Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had another fantastic week this week with lots of things happening.

Yesterday we enjoyed our House Swimming Sports day at the Elmore Pool. It was fabulous to see so many parents and family members in attendance to cheer students on! Although the weather was not particularly kind to us, and several students needed that extra bit of support to venture into the cold water, everyone ended up having a great time and swimming their best on the day. As usual, our students put on a stellar show, demonstrating their prowess in the water!

It also made me feel very proud to hear the good sportsmanship which was evident everywhere yesterday. I heard many students cheering on their team mates, providing words of encouragement and words of commiseration when they didn’t place first. Of course, it is never about being first at our House Sports days, although that is a very nice outcome to have, it is really about giving your personal best for the team and having a fun time with your friends and family and I’d say that was well and truly achieved by all. The outstanding organisation and preparation by our teachers, particularly Mrs Bacon, who arranged the schedule and equipment for the day, contributed significantly to its success.

We will announce the winning team at Monday’s assembly, once Mrs B has had a chance to calculate it out!

Enjoy your weekend,

Michelle.

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# Term One 2014 Calendar

* Please note some dates will change from week to week due to updates

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<td>* Finance Committee meeting Thursday 6th March 8am.</td>
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<td>* School Council AGM Thursday 13th March, 7:00pm.</td>
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<td>* Prep interviews this week.</td>
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### Responsible Pet Ownership P-6

**When:** Monday, 3rd March 2014

**Where:** Elmore PS respective classrooms

**Time:**
- Prep -2:- 1:50pm – 2:30pm
- Gr 3-6:- 2:35pm – 3:20pm

**Cost:** Free

**Program:** We have the pleasure of a presenter and her dog with sensible information on how to care for your pets (cats too) and how to approach other people’s pets safely. This is an annual event and parents and siblings are welcome to attend. Please let Michelle, Craig or myself know if there are any children with fears, phobias or allergies that may impact on their attendance and we will cater for them as required.
**Quote of the week:** “Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” Malcolm X

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**B & S Ball Volunteers Needed Please!!**

It’s that time again and we are on the hunt for volunteers to help with Breakfast on Sunday March 9th, from 6am till 10am. The jobs range from serving food to customers to cooking out the back. You don’t need to stay for the whole time if that is too hard—just tell us the hours you can manage. The last few years we have had some fantastic volunteers who have given up their long weekend Sunday to help raise much needed funds for our school. (Every year I have sworn that I will never eat eggs or bacon again after cooking them all morning!) Although it is an early start, the time really flies and we all head home early enough to still enjoy the day.

If you are able to help out please either fill out the form below and return it to school, or speak with Anna Trewick, the convenor of our Parents and Friends sub-committee, and she will add your name to our list, or let either Bek, in the office, or myself know, and we will pass that on for you.

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**Silly Picture of the Week:**
Grammatically incorrect “has” but too cute not to use!

**Numeracy Award:**
Ned Hayes and Jay Bacon for their excellent work in the Maths Mate activity.

**Literacy Award:**
Della Czuczman for her lovely, neat handwriting. Keep up the fantastic effort!

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**Principal’s Award**

Darcy McKenzie

For being brave and giving his personal best at House Swimming yesterday, even when it was hard.

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*ELMORE summer send off ball*
House Swimming Thursday 20th February 2014:
Prep/1/2 News

English

Reading: Daily routines with changing readers before school are extremely encouraging so early in the year and I thank each parent for your assistance with this. It allows us to settle quickly and begin our day of learning immediately without the busy movement around the room. Encouraging your child to read each night and bring their reader back to be changed will assist them to develop great reading skills more quickly. Thank you to Tanya Czuczman, Tina McKenzie, Jane Worme and Nicole Hayes for assisting with hearing of student’s readers...your valuable time is greatly appreciated! If you are able to spare ½hr to 1hr once a week to hear reading please catch up with me and I am more than happy to explain the process to you.

Writing: Gr 1 & 2 - Persuasive letters written to me to persuade me to let the children do or have something, e.g. more sport, computer or free time, etc. Our next letters may be to you...stay tuned! Preps – Journal writing each day. It is very encouraging to see the enthusiasm each child has for their writing each day. I look forward to sharing their work with you at interview time in week 7 or you are welcome to have a look at any time!

Handwriting: Mm concentrating on correct starting points and writing on the line.

Homework Prep – 2: Family photo that I can copy for our ‘About Me’ activity next week please. If you don’t have a photo with the whole family I would greatly appreciate individual photos and we can make a collage of your family. I will photocopy and return your photos intact.

Homework/Spelling/Mathematics Gr 1 & 2: Spelling words are sent home each Monday with an activity to follow. There will also be a mathematics sheet to complete. These activities are consolidation of what we have been learning in class. Please feel free to discuss any concerns or queries you may have.

