscoordinator.html to apply online.

Dr Carl Leonard
Deputy Principal

**Library News**

11 weeks until this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge closes off. Congratulations to Lucas N. KLF, Caleb A. KH, Lily Lewis KBS, Poppy L. KF, Thomas H. and Emma C. 1G, Grace N. 1S, Billy H. and Oliver W. 1LT, Will J. 1D, Imogen J., Amara M. and Claire C. 1/2DM, Isabella Y. 2H, Maddy T. and Cooper B. 3M, Joseph B. 4HB, Eliza M. 5RC and Erin D. 6M. Well done to 1G who have now caught up to 4HB in the class Challenge. We now have 116 students who have completed and returned their reading log. A huge thank you to those who have entered the records online, if you need your child’s
login details, which are the same as they use when logging in to the student portal, please see your child’s teacher, Mrs Buckton or myself.

The next issue of BookClub will close on Tuesday, 2nd June at 9am.

Those who read - succeed

Canteen Roster

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Recent Notes

All recent notes sent home with students can now also be found on the school website.

Pivotal Cup Challenge

On the 30th of May (this weekend) 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.

For the people that are interested, come and collect your specially labeled tickets from Mr. Kibble in 3TK of a morning on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Regards, Eathen Kibble

Netball Report

Last Wednesday our State Knockout Netball Team competed at Wangi. Unfortunately, the team was defeated 16 -9. The girls are to be commended for their great teamwork and good sportsmanship. Thanks to our parents who kindly volunteered their time to transport the girls on the day.

Mrs Lee

Community Notice

Valentine Bus Route - Any students residing in the “Old Valentine” area that currently do not have access to a bus service to school, please contact Newcastle Buses. The Department of Transport in conjunction with Newcastle Buses is looking into the situation but needs an indication of numbers to verify the need for the service.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Notification for Parents and Carers
From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection
The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Dr Carl Leonard.
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