Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This Newsletter is the one that did not go home last Friday May 16th. We have had a few staff illnesses and absences last week and as a result, were not able to get the Newsletter out in time, but here it is now!

This morning at Assembly we sang the first two verses of Advance Australia Fair. Since ANZAC Day, students have been learning the words to the second verse as a result of singing them at the ceremony and enjoying them so, at their request, we have been having a go. I have included the words in this week’s Newsletter so you can have a go at home too.

Onto some more serious news. Jo McQuillan, the Grade 3-6 classroom teacher from Nanneella Estate Primary School, whom many of us would know from our Cluster camps, excursions and activities, began her holidays watching her son James play footy for the Albury Tigers. During the game James suffered a serious spinal injury. Jo has not been back to her home or back to school since. Instead she has been in Melbourne helping to care for James, initially in the Austin Hospital and now in the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre. We can only imagine how their family has been impacted by such an event.

James has been diagnosed a C5 quadriplegic. At present it looks as though he will be confined to a wheelchair with some limited arm and hand movement. He and his family are working hard and staying positive. He has been fitted for a wheelchair and has begun to feed himself. His spinal cord is showing some signs of repair. A massive fundraising effort is underway in Echuca and Albury, and after discussing the matter at school council last week, we have decided to also support the James McQuillan Future Fund’s fundraising efforts however we can. More information about how we can help is included further on in the Newsletter, but we are hoping to support their raffles, help SRC hold a footy colours fun day to raise funds for James and his family, and both promote and encourage attendance at any fundraising events. There is also a collection tin in the foyer for donations.

I hope you will be able to assist us in supporting this family through a very challenging time, and showing them how strongly small communities and our Cluster group pull together in times of need. Please take the time to read the information further on, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Enjoy your week,
Michelle.

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**Term Two 2014**  
(Current diarised events—please check each week)

**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.

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**The James McQuillan Future Fund. (continued from front page)**

Raffle tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Money can be sent to school in a named envelope with the amount enclosed written on the front, and the student’s name. The prizes are one of three hampers: a Pamer Hamper, a Luxury Hamper and a Winter Comfort Hamper. (*If you are able to donate any items for any of these hampers, please drop them off at school and we will make sure they get to Nanneella Estate Primary)

SRC is organising a Footy Colours Day to happen shortly. Please keep an eye out in the Newsletter for more information to come. All funds raised will go to the JMFF. We will send photos to James too.

Nanneella Community Fundraiser—Friday 30th May, 7pm. Nanneella Hall. $10 donation on entry. River Voices performing, Finger food provided. Adults and families.

Echuca Paramount Movie Night—Wednesday 4th June. ‘A Million Ways To Die In The West’. MA15+ Tickets $20 at the door or contact Ian Denson 0408 403 884. Older Teenagers & Adults. Aim is to sell out the Paramount.

JMFF Echuca Ball—Saturday 14th June. DJ Matt Veitch, Sean Orr Music, Vintage Photo Booth, Auction Raffles, All night tapas $62pp. Adults. If you have any other ideas about ways we could help then please let me know. Kind regards, Michelle.
Silly Picture of the Week:

Principal’s Award

Malachie Connally

For the enormous improvement he has shown in his writing, as evidenced by the work he brought to share with me this week.

Numeracy Award

Koby and Blair for their excellent work in Maths Mate and consistently demonstrating the school values which make them fantastic role models for other students.

Literacy Award

Kaitlyn Pollock for her outstanding reading so far this year and for writing words and small sentences by herself. I am very proud of you Kaitlyn, keep up the great work!

Quote of the week: “It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.” Leonardo Da Vinci

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.

Advance Australia Fair—Verse 2 We have been learning the second verse to sing at Assembly! You might like to have a go at home too.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross we’ll toil with hearts and hands
To make this Commonwealth of ours renowned of all the lands
For those who’ve come across the seas we’ve boundless plains to share
With courage let us all combine to advance Australia fair.
With joyful strains then let us sing advance Australia fair.
This week and for the next two we welcome Mr Mathew Gill to our room and EPS. Mathew is a 3rd year Pre-Service Teacher from La Trobe University and has been teaching Literacy, Numeracy and Fitness and will be teaching the entire day over the 3 weeks he is with us. Feel free to introduce yourself to Mathew over the next couple of weeks.

