The Eleebana News

The Next 7 Days……

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An Awesome Education Week
Thank you to all those who helped celebrate Education Week with us and for being such as wonderful part of our Eleebana team. It was great to see so many of our families sharing in our student success. The assembly was a wonderful showcase of some of our very talented students while others were acknowledged with a special award. Classrooms were buzzing with very welcome visitors and the sunshine facilitated a lovely picnic atmosphere- certainly a great celebration of public education.

Congratulations also to our band and production members who performed wonderfully at Charlestown Square for Education Week. Thank you to our parents for supporting these lovely experiences and to Mrs Dezisus, Mr Thomas and Mr Goeldner for their organisation.
Bell-Times Survey
In response to several ideas put forward at P&C and staff meetings we would love parents' thoughts on changing our recess and lunch times around- ie lunch at 11:00 and recess at around 1:20. The key reasons for this are outlined below:

Sun Safe Policy: The Cancer Council recommends substantial play times should to be held earlier in the day when the sun's rays aren't as damaging.

Healthy eating equals better learning: Research has shown that students who eat their 'quality' and substantial food earlier in the day have improved learning and concentration. We know that recess food (currently eaten at around 11) is often snack type food which may be better eaten later in the afternoon.

Canteen Volunteers: We are currently having great difficulty in acquiring volunteers to support our canteen. If most of our work (ie lunch preparation) is completed earlier in the day, most volunteers would be able to leave by 12:00 (if required) freeing up their day and perhaps encouraging more volunteers to support our canteen on a regular basis.

We would love your opinion. Please click on the link below to complete the very short survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJ6YBQR
(Note: If this link does not work, please paste into your web browser)

Thank you to all those who have already completed our survey on reporting and interviews. If you would like to have your say the link is also below.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYQ27MD

Found - 1 red house key featuring Maggie Simpson. Please see office staff.

Congratulations and Best Wishes Izaac
A huge congratulations and best wishes to our amazing hockey star Izaac who will be representing NSW at the National PSSA hockey competition in Perth - a wonderful achievement.

Kind regards,
Josie Bailey (Principal) ☺

Spotlight - Step Back in Time
Tickets for our wonderful Spotlight performance are now available.

Please use the following links.
WEDNESDAY Night Performance:
THURSDAY Night Performance:

We are also taking orders for the Spotlight DVD - please note we need at least 200 orders for the video production to go ahead.
No personal filming is allowed on the night.
Canteen Roster PLEASE SEE ANNIE

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Library News

What a great effort from parents and students who supported the Book Fair. It was a huge success and shows the support that our community has for the school. The total sales amounted to $12 163, resulting in a commission of $2 432 which is going to be taken in cash (not books) to continue the revamp of the library which with the support from the P & C, will mean that the students will have a bright, appealing and easily accessible area to work in before the end of the year.

A huge thank you to Sally Chislett, Sam Menzies and Nadine Masia, along with staff, Barb Tilley and Dorin Suciu for their assistance with Book Fair. Thanks also to Sally Conley and Sue Selby in the office with counting the money. Without their support and the patience of parents and students, the day would not have been as enjoyable.

2 weeks until this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge closes off. Congratulations to Kaidyn T. KH, Airlie T., Gemma W. and Lucas S. KLF, Grace H. 1S, Lawrie M. 1D, Connor A. 1G, Saskia L. and Kira K. 1/2DM, William L. and Peter M. 2B, Alex C. 3M, Jasmine T. 3TK, Hugh P. 3G, Matthew T., Nathan L. and Jayden L. 4M, Elijah N-.S. 4HS, Emma K. 5FS, Kyle C. and Maddy C. 5RC, Lily P. 5/6L and Cameron J. 6M. 232 students have now completed the Challenge. Don’t forget to send back the reading log when it’s been entered online so that it can be validated. To enter the books on to their online reading log, go to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge using their school username and password.

All reading logs must be received by Friday, 21st August.
Those who read - succeed
Robyn Forbes

OOSH News

The children have been very busy gardening at OOSH last week. They have utilised the donated boats from the school to create some new garden beds and are planning to plant a mixture of flowers, herbs and vegetables in them. We are looking for donations of plants, seedlings, seeds or cuttings to help establish this garden and if you can help in any way it would be much appreciated.

Our next Committee meeting will be held Tuesday 4th August at 6:30pm in the OOSH room. Our OOSH service is operated by a group of dedicated volunteer parents of the children that attend the service. All parents and community members are invited to attend and feedback, suggestions and fresh ideas are always welcome.

A note to parents that there is a link to a service survey on your account emails this week. It will help the Committee and staff to plan for the future direction of our OOSH service and your input is important in this process.

For enquiries or further information about the OOSH please phone Kate or Amelia on 49428186 or visit us between 7-9am or 2:30-3pm (please avoid after 3:00pm as this is our busiest time of the day and our priority is taking care of the children).

Thank you.

P&C News

A reminder that at our next P&C Meeting on Monday 18 August, we will consider and vote upon the funding of the library refurbishment to the extent of $23568.80. Please put the date aside and come along to the staffroom at 6:30pm. All very welcome.

We will also be holding a Father’s Day Stall working bee in the P&C room on Tuesday 11 August, so if you are available please come along and help us prepare for this event.

Kind Regards
Robyn Tooze
Kindergarten 2016
Parent Information Session
Wednesday 19 August
5:30-7:00pm
EPS Library

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