Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I have been away from school a bit this week with meetings and then with the dreaded gastro bug. Many students have also been suffering from gastro or a cold virus going around. Please make sure your child is given the opportunity to rest and recover at home. This also help us control the spread of the germs.

The Perfect Moment is fast approaching and we are moving into a very busy time with rehearsals, building and organisation. We are desperate for helpers in any shape or form at pretty much any time you are available, particularly in the week of the performance, the 12th—17th. You will see a page further on where you can write your name down if you are available to help at any stage. It would be great if our parents were free on the evening of the performance, Friday 16th, and not busy helping so they can enjoy the show we have worked so hard on. Towards this end, it would be great if you could canvas family, friends and townsfolk to enlist their help as well! Just add them to the table and send it in. We will put that information onto the master table which is kept in the office. Alternatively, you can pop into the office and add your own name to the master table wherever appropriate.

There is also a costume list included in this week’s Newsletter. If you have any questions about this please call us at school. Jens and Aviva will be here on Monday and Tuesday next week so you can also check with them too on those days. If you or anyone you know is good at sewing please see our help request in the costume article.

I know we have been asking for lots of helpers in many forms to bring this performance together. Whilst it is important that everyone in our community feels that they can help out, it is also important that they are all aware of how greatly their help is appreciated and what a difference it makes. There is no way we would be able to put on a performance of this high level of quality without the many helpers who have volunteered their time and energy. We thank you most sincerely. Just two more weeks to go!

Enjoy your weekend.

Michelle.
Today me will live in the moment unless it’s unpleasant in which case me will eat a cookie.’ Cookie Monster.

**Principal’s Award**

The Award this week goes to

Emily Giffin

For helping to create an imovie about our LOTE program which will be posted on the FUSE site.

**Silly Picture of the week**

**Numeracy Award:**

Tait Skinner for grasping the concept of multiplying large numbers very quickly

**Literacy Award:**

Zara for her thoughtful comments about characters in the books that we read

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Perfect Moment Costume List—URGENT!!

All students to wear:

basic blacks- black tights/track pants/jeans (stretchy ones for acrobances), long sleeve black shirts, black shoes, black socks. No other colours.

Could students please bring their basic blacks on Monday and Tuesday next week

Parents or grandparents that are skilled sewers could you please meet with Aviva on Monday to discuss suggestions for sewing list below:

4 X yellow & black bonnets with antennae for bees – Zara, Isaac, Lachlan and Joe
4 X yellow & black chest plates
2 X wings for birds blue – Emily and Lilly
2 X dingo tails
maybe dingo vests
Seeking brown, leathery, suede, clothes for Joe and Angus (cowboy dingo) and cowboy boots/Blundstones – matching outfits if possible please.
Lachlan (snake print shirt and pants or similar clothing in brown).
4 sets of yellow and black stripey knee length socks for Joe, Lachlan, Zara & Isaac

Thank you!

Buildings and Grounds

At our last meeting we had several volunteers choose to complete our list of working bee items in their own time. We would like to thank everyone who has completed or is going to complete one or more of those tasks.

I would especially like to thank Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, Luke, Callum, Craig, Jen, and Nic for the wonderful job they have done weeding the front garden in preparation for planting.

Thank you also to Tina, Denyse, Jen and Nic for joining the Garden Party Working Group. We will be meeting in the front garden at lunch time today to meet with Meg, a friend of Jen's, to discuss suitable plants for the front garden. Thank you to Jen for organising. Anyone else interested in joining us is more than welcome to. We will also discuss a mutual time to get together to begin writing a submission for funding to assist with the creation of a sensory garden from the sandpit through to the vegetable garden.

Andrea Bacon.
During the last week we have had a visit by Denise from the Responsible Pet Ownership Program and her dog Henry. The children all listened attentively and showed the correct and safe behaviour in approaching dogs. They were all eager to meet with Henry and give him a pat.

The Perfect Moment Preparation is going well. Not long to go to Show time! Well done, Andrea and team on the left!

Last week Luke and Callum joined in with Quiet Reading time while their mothers were preparing our lunch. Joe and Angus enjoyed reading to their younger brothers.

ROCHESTER BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
We are holding a general meeting on Monday the 5th August at Criterion Hotel Rochester @ 7pm. Apologies can be sent to me on 0428887952.

Thank you
Veronica McLeod
0428887952
3-4-5-6 News

Spelling - Individual lists

Literature - Setting - Reading *Jungle Story* in class and discussing the setting. We will also discuss the characters and compare the setting and characters to the last book we read in class together, *Alex and Lily*.

Grammar - Possessives and Classifiers - Working through what they are and their importance when writing an interesting sentence, e.g. *Her* extremely beautiful *thoroughbred* horse - the *possessive* is a word that shows ownership, e.g. *her*, *his*, *their*, and the *classifier* is a word that explains 'what type' of noun, e.g. thoroughbred horse or ballpoint pen, etc.

Writing - Information Reports about healthy eating, habits and exercise.

Numeracy - Four operations revision - multiplication and division
- Data and Interpretation - various types of graphs, their purposes and how to read them.

Homework - Sent home on Monday and due in on Friday
- Spelling words written in interesting sentences using possessives and classifiers where appropriate
- Mathematics - Multiplication revision
- Two pages of handwriting.

Science - We have revisited electrical circuits and incorporated them into our contraptions for the perfect moment.

Have a great weekend - the Perfect Moment is almost here!

Andrea

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5/6 Canberra Camp Term 4 2013

Students from Year 5/6 at Elmore PS will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

A copy of the itinerary will be handed out next term.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This rebate will assist with reducing our overall costs.
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 NAME 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** is the day of the **Perfect Moment Performance** the children will be at the hall, so there will be **NO HOT FOOD** on this day.

**As of this Friday Hot Food Orders will be going home on Friday to be back on Tuesday.**

Expressions of Interest Sought

Buildings and Grounds Sub-committee is putting together a Garden Beautification Club and would love you to be a part of it! There will not be any heavy work involved, but tasks such as weeding, spraying weeds, removing dead plants, trimming plants and so on would be the types of tasks involved at this stage.

It is a great opportunity to catch up with other parents for a chat, enjoy a cuppa and support your child’s school all at once. Community members are welcome too.

If this sounds like a way you would like to support our school, please contact Andrea Bacon at the school, 5432 6247, or you can email her at bacon.andrea.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Elmore Field Days Catering Committee

We are conducting Coffee Making Courses on the dates below:

**Friday 9th August**
Time: 9.30am / 11 am / 1.30 pm
(need numbers by Wednesday 7th August)

**Sunday 8th September**
Time: 9.30am / 11 am / 1.30 pm
(need numbers by Thursday 5th September)

These Courses are Free but we would like those who participate to come and help us run the Coffee Shops at the Cutting Event/Equestrian Events/Days prior and during Field Days.

The Course will be held at "The Coffee House" Container located at the Equestrian Centre at the Elmore Events Centre (Signage on day)

If you would like to learn to make Coffee please contact
Chris McCormick 0428326169 or email christine.mccormick.bigpond.com.au

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**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 me know when you would like to deliver any large items to the school.

Thank you! Andrea Bacon

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**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**

**Wed 2nd Oct** 8.30 - 5.00

**Thurs 3rd Oct** 8.30 - 5.00

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
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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**Helpers Urgently Required for Perfect Moment Please!**

The timetable is in the office. Please indicate which days you would be available to assist either on this form and return it to school or add your name to the main timetable outside the office. Thank you for your help.

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