**English:** Grade 1 and 2 have been writing persuasive advertisements this week and will complete unfinished narratives as well. Preps will continue their journal writing with many of them beginning their own sentences with common words we have been learning in our guided reading sessions, e.g. The..., My..., I..., A..., This..., etc.

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

**Mathematics:** Fractions, decimals and learning to tell time.

**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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**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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**Cluster Science Day**

**When:** Friday, 23rd May

**Time:** 10am – 2:30pm

**Where:** Elmore PS

**Cost:** Free

**Lunch:** Students will need a cut lunch, snacks and water please as there is no Hot Food Friday, oven or microwave for re-heating on this day.

On Friday we will be hosting Colbinnabin, Goornong, Nanneella and Raywood at our fabulous school for our annual Cluster Science Day. This year our activities will include: Biological Science – Our Bodies (Raywood), Chemical Science – Melting vs Dissolving of food (Colbo), Physical Science – Push or Pull (Goornong), Earth & Space Science – Water Sustainability and testing (Rob Krober - Coliban Water) and Magnetics (Elmore).
3/4/5/6 News

This week the grade 3 and 5 students have been participating in the NAPLAN program which spread across three days. All students have been working on a tile design to go in the new garden area at the school and we are all looking forward to the Science Cluster Day to be held at Elmore Primary School on Friday the 23rd of May. The students participating in The Active After School Program on Monday have done a marvellous job picking up the skills of baseball and thoroughly enjoying working with Pam who is the baseball coach.

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.

**Numeracy**

Number and Algebra- Number and place value

Measurement and Geometry – Length, mass and capacity.

**Homework**

Next week, Students are to do two pages of handwriting, one page of math (Mass) 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).

**Working Bee**

**When:** Sunday, 25th May

**Time:** 8:30am for a bacon and egg breakfast and 9am start

The list is attached to the newsletter, please place your name next to an item or text Andrea on 0411578284. It would be appreciated if you could organise the equipment you may need or contact Andrea to have the equipment on the day. Thank you.
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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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
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.

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 0438123986 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 Michelle Street, Elmore. Thank You.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE DAY GO TO THE AUSTRALIAN CANCER COUNCIL

Steam Rally Echuca 2014

ADMIT ONE CHILD FREE *
*Primary School Student Accompanied by a paying adult

SCHOOL ____________________________________________

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Cut out voucher and bring it with you to the Rally

Queens Birthday Weekend
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June 2014
9am - 4.30pm: Rotary Park, Echuca
Enquires: 0438 576 639

Inserts with this newsletter

- Lunch Order Price List
- Read More in May
- Transition Timetable
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Keys can be collected from the Office, with the DVD which provides use of and safety instructions for the John Deere mower, and needs to be watched prior to mowing please! If the grass is high please check that the pop-up sprinklers are down, as they are expensive to replace. If one is up gently push down please.

Two families are rostered on so the job can be shared, i.e. one family to mow the nature strips and front lawn and one to mow the oval. Please make contact with the other family to arrange a time to work together or at least discuss which family will attend to which area.

Please arrange a swap if you are unable on the designated weekend, or contact myself: Kari 0429 326 351.

Please mow no lower than no.3 on the John Deere mower. Please mow no lower than the second last level on the Kubota. You are rostered on for the entire fortnight and may need to mow twice please. There should always be unleaded in the metal jerry can for the mowers and premix in the red plastic jerry can for the blower vac and whipper snipper. Operating instructions are found in the mower shed or please see Andrea for assistance. Please ensure that keys are returned to the office, ready for the next family. Thank you for your valuable time and effort.
Prep, 1 and 2 students planting snow peas in the garden on Friday.

Thank you to Helen O’Sullivan, Tanya Goodear and Tina McKenzie for their assistance as well.

Thank you also to Tina for mowing and tidying up the garden area for us to work in.

Rhys and Koby presenting the wreath at the ANZAC service.

Preps getting ready to start the cross