Mathematics: Number and Place Value – Preps – Recognition and writing of numbers to 10 counting forwards and backwards to 20. Gr 1 & 2 – spelling and writing numbers up to 1000. Addition of 1 & 2 digit numbers and multiplication of 2s, 5s and 10s by continuous adding and translating into multiplication sums, e.g. 2+2+2+2=8 = 2x4=8, etc.

Thank you again for the wonderful help from parents during the Water Familiarisation Week. I greatly appreciated help from Tanya Czuczman, Tina McKenzie, Claire Johnson, Jen Stewart, Michelle Simmie and Nicole Hayes.

Have a fabulous weekend! Cheers,
Andrea Bacon

SHROVE TUESDAY AT ELMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Come along to Elmore Primary School and enjoy a pancake with the school children for morning tea as part of Shrove Tuesday.

Date: Tuesday 4th March 2014

Time: 10:55 - 11:30am

Cost: Gold coin donation

R.S.V.P: Friday 28th February,
To Tanya Czuczman at ajandte@bigpond.com or 0427 336 240
This week the students have been writing wonderful recounts in their writing journals and making awesome 3D objects using “Nets”, matchsticks and blutac. Their “My Community” Projects are all coming along very well looking fabulous and they are all looking forward to the House Swimming Sports this Thursday. Good luck to all the students and give it your personal best.

Next week we are covering the following:

**Literacy**

**Spelling** - Inventory Spelling Word lists and activities.

**Language** - Text Structure and Organisation - Students will write a persuasive article looking at the language and structure of what a persuasive piece should look like. Students will be assessed against a persuasive writing rubric for language and structure.

**Literature** – Examining Literature – Students will look at examples of what persuasive articles look like, newspapers, reports, journals, informative pieces, advertisements and what their purpose is.

**Literacy** – Interpreting, Analysing, Evaluating (text) – Students will work on comprehension and making inferences relating to the multimodal texts in guided reading.

**Grammar** – Verbs - Students write interesting sentences with different types of verbs.

**Writing** Persuasive Writing/Journal Writing.

**Numeracy**

**Number and Algebra** - Number and Place Value – Addition and Subtraction of 2,3,4, and 5 digit numbers/Roman Numerals/Rounding off Numbers.

**Measurement and Geometry** – Shape - 3D objects.

**Homework**

Next week students are to do two pages of handwriting, one page of math on Place Value and a spelling activity involving the students to write shapes with their weekly spelling words. Students are also encouraged to learn their times tables and read to their parents. Homework is due in each week by Friday morning.

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**Remember** — Terms 1 & 4 students must wear a wide-brimmed or Legionnaire-style hat when outside. No hat = no play!

Please remember your water bottle too.
Join us again in 2014

This April, step up the amount of physical activity in your life and get more active, more often. Go for a bike ride. Take the stairs at work. Or simply walk to school. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

This year we have:

- a new website and app to help track your progress **giveaways** and **prizes** for **every individual** who registers, not just each team.

Just by registering every participant will receive*:

- 10 free YMCA passes
- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- One free child pass to the National Sports Museum and MCG Tour
- One free child pass to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- One free hour of tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- Regular tips and ideas on ways to keep active

Every participant who registers for Active April will also go in the draw to win the $10,000 major registration prize*:

- Four tickets to the 2014 Toyota AFL Grand Final and Grand Final Breakfast (GFAFL14/13)
- Four Giant bikes and helmets
- A Tennis Warehouse voucher
- One GoPro camera.

Register before midnight on 28 February 2014

You’ll also go in the draw to win one of the following early bird prizes*:

- A $500 Rebel Sport Voucher
- A Garmin Forerunner 220 GPS enabled watch with heart rate monitor valued at $349.

So REGISTER TODAY and start warming up for Premier’s Active April.

www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

*Terms and Conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit our T&Cs page for details. 2014 Toyota AFL Grand Final authorisation code GFAFL14/13
**Rochester Basketball Association**

Competition 1 will commence on the 18th of March 2014. Fees will be $90 per player, $180 for 2 or $200 for 3 or more players. A registration night will be held to hand out team sheets and singlets on Wednesday 12th of March from 5pm-6.30pm. Eftpos will be available on this night only for registrations if required. Registration closing date will be Friday the 28th of February 2014. If anyone is interested in being an umpire or team coach could they please send through their details and availability asap. Please contact Veronica with any inquiries 0428887952.

**Registration Night will be held at the CVCC centre.**

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**Junior Tryouts and Training Commence**

17’s & Under - Thursday 20th, then Tuesday 25th, Thursday 27th @ 4.30 pm

15’s & Under - Thursday 20th, then Tuesday 25th, Thursday 27th @ 5 pm

13’s & 12’s & Under - Thursday 27th @ 4.30pm meet at the United Courts

All past, present and new players are welcome.

All enquiries to Fiona Davis 0409 937090.

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**B & S Ball Volunteer Form—Sunday 9th March**

Name _____________________________________________________

I will be happy to help out on Saturday March 8th.

Contact number ______________________________________________________

Signed ______________________________________________________