Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yet another busy week has flown by! On Wednesday I was in Melbourne for module three of the Principals as Literacy Leaders program. Again, I came back to school full of inspiration and ideas which I was able to share with Pauline Cleary, our local Literacy guru, who is leading a series of professional development sessions with our staff. Our main goal with our Literacy Improvement program is to raise student outcomes through ensuring that all of our work is evidence based. Working through the ‘Big Six’ (Oral language, Phonological awareness, Letter-sound knowledge, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency) our aim is to develop independent readers. Data shows us that students who are independent learners, engaged in their learning and hold a broad general knowledge perform far better on tests such as NAPLAN, are more successful generally at school across the curriculum and are therefore more likely to enjoy a successful future.

What do independent readers know and do?

- Approach reading with interest
- Presume they will understand what they read
- Have broad reading vocabulary and know the meanings of many words
- Have a range of strategies for working out the meanings of words
- Effortlessly read many words
- Recognise that there are different text types
- Know they will need to draw on different strategies to read different text types
- Realise when they aren’t understanding what they are reading
- Have a range of strategies for understanding an author’s message
- Select an appropriate strategy to use when they aren’t understanding
- Are persistent if their first strategy isn’t successful
- Know they will make errors but are optimistic they will understand the text
- Have a fluent reading rate and capably use expression to aid meaning
- Talk about texts and authors

Last night we spoke about good use of classroom libraries and how to support students in putting together a collection of ‘just right’ books which are ‘just right’ for them. You will hear more about our Literacy Improvement program in coming weeks and we have plans for a parents Literacy information evening soon, but if you have any questions about how you can support your child’s literacy development please don’t hesitate to speak to their teacher or myself.

Enjoy your weekend,
Michelle.  
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Term Two 2014

Week 4—Monday 12th May—Friday 16th May
NAPLAN week: Tuesday Language Conventions and Writing; Wednesday Reading; Thursday Numeracy; Friday Catch up if required.
Monday 12th May —Michelle at DEECD Principal’s Forum in Bendigo
Thursday 15th May —School Council 7pm

Week 5—Monday 19th May—Friday 23rd May
Tuesday 20th May— Student Leadership Team meeting
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
Tuesday 3rd June—Student Leadership Team meeting

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
Tuesday 17th June—Student Leadership Team meeting

Week 10—Monday June 23rd—Friday June 27th
Friday 27th June—Last Day Term 2. 2:30pm finish.
Silly Picture of the Week:

Quote of the week: ‘Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times if only one remembers to turn on the light.’
Albus Dumbledore.

Principal’s Award
Koby Bacon
For being the first student in Grade 3-6 to get organised and started reading today, demonstrating commitment to his own learning.

Numeracy Award
Summer Richardson for her excellent attention to detail and great presentation of the data collected in her group all week! Fantastic effort Summer!

Literacy Award
This week the Literacy Award goes to Ned Hayes for his creative writing in narrative writing and his excellent reading and comprehension in guided reading and NAPLAN practice tests.

Head Lice Alert
We have had a reported case of head lice in the school. Please take this opportunity to perform a careful check on your child(ren)’s hair and treat it accordingly if required. Remember that there are products available at school for purchase if you require them, including the combs. Students may not remain at school if they have untreated, live lice in their hair and in this instance, parents will be contacted to collect them. If you have any questions about the management of head lice please let us know.

School Uniform
Under our school’s policy it is compulsory for all students to wear correct school uniform. Uniform order forms can be found in the foyer area or you can speak to Bek in the office who will be happy to help you find what you need. We ensure the price is kept low so it is more easily affordable for families. Hoodies are not a part of our school uniform and so are not acceptable to be worn either at school or on excursions. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact the Principal who will be able to discuss options for support with this matter.
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 continuing on with writing narratives and revising persuasive texts.

**Handwriting:** Cc concentrating on correct starting points, writing on the line and making our Cc 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.

Cheers, Andrea

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**Office Hours—Bek In**

Monday 8.30 to 1.30  
Tuesday 8.30 to 1.30  
Thursday 8.30 to 1.30

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**Relay For Life 2013**

Thankyou to all donations, support and walkers, especially those who walked through the night!! Our team managed to raise $891 this year and would love to better the amount next year. More information later.

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**May is Scholastic National Family Reading Month**

Please find a Reading Log attached. There are also prizes for the students who read the most in each state.

Information is on the log or go to the scholastic website. Happy reading!

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**Gardening Roster 2014**

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3/4/5/6 News

This week we have been practicing NAPLAN testing in the following areas of Numeracy, Reading and Comprehension, Writing and Language Conventions. On Wednesday the Cluster Cross Country Running Event was held at the Elmore Field Days Site. All the students performed really well and gave it their best effort. Thank you to the parents that came to support Elmore Primary School and Jason Worme for driving the bus. The Zone Cross Country Running Event will be held in Bendigo on Wednesday the 28th of May with further details to follow about this event in the coming weeks.

Next week we are covering the following:

**Literacy**

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

**Language** - Text Structure and Organisation – We are looking at the language and structure to write a narrative and a persuasive piece of writing.

**Literature** – Examining 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** – Interpreting, Analysing and Evaluating Text- Reading informative texts such as “The Solar System” and writing a science report. Retrieving facts about planets in our solar system to understand why things happen in our physical world.

**Grammar** – Sentences – Students write sentences using correct punctuation.

**Writing** - Journal/Narrative Writing/Persuasive.

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

**Numeracy**

**Number and Algebra** - Number and place value – NAPLAN

**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 (Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check). 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).

**CROSS COUNTRY 7th MAY 2014**

Tyler and Rhys getting 1st and 2nd places. Sam getting 3rd place. The start of the race.
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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Hot Food Friday

When: Friday, 18th May

Cost: $3.50 per hard or soft taco shell with additions of lettuce, tomato, cheese, guacamole, sour cream and tasty mince beef.

We are also going to utilise each opportunity to study a different culture through their food as a result of Kids Matter and a high request for this area to be covered by parents. Thanks to Inday for coming in to talk to the students about the Philippines' today.

All HOT FOOD ORDER money from next week’s orders 16th May will be donated to Relay For Life to help us with fundraising for next year.
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.
Came down for a fun night and meet the lovely stylist Kate from STYLE
IS ETERNAL!
Please leave donations at the school or phone
Bianca Rawlins 048 8088 212 or
Elene Cox 0439 865 270 for pick up.

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: Elmore 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 0438129386 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

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: Eve 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.