Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It’s been such a frantic week catching up on everything after being away but it sure is great to be back. A huge thanks to Brian for keeping the chair warm during my absence. I know he felt very welcome.

Students from Victoria University have been touring the state and visiting schools with their science show and we were lucky enough to have them pass through Elmore! It was a show full of exciting experiments and explosions, and really emphasised the fun in science. Students and staff all seemed to enjoy themselves very much!

On Monday, Kari Giffin and I attended a training day at Eaglehawk North Primary School to learn about how to catalogue books in our library using the Bookmark computer program. It was a lot to take in on one day but we have come back with lots of ideas about how to get started with our Library. It will be a very time consuming job. It was inspiring being in such a large but extremely well organised and thoughtfully presented school.

I will be convening Education and Policy meetings whilst Wendy is on leave. Please note that our next meeting will be on Friday 8th November at 8:00am. We will be discussing our Action Team for getting Kidsmatter up and running so please come along and join us if you are interested.

Please note that I will be meeting with other panel members to short list and interview applicants for the teaching position we have had advertised, so I may be away from school for a few days. Please email me if you can’t catch me at school. I will get back to you ASAP.

Enjoy your weekend,

Michelle.

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**October 2013**

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- Fri 25th Oct—Education and Policy meeting at 8:00am in the staff room.
- Tues 29th Oct—Finance Committee meeting in the staff room.
- Wed 30th October—Michelle at Network Principals meeting at Echuca.
- Thurs 31st Oct—Bek and Michelle Budget Day; School Council 7pm.
- Fri 1st Nov—Michelle interviewing for Graduate position all day.
- Tue 5th Nov—Melbourne Cup Day—Public Holiday.
- Wed 6th Nov—Summer Sports; Prep Transition #2 9:30am—1:30pm; Michelle at DEECD Training all day.
- Fri 8th Nov—Wrapped in Reading Grade P-2 at Preschool; Family Picnic Tea 5pm.
- Sun 10th Nov—Working Bee.
“If you can’t fly then run. If you can’t run then walk. If you can’t walk then crawl. But whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

**Principal’s Award**
The Award this week goes to

**Brigid Connally**
For being brave this week, still giving her personal best.

**Silly Picture of the week**

**Numeracy Award**
Letisha for being able to count forwards and backwards from 1 to 100 and write the numerals from 1 to 100. She is only in prep so this is a fantastic effort!

**Literacy Award**
Rhys Holmberg for consistently completing all tasks to a very high standard and always presenting his work neatly! Great effort Rhys!

**Gardening Roster 2013**

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Keys can be picked up from office. Also Andrea is available to anyone who would like to learn how to start and operate both ride on mowers.

Please arrange a swap if you are unable to work your designated weekend or contact: Kari 0429 326 351.
This week the children had a visit from university students demonstrating spectacular science experiments. These ranged from the creation of an alien egg to shrinking a balloon with liquid nitrogen. The visit was very exciting and engaging with lots of explosions and fireworks! The Active After Schools Program also started on Monday with the students learning the skills and techniques in the art of Judo.

Next week we are covering the following:

**Literacy**

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

**Language** - Setting – Students will read a variety of texts and determine what the setting is in each case such as time, place and environment.

**Literature** – Book Reports – Students will learn how to write a book report about their chosen text following a book report format – Book Title, Author, Illustrator, favourite part, characters, recommendations and drawing pictures of their favourite character.

**Literacy** – Writing Sentences and Paragraphs.

**Grammar** – Adjectives.

**Writing** - Narratives – Students are learning how to write their own narrative with the structure of a title, beginning, middle and an ending.

**Numeracy**

**Number and Algebra** - Number and place value – counting, skip counting, forwards and backwards, recognise, model, represent and order numbers.

**Measurement and Geometry** – Location and Transformation – Grid references, maps and slides, flips and tessellations.

**Homework**

Students are to cut letters out of the newspaper to spell their spelling words. For maths, students can practice their skip counting forwards and backwards by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s and counting from 0-100. They can also practice giving directions and using words like: next to, under, behind, forwards, backwards, north, east, south, west, clockwise, anti-clockwise, left, right etc. It would be a great help if parents could read and practice counting with their children. Could you please make sure each student brings their readers to school each day.

