A Terrific Term 3
Thank you all for a wonderful term 3. It has certainly been very busy but absolutely fantastic with many highlights including supper representative sporting opportunities, fantastic band success, great results in public speaking, debating and NAPLAN and of course the amazing Spotlight. I was totally ‘blown away’ last week with the rich talents on display. Importantly, it is such a wonderful opportunity for our students to excel, develop and perform on such a large scale. I’m sure the memories, skills and team ethos our students develop through Spotlight will last lifetime.

Many thanks has to go to my incredibly dedicated and talented staff who work ‘beyond the call of duty’ to ensure our students have then best possible opportunities. Spotlight for example has taken up many hours outside of school not to mention most lunchtimes, to develop and coordinate. I would particularly like to thank Sallie Dezius, Sally Conley, Lauren Fletcher and Kim Harris for their major contributions in coordinating this year’s event. I’m sure you’d agree the professionalism shown and quality of performance such as Hairspray were simply outstanding.

Thank you also to parents and community members who support and assist us every day whether it be to transport children to an event, wrap father’s day gifts, sew costumes or simply send in a thanks- it mean so much and makes such a huge difference to what we can do and offer our students. I would particularly like to thank Marie Norris, Rodney James, Rob Thorne, Kate & Mark Streeter and Jay Luu for their amazing support with Spotlight- we couldn’t do it without them.

Congratulations Mr Lewis
It is with great sadness that we farewell our amazing Mr Lewis at the end of this week. Mark has been successful in gaining an assistant principal’s position at Charlestown East. We are very happy for his well-deserved success but will also miss him greatly. We thank Mark for all he has done for Eleebana and wish him all the best for the next exciting journey of his career.

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Super Speller Seth
Well done to Seth who represented Eleebana last week at the regional spelling bee for Stage 3. Seth did a fabulous job only missing out with the word “courteously”.

Congratulations Ryan
Congratulations and best wishes to Ryan who has been selected in the Hunter PSSA Cricket Team for the NSW State Carnival to be held in Barooga (on the Murray River) in Week 4 of Term 4: A wonderful accomplishment.

So after a very busy term we now look forward to a lovely Spring break to recharge our batteries and get ready for a huge term 4 which of course includes our super Spring Fair: Less than 5 weeks to go!

Happy holidays to all
Kind regards,
Josie Bailey
(Principal)

New Bell Times Trial
Commencing Term 4
8:55: Morning Bell
9-11: Morning Session:
11-11:40: Lunch (includes 10 min to sit & eat)
11:40-1:40: Middle Session
1:40 -2:10: Recess (includes 10 min to sit & eat)
3:00: Home Bell

Class Placements 2016
Throughout next term teachers will begin looking at class formations for 2016 based on their extensive experiences and expertise in working with your child in the school setting. This includes friendship skills, behaviour, learning and special needs. For most students with particular needs we would have already met with parents throughout the year and any special needs discussed will certainly be considered when determining their placement.

If there are special considerations that we are not aware of please make an appointment through your class teacher for a Learning and Support Team meeting. The previous practice of a written request for placement will no longer be supported.

We would appreciate your support with this matter as it is important we all work together to make the best decisions for each and every child.

Enjoy the Great Aussie Bush Camp
Year 5

Less than 5 weeks until our super Spring Fair!
Saturday October 17
“Spring Fair volunteers, we need you!”

Please return the volunteer sheets, indicating when you can volunteer on the day of the Fair, to school this week. It takes literally 100’s of volunteer parents and friends to make the fair work on the day, and it takes many hours to make up the roster for the day. So if we could have the forms back this week, so that the roster may be done in the holidays that would be fantastic.

Thank you again for your support.
The P & C Fund Raising committee

Kind regards,
Josie Bailey
(Principal)
Nude Food Day Friday 18th September, 2015

Next Friday we will be holding a "nude food" day at school. We are encouraging students to bring food with no packaging (nude food).

The purpose of this day is to draw awareness to the amount of food packaging our society creates. It is a huge problem not only for us as a society but also for the environment and wild life. In our school grounds we have many types of birds who feed off leftovers in the playground. Our students are sensible, making an effort to put rubbish in the bin, however if the lid is left open the birds eat the scraps. Birds often mistake plastic for food. Once they eat the plastic it remains in their stomach as it cannot be broken down.

Participating in Nude Food Day

We are aiming for full participation in Nude Food Day. A sample fruit break, recess and lunch could include:

- an apple, orange, banana or mandarin (no packaging needed)
- cheese cubes and crackers (reusable container with name and class) or
- homemade biscuits, pikelets or cake (reusable container with name and class)
- sandwich (reusable container with name and class)

There will be no bins in the playground that day.

Thanks, Mrs Phillips

Canteen Roster

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Spring Fair Pet Photo Competition

We are again running a pet photo competition at the Spring Fair. Students can bring in a photo of their pet (animal or otherwise), photo needs to be 6 x 4 inch in a zip lock bag with $2.00, and write their name and class on the back of the photo. Photos can be dropped at the canteen, up until Thursday the 15th of October. Photos will be on display on the day of the Fair in the School Hall and Mrs Bailey will choose prize winners after the conclusion of the rides."

Mrs Bailey's dog Lucy

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Senior Boys Rugby League
Thank you to the Senior Rugby league team for a fantastic year. They improved every week and learnt some hard lessons along the way. A huge thank you to the parents who transported and supported them every week. We are very lucky we get the opportunity to do PSSA sport as it is not possible in all schools.
Mr May

Year 6 Science & Engineering Day
Last week, 30 Year 6 students travelled to Kahibah PS to participate in the Newcastle University Science & Engineering Day. We completed a range of challenging tasks designed to promote careers in science and engineering.
We were split into groups and had 60 minutes to complete the activities plus 20 minutes for evaluation and testing, earning points for our school. Overall the day was good and we got to share our ideas with others.

REACHING THALIA
Last month, 8 year old Thalia from Valentine, suffered severe injuries and lost her right hand. Thalia is an amazing young girl with an incredible spirit who is much loved by her family, friends and the local community. The Lions Club of Valentine have established a fund to support Thalia and at Eleebana Public School we would like to offer our help in raising funds for the medical expenses that will now be incurred.

On 8th October we will hold an Out of Uniform day and ask students to come dressed in Thalia’s favourite colours - blue, green and purple and offer a $2 donation. Each year will make a small gift on the day especially for her to show our support. If you wish to make additional donations, please contact our school office for details.
Thanks, Mrs Summers
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