Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a meeting-packed week for me this week but on Wednesday I was fortunate to be able to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Bendigo with our student leaders. We had a fantastic day.

We talked about how to be a Schoolyard Superhero by serving others and how Schoolyard Superheroes are good helpers, encourage others, are strong role models for others and are organised. We also reflected on the areas we would like to personally improve on out of these.

Our next session was about whether to lead like a strawberry or a watermelon. We discussed how a watermelon is different on the outside than the inside in colour and texture but a strawberry is the same. We want our leaders to be strawberries because that means that their words match their actions, and we talked about the importance of integrity. Of course, our students were experts on this because it is one of our school values. Five ways to have berry good integrity: Be sure to do the right thing; Encourage others to do the right thing; Refuse to lie; Respond when you see something is not right and You overcome criticism.

In our final session we talked about leadership challenges students may face. Some of these are: going against the crowd, recovering from setbacks, involving others and overcoming conflict. It was a fabulous opportunity for students to not only develop their leadership skills, but to work with other students as well as finding out what types of things leaders in other schools are doing to improve their environments and day to day experiences. It was a very worthwhile experience for our students and I look forward to continuing to work with them towards school improvement and bringing their ideas to life.

Enjoy your weekend,

Michelle.

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### Term Two 2014

(Current diarised events—please check each week)

| Week 3—Monday 5th May—Friday 9th May | Tuesday 6th May—Elmore Health and Wellbeing Meeting 2:30pm Health Centre.  
Wednesday 7th May—Cluster Cross Country, Elmore Field Days, 12:00pm—2:30; Michelle at Principals as Literacy Leaders Module 3 in Melbourne all day  
Thursday 8th May—Finance committee 8:00am; Rochester SC transition visit for Grade 6 students 10:30am; Staff Literacy Professional Development with Pauline Cleary 3:30pm |
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| Week 4—Monday 12th May—Friday 16th May | NAPLAN week: Tuesday Language Conventions and Writing; Wednesday Reading; Thursday Numeracy; Friday Catch up if required.  
Thursday 15th May—School Council 7pm |
| Week 5—Monday 19th May—Friday 23rd May | Wednesday 21st May: Zone cross country in Bendigo for those students who qualify  
Friday 23rd May: Cluster Science Day here at Elmore PS |
| Week 6—Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May | Tuesday 27th May—Buildings and Grounds meeting 7pm  
Thursday 29th May—Finance Committee 8am; Parents and Friends 2:45pm; Kidsmatter 3:30pm; Education and Policy Meeting 4:30pm |
| Week 7—Monday June 2nd—Friday June 6th | Monday 2nd June—Craig at First Aid training. Rosa Monaco in Grade 3—6 |
| Week 8—Monday June 9th—Friday June 13th | **Monday 9th June—Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday—No students required at school**  
Wednesday 11th June—Cluster Winter Sports day Grades 3—6  
Thursday 12th June —School Council 7pm |
| Week 9—Monday June 16th—Friday June 20th |  |
| Week 10—Monday June 23rd—Friday June 27th | Friday 27th June—Last Day Term 2. **2:30pm finish.** |
Principal’s Award
Hayden Trewick
For demonstrating good solution-focused thinking during class discussion

Silly Picture of the Week:

Numeracy Award
Jay and Koby Bacon for their excellent work in measurement and practice NAPLAN testing. They also demonstrated the ability to work independently and stay focused to produce high quality work.

Literacy Award
Xavier Worne for his passion for reading and writing and always remaining on task and getting his work done. Keep up the fantastic effort Xave!

Quote of the week: ‘Life is the most difficult exam. Many people fail because they try to copy others, not realising that everyone has a different question paper.’

KidsMatter Update
At our last meeting we discussed the results from the surveys and determined what areas required attention. As a result we have implemented the following:

- A variety of parenting books for borrowing – to be added to – located in the foyer. Please fill in the borrowing register.
- Multicultural foods added into our Hot Food Friday repertoire to encourage classroom studies focussing on particular countries/cultures
- A parent information session – date to be announced
- Term-by-term survey analysis to inform our action team which direction to take next – due out later this term
- Tanya Czuczman is keen to organise our KidsMatter display in the foyer and would love to have some assistance, so please catch up with Tanya and decide on a suitable day and time.

Thank you to the members of our action team and we will meet again on Thursday, 29th May at 3:30pm.
Prep/1/2 News

We would like to welcome Nathan back and thank him for the work he has done with us this week. We would like to wish him all the very best in his teaching career!

**English:** We will be writing narratives and looking at various texts and text structures

**Handwriting:** Aa concentrating on correct starting points and writing on the line and making our Aa chart of words starting with this letter.

**Mathematics:** Measuring weights and lengths.

**Homework Prep – 2:** Reading of readers daily. Could parents please check that children have their readers in their bag to bring to school the next day. Thank you.

**Homework Gr 1 and 2:** Spelling words and a mathematics activity. We will begin the activities in the front of the homework books again.

**Active After School Term 2**

**When:** Monday, 5th May at 3:30pm until 4:30pm  
**What:** Baseball  
**Coach/Teacher:** Pam Dawkins and Mr Wright

**When:** Wednesday, 7th May at 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
**What:** Touch Football  
**Coach/Teacher:** Tahlia Powell and Mrs Bacon  
**Cost:** Free

Please fill out the form attached and return to your teacher before Friday, 2nd May.

A healthy afternoon tea is provided each day from 3:20 - 3:30pm. Come and try two new sports you may not get the opportunity to try otherwise.

**Hot Food Friday Orders**

Tanya will be sending orders home this Friday and they are due back next Tues for this week only. If you would like to send them back earlier you may place them in the red basket on the kitchen bench at any time.