Craig.
3-4-5-6 News

Farewell for Mr Harper

Could all students please bring a plate of morning tea to share next Friday 1st November

Tuesday the student teachers from the University of Victoria came to impress us with their spectacular science show and wow us they did! Their experiments covered combustion, chemical reactions, static electricity with bubbles, bangs and bewilderment. It was an awesome display that hopefully encouraged our students to embark on a science degree. Only time will tell! Thank you to Brian Wilkinson for booking this for us! Check out the photos and comments by the students.

Our English and Mathematics will remain the same for next week as we continue with our revision in all areas.

Homework: Two pages of handwriting, one page of maths and spelling words written or typed in various fonts 3 times.

It looks like a fairly normal week coming up. Enjoy your weekend!

Cheers

Andrea Bacon

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Science day

Science day was so spectacular. Cody and Liam made slime together. We had so much fun.

By Kodi Czuczman
Elmore Primary School are hosting a Picnic Tea and would love your family to come and join in the fun...

When: Thursday 7th November from 5pm
Where: Elmore Primary School Oval

What: Egg and Spoon Races, Tug-o-War, Gumboot Toss, Three-legged Races, Egg Toss, Sack Races, Lolly Scramble... the students of Elmore Primary will also have a stall with lots of yummy things to eat and lots, lots more!

Families are asked to supply a Salad or Dessert to share...

Elmore Primary School are providing BBQ meat, sauce, bread, cutlery, plates, water, cordial, cups, zooper doopers...

Please RSVP to Nicole Hayes on 0438563308 (text or call) with:
Your Family Name,
Number of People attending,
No of Sausages/No. of Hamburgers
Type of Salad or Dessert

Please BYO Chairs/Picnic Rugs

This is an alcohol free event!
**Sunday, 10th November 2013 at 9am**

**Working Bee Items to Complete:**

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<td>Empty container and clear around exterior ready for sale and removal</td>
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<td>Paint and hang blackboard on back fence in garden area</td>
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<td>Tidy and sort train carriage</td>
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<td>Dig 1.5m trench to cover pipe currently above ground along Hervey St near big bin</td>
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**Internal Jobs**

| Clean bag lockers                                                              | Tanya & Jen                                   |             |
| Clean, stock take and arrange kitchen cupboards                               |                                               |             |
| Hang power board in staffroom                                                  | John Giffin                                   |             |

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!
On Tuesday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of October the science teachers from Victoria University came to the school. We learnt lots of science activities. There were explosions, static electricity and experiments with liquid nitrogen and some of us got to try out some of the experiments because they wanted some volunteers. The picture below is an experiment with liquid nitrogen, cold water and soap poured into a container and boom it blew up! Everyone had lots of fun.

By Rhys Holmberg
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Music by Peter Chater Robinson
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Friday 8th November, 7:30pm
Saturday, 9th November, 2pm

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ADULT: $22.00   CONCESSION: $20.00   STUDENT/CHILD: $16.00
GROUP OF 15 OR MORE: $20.00

Rochester Town Garage Sale
Saturday November 2nd
8am - 2pm

Rochester Town Garage Sale - “Cash in on it” turn your unwanted goods into cash for Christmas. Hold a sale or join with friends or your club for a combined effort.

Registrations closes 18th October. Forms are available at Dingwell’s Newsagency. $15 covers signs, balloons, a number on the map and all advertising and printing.
Let’s see if we can beat last year’s turnout.
For more information phone 0400 866 815.
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If you can swim 25 metres in a recognised stroke, you have a great deal to gain by joining our club.

Training for coming season

Spring  Mondays - One session weekly x 6 weeks 6.00pm – 7.00pm in Echuca beginning – Monday 7th October 2013

Summer  Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 5.15pm – 6.30pm in Rochester starts – Monday 18th November 2013

**Swimmers must wear one piece bathers**

Some great reasons for you to be a member of the Rochester Swim Club:
* Have fun and make new friends
* Improve your fitness levels
* Maintain a healthy image
* Learn the finer skills of swimming
* Improve your confidence

Obtain certificates in Bronze/Lifesaving and CPR courses

We promote an active, healthy, and happy environment where individuals can:
* Learn and improve at their own pace
* Choose their swimming path
* Have regular training sessions with quality coaching
* Compete at Medley nights, swim / open water meets
* Be part of a team

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