Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Newsletter is coming home a day earlier than usual because we are all heading off to Ky Fauna Park tomorrow! How exciting! Don’t forget to pack your hat, sunglasses if you’d like, sunscreen, snack, lunch and a water bottle, and remember to wear comfy shoes. The weather looks like it is going to be lovely so we should have a fantastic day. Our plans are to leave school at 9:05am so we need everyone to make sure they arrive at school on time tomorrow please. We anticipate that we will return to school by around 2:30pm but we will definitely be back by home time. If you need to contact us during the day due to an emergency my mobile number is 0416 008 918.

Next week is the last week for the 2013 year. It will be a busy one, too. We have Community Carols at 7:00pm on Monday at the Elmore Hall with OLSH. More information about this is included further on in the Newsletter. It is a lovely opportunity to honour the Christmas spirit with friends and family from our local community. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Wednesday night is School Council meeting and Christmas Dinner. (6:00pm start at school). It is important to acknowledge the work the School Council does on behalf of all students and families. We are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and supportive School Council at Elmore PS and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts. If you would like to be involved in School Council next year there will be a nomination process early in term 1 so keep an eye out on the Newsletter.

Thursday night is our Presentation Evening. Families are welcome to arrive from 5:30pm. We will serve the meal from 6:00 and we will move inside for the Presentations to begin at 6:30pm. It was a fabulous night last year and I am looking forward to it again this year.

On Friday we would like to invite all of those wonderful people who have helped us out over the year to come in and join us for morning tea. We will send invitations out too, but please consider it an open invitation, and anyone you think of who has helped out, please invite to join us.

Enjoy your weekend,

Michelle.
“Be strong but not rude; be kind but not weak; be bold but not bully; be humble but not timid; be proud but not arrogant.”

Principal’s Award

The Award this week goes to

For

Numeracy Award

Kodi Czuczman for his excellent effort working through problems in Mathematics.

Literacy Award

This week the Literacy Award goes to Isaac and Angus for their excellent reading and Spelling during their Literacy activities. They have also been demonstrating the school values of Personal Best.

From the Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team: Healthy Tip

Eat a good breakfast. Research shows kids who eat breakfast daily do much better on IQ tests than kids who only eat breakfast sometimes.

From Jen and the Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team ©
Well it’s that time of year again…the slow down to the summer holidays and the gear up for Christmas celebrations…it is also SWIMMING POOL roster time…

Elmore Primary has always been a proud supporter of the Elmore Swimming Pool and the way that we continue to provide this support is by helping the community run pool with their kiosk roster each summer season.

We understand that it is a busy time of the year for all of our families and appreciate that you have all worked very hard for the school all year...so we asking only people that feel they can spare a few hours to open the kiosk for the pool to open to put their names on the roster. When the kiosk doesn’t open, the pool doesn’t either so the pool committee are reliant on community members (that is us) to help with our two weeks of the roster.

The roster is currently in the window of the school office and will be attached to this newsletter. Please consider helping the community pool by giving up one afternoon to help. It is also perfectly ok to split shifts with another family to shorten your time.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Kind Regards, Nicole Hayes on behalf of EPS School Council.

Elmore Swimming Pool 2013/2014 Kiosk Roster

| Organisation: | Primary School |
| Co-ordinator: | |
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This week we had the last transition day for the Preps and the rest of the students got the opportunity to move up a year level. Mrs Bacon took the Prep-2 grade and I took the 3-6 grades. In Numeracy, we designed our own picture made of shapes, measured different angles of the shapes and calculated their surface areas. In Literacy, we read cooking recipes and made different kinds of Cookies and Rocky Road. We have also been practicing our Christmas Carols for the School Concert which we are all looking forward to.

Next week we are covering the following:

**Literacy**

**Spelling** - High Frequency Words and Inventory Spelling Word lists and activities.

**Language** - Revision – Character/Setting/Plot/Sequencing texts.

**Literature** – Rhyming Words – Students will learn how to write sentences with rhyming words and rhyme words with their High Frequency Word List.

**Literacy** – Students will listen to and examine rhyming words, nursery rhymes and other types of poems from various texts.

**Grammar** – Sentences and punctuation.

**Writing** – Poetry - Students will look at the structure on how to write poetry and learn the different types of poetry.

- Journal Writing.

**Numeracy**

**Number and Algebra** - Revision

**Measurement and Geometry** – Shape/Revision

**Homework**

Students are to practice reading reader level books with their parents and practice reading and writing words off their High Frequency Word Learning Chart.
3-6 News

Transition day was a huge success with all students moving into their next grade level, for the day, with excitement and enthusiasm. Craig and I enjoyed our day immensely and both commented on how beautifully behaved and eager to learn the students were.

We also enjoyed our morning of cooking yummy treats and would like to thank Tanya Czuczman, very much, for her excellent organisation and assistance with the session!

Next Monday we have Rosa Monaco and Nicole Hayes working with the students while Craig and I empty the classrooms and clean up in preparation for next year. We would greatly appreciate any assistance, even for half an hour, if our wonderful parents are able to spare a little of their precious time please.

There will be revision work and Christmas activities and rehearsals happening next week.

There will not be any homework.

Have a great weekend!

Andrea

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Water Familiarisation Program 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It’s that time of year again when we begin looking at planning and organisation of programs for 2014. This week I met with Reuben to discuss our water familiarisation program.

In the past we have alternated times across two or sometimes three weeks and the impact of this on delivery of curriculum, ability of parents to attend and compliance with our Sunsmart policies has created some concerns which we are attempting to address.

In considering our planning for 2014 we are drawing upon feedback already received from staff and families but would like to encourage all families to provide input into the ongoing development of the program, so please pop in for a chat if you would like to do so.

The temperature at that time of year is also a concern and Principals will make a decision on the day as to whether it is appropriate for their students to walk to the pool, attend swimming and walk back that day, for their own school based on their opinion regarding the wellbeing of students and staff.

Further information regarding the Water Familiarisation Program will be included in the Newsletter in Term 1 2014.

With kind regards,

Reuben Johnson and Michelle Griffiths.
Combined Churches Community Christmas Carols.

MONDAY 16th December 2013

Elmore Memorial Hall

7pm

Children of all ages are invited to come dressed as a visitor to the stable.
(Mary, Joseph, Three Kings, Angel)

Students from schools and preschool will help lead the singing.

Collection this year will be to honour Phyllis Giffin and her commitment to the Carols each year.

All donations will be forwarded to Pink Hope

in memory of Phyllis.

Christmas Cake and Coffee provided by Elmore Lions Club after Carols in the supper room.

Please direct enquiries to Liz Trewick: 0428 370 958 or 5432 6476.