**Office Hours—Bek In**

Monday 8.30 to 1.30  
Tuesday 8.30 to 1.30  
Thursday 8.30 to 1.30
This week we have been practicing NAPLAN testing in the following areas of Numeracy, Reading and Comprehension, Writing and Language Conventions. We have also been practicing for the Cluster Cross Country Running Event which will be held next week at the Elmore Field Days Site. All parents are welcome to attend.

Next week we are covering the following:

**Literacy**

**Spelling** - Inventory Spelling Word lists and activities/New Wave Spelling lists and activities.

**Language** - Language for Interaction - PowerPoint presentations and Reports on the Solar System.

**Literature** – Responding to Literature – Examining the characters, setting and plot of various narratives in guided reading and using ICT, and also studying the language and structure used.

**Literacy** – Interacting with Others – Students working in groups with their space project work.

**Grammar** – Adverbs – Students write sentences using common adverbs.

**Writing** - Journal/Narrative Writing.

**NAPLAN** - Writing, Reading and Comprehension and Language Conventions.

**Numeracy**

**Number and Algebra** - Number and place value – Partitioning on numbers/odd-even numbers.

**Measurement and Geometry** – Length, mass and capacity.

**NAPLAN** - Numeracy.

**Homework**

Next week, Students are to do two pages of handwriting, one page of math (NAPLAN) and a spelling activity relating with their weekly spelling words (put spelling words in order from shortest to longest). Students are also encouraged to learn their times tables and read various types of texts that they are passionate about (Newspaper, Novel, and Information Text-Encyclopaedia).

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**Gardening Roster 2014**

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**Thank you!**

A very big thank you to Paul Bacon for moving the soft fall onto the play-grounds for us.
HOT FOOD FRIDAY TERM 2 ROSTER

We need to have 2 people each week to help out. Please can you put your name down to help out - that would be wonderful.

If you are unable to help on your day please ring Tanya Czuczman, 0427 336 240 by Thursday morning.

IF THERE IS NO NAME’S 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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WHAT IS HOT FOOD AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

What is Hot Food?

Hot food is a program that is run by the parents and friends committee. The aim of this program is to let children try different foods that they don’t normally try. If your child does have a food allergy this will be taken in to consideration. Please make sure you inform us if it is not on their enrolment form.

HOW DOES HOT FOOD WORK?

Your child/children will bring home their order on **Mondays** in a little money pocket (there is only one money pocket per family). The order is to be filled out and returned on **Wednesdays** to the **Red and Green basket on the kitchen bench as you walk in the door**. There is a small cost each week for the food. The cost of the food will change each week depending on what food is been cooked.

The money that is raised form this program goes back into the program to buy the food for the next week and to help with the up keep of the kitchen.

Even if your child does not want the **HOT FOOD** that is being cooked that week they will still need to return their money pockets to school on the Wednesday too so they can be set up and sent out the next week.

To help the hot food program run every week we need the help of parents to cook the food. All recipes for the food that is to be cooked can be found in the **green food safety folder**.

There is a roster on the fridge in the kitchen area.

So if you could please have a think about helping out that would be wonderful.

Tanya Czuczman.
As seasons are changing, it's spring cleaning time so pull out the old and get ready for the new!

We need your donations to kick off a night for our fundraising night

"Re Style your Wardrobe"
Collecting quality new and pre loved women's fashion clothing items, shoes, purses, jewellery and accessories etc.
We can handle as much as you can give and all sizes welcome.
Then remember to come along to our "Re Style your Wardrobe" night!!
You will leave with bags full aplenty!

Lockington Consolidated School "Re Style your Wardrobe" fundraising night is May 16th at 7pm held at the Lockington School. Come along for a fun night and meet the lovely stylist Kate from STYLE IS ETERNAL!

Please leave donations at the school or phone
Bianca Rawlands 048 8088 212 or
Elhami Cox 0439 865 270 for pick up.

Tongala Community Centre Inc

KIDS & WORRY
A 2hr Workshop for Parents and Carers with Children of all ages

The 2hr workshop will include:
• Understanding how worry is part of your child’s development
• Ways to build your child’s confidence
• Understanding worry messages from your child and how to respond to them
• When to be concerned and where to get support

Facilitator: Ev Holzer (Parenting Educator)
Date: Wednesday 14th May
Times: 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Cost: $10 per person includes handouts & tea/coffee.

Please contact us at the centre on 58591268 to secure your place in this popular workshop.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea - 2014

Please come along and join the community in raising funds for the Australian Cancer Council, as part of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea 2014.

WHEN: Tuesday 27th May
10am - 12pm
WHERE: Kilmore Recreation Reserve (Footy Club Rooms)

$5 Entry/Donation includes: Tea/Coffee, Morning Tea, Lucky Door ticket

There will be a raffle, Trading Table and 2nd hand book sale on the day

Please contact Ellie Hayes on 0438129986 for further information or if you would like to assist.

Rosemary Crisp is collecting 2nd hand books and would appreciate any donations of children’s and adult books prior to the day. Please drop them to 132 Mitchie Street, Elmore. Thank You.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE DAY GO TO THE AUSTRALIAN CANCER COUNCIL.

State Schools are Great Schools
Grade 6 Information Evenings at the following Colleges:
Wednesday 7th May at 7pm

Contact Ph. 5446 8099
www.eaglehawk.vic.edu.au

Contact Ph. 5443 2133
www.woeronal.vic.edu.au

Contact Ph. 5443 4461
www.bseed.vic.edu.au

Contact Ph. 5447 7722
www.crusoecollege.vic.edu.au