Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we have had the Perfect Moment team back in the school and Mrs B back in her room so it is all happening and we have hit the ground running! In these final weeks before the performance there will be a lot of rehearsing and pulling things together! Don’t forget that parents are very welcome to come along on Perfect Moment days and be involved in the work going on. We would love to have you here! Many parents have done so already and have told me how much they have enjoyed the sessions.

Thank you to those people who have really gone out of their way to support the artists, students and staff in reaching their goals, helping out along the way. I am thrilled at how much positive feedback I am hearing regarding this project from parents and others in the community. It really reminds us of what it is all about. Making connections as a community, seeing a child’s face light up and watching them walk tall when they experience success, taking a risk and exploring something new—these are valuable moments.

I am in Melbourne Thursday and Friday this week along with the other Principals from our Campaspe Small Schools Cluster, attending the Country Education Project’s Small Schools Conference. It promises to be a busy few days with forums and workshops around topics including blended learning, the new National Performance and Development Standards, Polycom and Video conferencing, developing learning communities and mental health and wellbeing for educators, amongst others. Sir John Jones, who has worked in some of the most challenging schools in England, will be one of the guest speakers. I am also looking forward to strengthening existing and establishing new networks with other Principals as we move further into autonomous schools with schools needing to support each other more. I’ll look forward to sharing my experiences there with the school community and putting my learning into action.

Enjoy your weekend,

Michelle.

[Calendar for July 2013]

- Sun 21st July — Working Bee
- Tues 23rd July — Buildings and Grounds Meeting, 7:00pm, staff room
- Wed 24th July — Finance committee, 8:00am, Principal’s Office
- Thurs 25th July — SRC meeting; Parents and Friends meeting, 2:45pm, Library
- Fri 26th July — Education & Policy Committee meeting, 8:00am, staff room
- Fri 26th July — Students from Grade 3-6 to visit the Pre school for the initial Buddy Program session
- Mon 29th & Tues 30th July — Perfect Moment days
- Wed 31st July — Michelle at Campaspe Network Meeting
- Thu 1st Aug — School Council information home
- Mon 5th Aug & Tues 6th Aug — Perfect Moment days
- Thu 8th Aug — School Council Meeting 7pm
- Mon 12th Aug — Sat 17th Aug — Perfect Moment Production week; Fri 16th = performance at 5pm

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Quote of the week: ‘Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.’ William Arthur Ward.

Principals Award
The Award this week goes to
Sam Trewick
For demonstrating our values of Independence and Community on our visit to the Preschool yesterday.

Silly Picture of the week

Numeracy Award:

Literacy Award:

Active After-Schools Program
This will start back on Monday the 29th of July. The activities will be tennis and cricket. Tennis will be Monday afternoons with Claire Ellis with cricket on Wednesday with Nathan Francis. Permission forms will be sent home next week and must be signed and returned for the children to take part.

Earn and Learn Stickers
Thank you to everyone who collected and returned stickers/sheets to the school. I have sent off 75 completed sheets. When the tally has been confirmed we will be able to place an order for new equipment.
3/4/5/6 News

Welcome back everyone! It is wonderful to be back this term and ready for a very busy one at that! As a result of this homework will not be going home this week. It will resume next week but the quantity will vary each week depending on our workload. Each week I will endeavour to inform you of when and what it will entail.

**Literacy**

Spelling - Will resume next with our individual lists and activities to assist with learning these words

Literature - Character analysis - We will be reading books and recording information about each character and their impact on the story

Literacy - Handwriting - practicing our letter formations as well as handwriting final drafts of written work

Language - Correct formation of paragraphs

Writing - Information Reports

**Numeracy**

Number - Four operations revision

Statistics and Probability - Data and interpretation

**Homework**

Spelling words written in interesting sentences

Addition and subtraction revision

Two pages of Handwriting

**Theme for Term 3:** Healthy Bodies - Exercise and Impact

**Invitation to all parents P-6**

I would love to share a slide show of pictures and videos from our trip to Fiji and the villages and schools we visited.

**When:** Friday, 26th July starting at 2:45pm until 3:15pm.

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**Prep/1/2 News**

Welcome back to Term 3. This is already looking like it is going to be another busy term.

We started this week with Tara, Jens and Aviva here for ‘The Perfect Moment’ activities. Jens stayed on for an extra day. The performance time is getting closer and the children are starting to get excited.

Next week we will be working on:

**Writing:** Information reports

**Literacy:** Grammar-sentences, Characters, Interacting with others

**Handwriting:** Starting point and formation of the letter Ee

**Mathematics:** Number and Place Value/ Data and Interpretation

**Physical Education:** ‘The Perfect Moment’ activities and practice

**Spelling:** Spelling words have been given out on Monday. Spelling books should be returned to school on Friday ready for testing

**Reading:** Please make sure that you continue to listen to your child read every day. Reading bags should be brought to school each day.
HOT FOOD FRIDAY TERM 3 ROSTER

We need to have 2 people each week to help out. Please can you put your name down to help.

