Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Here we are at the end of another busy term! I had thought that after the Perfect Moment things might slow down a bit but that has certainly not been the case!

Last Friday we held our House Athletics Sports day. The weather wasn’t looking too flash but we persisted and saw some fantastic results from our students. Well done to Mrs Bacon for organising a great day for us all.

The Cluster Athletics on Tuesday were fantastic. We had beautiful weather in Bendigo and it was great to catch up with the other schools. Our students performed sensationaly on the day and we are very proud of them all for doing their personal best and representing their school well. Congratulations to Hayden Trewick for receiving a medal to acknowledge his outstanding performance in each event. Hayden and Tyler Falzon have gone through to the Zone Athletics.

On Wednesday we joined with students from OLSH and the Elmore Preschool to launch the City of Greater Bendigo’s Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team. You may have seen footage of us all on WIN News. We were in the Bendigo Advertiser as well. Students participated in a variety of activities promoting healthy food and activities and then we all shared a healthy morning tea together. It was fantastic to see so many parents involved in the day. This framework aims to support programs already in place about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Congratulations to our two School Captains, Tait and Tyler, on their well considered speeches.

Yesterday we had students from Bendigo Senior Secondary School and La Trobe University at school to share the Gecko program with students...more on that inside the Newsletter!

Next term Ms Young will be taking Long Service Leave for the whole term. We wish her a safe and relaxing time and will miss her happy face and supportive nature around the school. We welcome Mr Craig Wright back to the school to take her grade. I will also be taking leave for the first two weeks of term 4. During my absence Mr Brian Wilkinson will be here at school in the Acting Principal role. Brian has had many years of experience in the Principal’s chair and has recently retired from Echuca South Primary School. He has visited school to meet staff and students, and is very excited about his two weeks at Elmore. I know you will make him welcome in the school.

Enjoy your holidays,

Michelle.
‘The future depends on what we do in the present.’ Mahatma Ghandi.

The Gecko Program Visits Elmore Primary

Yesterday we had a visit from students from Bendigo Senior Secondary School and La Trobe University. They ran the Gecko program with our students. The Gecko program provides education to students about our indigenous culture. Students participated in dance activities based on the Rainbow Serpent story, outdoor games activities and made identity books from their own illustrations.

It was an enjoyable and educational experience for students and we thank Bruce and his team for visiting us.

I would like to thank Nicole Hayes for initiating our connection with this program.

Principal’s Award

The Award this week goes to

Jay Bacon

For giving his Personal Best at the Cluster Athletics Relay race.

Silly Picture of the week

Numeracy Award

3/4/5 and Tait for their amazing results in their On Demand tests. Congratulations on the very hard work you have all done this term! Keep it up!

Literacy Award

To Zara, Xavier and Summer for their reports on the Health and Well-Being Launch.
News From School Council.

School Council and all of the sub-committees have worked hard this term to continue to make improvements in our school and make sure that our Strategic Plan is being implemented well.

This term we have introduced the formal process of Recommendations to Finance Committee whereby parents and students can have input into how our fundraising money is spent. We received several well considered suggestions which clearly demonstrated Strategic intent, and they only regret I have is that we do not have enough money to support them all right now. We have managed to address an element of all of the recommendations put to us and have put the others onto the fundraising wish list as our future goals.

Finance Committee weighed the demonstrated strategic intent of each recommendation against the cost. Taking into account all of the relevant information regarding our upcoming 2014 budget, Finance Committee is made the following recommendations to School Council:

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**Total:** $2,885.00

**Available funds:** $2,921.00

**Remaining:** $36.00

This break down allows for the kitchen upgrade firstly, which School Council had previously discussed as a priority. The library book request from students is important as part of our core purpose. The remaining two allow those recommendations to be addressed in part, with the understanding that the remainder of them will be considered in 2014 fund raising.

After considering the funds still being held by Envirogarden, Finance Committee agreed to fund $1,000.00 of the quoted price after the funds are received from the 2014 B&S Ball, dependent upon them not being successful in their current grant applications.

On hold for 2014 fundraising priorities, arising from the recommendations:

- Sofa and mat for the library
- Storage boxes for teacher resource room
- Double sink
- Line marking, softfall and cover for the basketball area (to be passed on to Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee who can investigate quotes)

VERY EXCITING news from School Council is that we have approved the purchase, via lease agreement, of laptops so that we can now have 1:1 portable technology for every student. This is something we are very proud of because we have managed our budget well and brought in over $100,000 in grant money this year, allowing us to provide students with this opportunity. They will be ordered soon and we hope to have them configured and in use by the middle of next term.

On behalf of Nicole, as our School Council President, and myself, I would like to sincerely thank all of our sub-committee members and School Council members for the fantastic work they have done this term. Enjoy your break.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the 31st October at 7pm.

Kind regards,

Michelle.

Executive Officer of Elmore Primary School Council.
Gardening Roster
2013

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Please arrange a swap if you are unable to work your designated weekend or contact: Kari 0429 326 351.

Important
Please note that we have had a suspected, but not confirmed, case of Slap-Cheek reported to the school. This is of particular relevance to pregnant women in our community.