If you are unable to do your shift please ring Tanya 0427 336 240 or 54 336 240 by Thursday morning.

IF THERE IS NO NAMES DOWN FOR A WEEK THEN THERE WILL BE NO HOT FOOD FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

All food must be prepared and cooked at school due to new food safety rules.

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Friday 16th August is one of the Perfect Moment Performance Days the children will be at the hall, so there will be NO HOT FOOD on this day.

Hot Food Pouches

Just a reminder that the pouches need to be returned to school by Wednesdays regardless of placing an order or not. Thankyou. Parents and Friends

Please collect

We are collecting old crockery for making mosaic stepping stones; old cutlery for making wind chimes; old baths, sinks, wash tubs or wheelbarrows for garden beds; old baling twine for weaving through the garden and orchard fences and we are still collecting clean bottle tops please.

Let Andrea know when you would like to deliver any large items to the school.

Thank you!

Andrea Bacon
Sunday, 21st July 2013 at 9am. Working Bee Items to Complete:

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Please place your name next to one job. It would be greatly appreciated if you could indicate whether you have the appropriate tools/equipment to complete the task, otherwise talk to Andrea so she can arrange for the tools/equipment to be there on the day. If you are unable to complete a task on the day and would like to please contact Andrea to arrange another day and time. For OHS purposes please ensure you sign in prior to undertaking your chosen task.

Thank you! Andrea Bacon.

FIELD DAYS ROSTER

It’s Field Day Roster time again, Yippee

Thank you to those people who have already offered up their time

We are still seeking people to work

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Both days also require an emergency person

Thank you in advance for everyone’s efforts I know it’s a massive task we undertake for our school’s benefit.

If you can help please ring/text Jen Stewart on 0408146863

Reminder:

Parents and Friends Sub Committee Meeting. Thursday 25th July, 2:30pm in the library. All welcome!
EPS visits the Preschool and Senior Citizens for Perfect Moment

This week our Perfect Moment project reached out into the community and visited both the preschool and the Senior Citizens group to enlist their help with our project. We have used the Story Box (ask your child if you don’t know what it is!) that Tara brought up from Melbourne to record our interviews with them. The students largely conducted the interviews and designed the questions with support from Tara.

Tanya Czuczman and Tina McKenzie played important roles in liaising with the groups and coordinating times as well as helping out on the day. I was lucky enough to be able to spend time at the Preschool visit and it was just fantastic. Tara had commented to me after the day at the Senior Citizens and I saw it myself at the Preschool—our students are so very respectful, caring and compassionate towards others and it is a delight to be involved with them. They really do the school, but most of all their families, proud. (I know I say that a lot but it’s true!)

At the Preschool the EPS students talked with the pre-schoolers about the project and showed them some of the warm ups and balances we have been learning. Tait demonstrated his stilt walking skills too, which are pretty amazing.

Below is a photo of Tom Drust, aged 3 years and 10 months, having his go on the Story Box with Malachie. Tom drew the picture below that evening at home. Mum sent us this information about it:

‘This is a drawing of the day at kinder when the primary school visited and shared elements of the Perfect Moment. The tall red figure is Tait on his stilts with the kinder kids watching in a line. The black figure is Tom stretching his shoulders up to his ears. The pink figure is Tom with the head phones on using the Story Box.’

It is fantastic to think that our little visit had such a big effect. I feel very privileged to be a part of a program that is providing our community with greater opportunities to strengthen ties and come together, reinforcing and building relationships.
PRE School Visit with Tara from Perfect Moment
Please Help!

Elmore Primary School has been working with the Women’s Circus on a project funded by Arts Victoria and the Australia Council called The Perfect Moment. We have drawn upon several groups within the community such as the Preschool and Elderly Citizens to contribute to our project. Our final performance week is August 12—16. We desperately need six adults to assist us with organization on the following days:

**Wednesday August 14th half day**

**Thursday August 15th all day**

**Friday August 16th all day**

We are hoping to find volunteers from outside our parent group so that parents will be able to attend as an audience member. If you are able to volunteer your time it would be greatly appreciated. You can contact Michelle on 5432 6247. More information about tickets will be out soon.

Thank you.

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A new Health and Wellbeing Team in Elmore!

Did you know that in our area 56.9% of adults and 25.3% of our children are overweight or obese?

Let’s work together to change this. We know that it’s important to support our children to develop healthy habits from an early age. So where do we begin?

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM! Our school has recently registered with a new Victorian initiative called the Achievement Program. The Achievement Program supports schools and early childhood services to create healthier environments for children, staff and the community. What’s more, we are partnering with OLSH and Elmore Pre School to work through the Achievement Program.

We have formed a team known as the Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team and we are accepting expressions of interest for members. So far we have reps from:

- Elmore Medical Practice
- Elmore Progress Association
- Rochester and Elmore District Health Services
- City of Greater Bendigo

We welcome interested parents, carers and community members to participate in the Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team – let’s work together to improve our community! For more information please contact Michelle on 5432 6247.

Plus, keep your eye out for a parent health and wellbeing survey in the coming weeks. Your participation is greatly appreciated.
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