Keys can be picked up from office. Also Andrea is available to anyone who would like to learn how to start and operate both ride

Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team launch
Prep—2 News

We have now come to the end of term 3. It’s amazing how quickly the time seems to pass.

As most people will already be aware, I am taking Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year.

Craig Wright will be teaching the grade for term 4. Thank you to all the parents that have helped and supported me throughout the year. I know that you will continue to help Craig over the last term.

I have enjoyed working with the grade, the children have been fantastic and it has been great to watch their learning and the development of their personalities.

I wish Craig and the children all the very best for term 4.

Have a safe and very happy holiday, everyone.

Keeping Healthy

Keeping healthy is all about keeping clean and eating the right things— for instance apples, bananas, carrots and other fruit and vegetables. It means exercise and it also means washing your hands after going to the toilet.

By Zara Ciise

We went to the launch of the Health and Well-Being program. O.L.S.H. and the kinder went too. We got a ride on the miniature train which was fun. We also go to do relays but I did not get to do the circus stuff. I liked planting the seeds. I was doing it for the longest.

True story written by Xavier Worne

Today we went to the Health and Well-Being Launch. O.L.S.H. and some pre-schoolers were there. We played games and we went on the miniature train ride. We all had some snacks too. It was fun!!!

By Summer Richardson
First an apology - we have had such a busy week therefore homework did not get sent home. We will begin again next term.

Students had a lovely time at the Health and Well Being Launch yesterday. They rode on the miniature train, participated in sporting and circus activities and planted broad beans and snow peas. Tait and Tyler made excellent speeches, which I have included for you to read, and all students represented their school with pride and lovely manners! Well done EPS!

We will miss Miss Young next term but wish her a safe, fun and relaxing time off! We also welcome Mr Wright and look forward to a very busy, but exciting term 4!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe two weeks break and I will most likely see a lot of you at the Field Days in the second week.

Cheers
Andrea

Hi my name is Tait Skinner and I’m a captain at Elmore Primary School and this is what being healthy means to me.

Being healthy means eating the right amount of healthy food from each of the food groups each day, and not skipping meals. Getting fresh air and doing plenty of exercise and your body also needs to rest so you need to get a good night sleep. These are the things that keep you healthy.

Thank you for listening to my speech about being healthy.

Hi my name is Tyler Falzon and I am here to explain what being healthy means to us and why it is important.

Being healthy is good for your body because it protects your body from some sicknesses that are not very good.

Eating healthy food is important because it gives us better bones by eating fruit and drinking milk.

Thank You
Save The Date

Rochester Town Market

Saturday 28th September

9am - 1pm @ the Skate Park/Shire Hall precinct.

We are seeking support from both local stall holders and volunteers. Come along & make some $5 for your club/group.

An Information Session will be held at Community House on Thursday 12th September at 7pm.

Bookings Essential to Rochester Community House 54843600 or email rtmstallholders@gmail.com

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Rochester Swim Club

A Swim for Life Approach
In an active, healthy and happy environment

If you can swim 2 lengths in a recognised pool, you have a great start to joining our club.

Information Night
8pm Tuesday 8th October 2012

Training for coming season
Spring. Monday - One session weekly 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Summer. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 5:30pm - 6:00pm in Electric Pool - Monday 2nd December 2013

Some great reasons for you to be a member of the Rochester Swim Club
- More fun and make new friends
- Improve your fitness levels
- Maintains a healthy body
- Learn the fun skills of swimming
- Improve your confidence
- Obtain certificates in Rescue, Lifesaving and CPR courses.

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For more information contact:
Coach: Lee Hard 5482579
Muriel Marjorie 5482410
President: Larry 5482599
Secretary: Sally 5482779
Email: locker@iscnet.com

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
DRAMA WORKSHOPS

Tues 24th & Weds 25th September

9AM-1PM

To book your place call Ken on 0423 363 855.

Two mornings of fun and performance making skills. Create a short scene. Scenes will be filmed at the end of day two to share with your friends and family.

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IRONBARK RIDING CENTRE

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S$5 FOR THE ENTIRE DAY!!!

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0427084437
ELMORE SENIORS  BIRTHDAY LUNCH

The P&F committee has been asked to provide lunch for the senior’s on their Birthday.

So we will be looking for works and donations.

The Date is: Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} October 2013.

The time is yet to be confirmed.

Can you please fill in the form and return it to the office by Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} September (This is because we have holidays and event is the 1\textsuperscript{st} Thursday back at school)

Can You Help on the day: Name-------------------------------------------------------------- YES OR NO

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Elmore Field Days Waste Management

Workers are required for the Elmore Field Days for the first week in October. We require at least 10 workers on Monday the 30th of September, 5 workers on each of the following days and as many people, including children on Sunday the 6th. Work involved will include wheeling bins into position and loading cardboard onto trailers.

Washing out bins and picking up loose rubbish will take place on the Sunday with a free BBQ to follow.

Please note that children are not permitted on the four weekdays for OHS reasons but are most welcome to assist on the Sunday. If you are able to bring your own trailer it would be of some assistance. Please contact myself for more information or call the school to place your name on the list. The more volunteers we get from the school the more money that is raised.

John Giffin
0427326351

Waste Management EFDS

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