Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was lovely to have Cup Day this week to catch up with friends and family. I hope many of you had the opportunity to do the same.

Yesterday we had Pre-school students at school for their second Transition session with Craig. Once again they demonstrated how ready they are for school and settled in beautifully to the school routines and expectations.

Students in Grades 3—6 also participated in the cluster Summer Sports day which I hear was a great success. Well done, as I can imagine yesterday’s heat made that a little more challenging this year.

Thanks to all those who helped make the Picnic Tea such a great night. Although we had quite a few missing due to illness, it was still a lovely opportunity to catch up and share a meal. Our community is extremely good at supporting the school at these events and our Parents and Friends Sub-committee always do a great job of organising food and events.

This week we have had quite a few families suffering from a nasty gastro virus which seems to be doing the rounds. Many others are also suffering with extreme hayfever. Whilst the majority of families do allow plenty of time for their child to recover, I have included the exclusion table for future reference, so we can be certain that students are not returning to school too early and risking infection of others. Please be sure to allow plenty of time for full recovery, as students come back to school ready to go at 100% again. It can cause further problems if they haven’t fully recovered.

Enjoy your weekend,

Michelle.

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**Principal's Award**

The Award this week goes to

Tait Skinner

For showing our value of Personal best in working with Rhys to measure the area of his body outline.

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“The secret of life, though, is to fall seven times and to get up eight times.” Paulo Coelho

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**Numeracy Award**

Della Czuczman or her hard work and determination in counting and knowing her numbers from 1 – 20. Her homework is also of a high standard which reflects her knowledge in class.

**Literacy Award**

Rhys Holmberg for his consistently accurate spelling results and overall excellent effort in all areas of Literacy. Fantastic effort Rhys!

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**Gardening Roster**

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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.
Rivadance Studio Concert

On Saturday 2nd November, students from Rivadance Studio dancing lessons held their concert at the Elmore Memorial Hall. Some of our students, below, participated in the event.

A great deal of practice and preparation went into making sure the evening was a success. A great time was had by all. Well done to our dancing superstars!

ELMORE PLAYGROUP

The Elmore Playgroup AGM will be on Wednesday 4th December at 10am at the Elmore Scout Hall.

At this stage, no current office bearers wish to continue, and due to low memberships, it is likely that Elmore Playgroup will not run next year. If you are interested in attending in 2014 and/or being an office bearer, please attend the AGM, or phone Meg Doller (President) for more details – 5432 6035

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## Working Bee Information—Sunday November 10th

School council will be providing breakfast instead of lunch this working bee as the emphasis is on getting these small jobs finished quickly and as early as possible. Breakfast will be served at 8.30am...egg and bacon rolls...thanks in advance for jobs to be done and many many thanks to those parents who have already completed jobs this week!!!

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### 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>Fill sand pit in – OHS</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
- Clean, stock take and arrange kitchen cupboards
- Hang power board in staffroom

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!
This week has been a short week due to the public holiday for the Melbourne Cup. It was great to see the Kindergarten children come to school on Wednesday for their second transition day. They participated in some authentic exciting literacy and numeracy activities incorporating the use of technology. We are all looking forward to seeing them at Elmore Primary School in 2014.

Next week we are covering the following:

**Literacy**

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

**Language** - Plot – Students will read a variety of texts and determine what the plot is in each case such as the sequence of events that make up a story.

**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** – Comparing different types of texts such as an imaginative text versus an information text.

**Grammar** – Verbs.

**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**- Patterns and algebra.

**Measurement and Geometry** – Money and financial maths.

**Homework**

Students are to type or write their spelling words 5 times in different fonts. In math, students are to complete a worksheet that covers the material learnt for that week. 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.

Cheers,

Craig.
I apologise for the lack of homework this week we had a short week and I was busy with organising camp and ran out of time, therefore, homework will be the same as last week.

**Writing Focus:** Free writing, journals and completing work

**Literature:** Book Reports – as students read a book they will complete a book report to be compiled for others to read the recommendations made by their peers

**Literacy:** Compare texts – the various texts we have been reading in class we will be comparing to discuss the differences, similarities with plot, character and setting, etc.

**Language – Plot** – we will be reading a variety of books and discussing the plot.

**Grammar – Verbs** – Students will participate in acting out verbs for others to guess and various other activities

**Number & Algebra - Patterns & Algebra** – We have been and will continue to look at number patterns and families and use skip counting to see patterns. We will also continue working with the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using fractions and decimals in the upper grades.

**Measurement & Geometry** - Average, Mode & Median. These are recurring questions for many in their On Demand tests across the levels, therefore we will have a good look at them.

**Homework** - Patterns, 2 pages of Handwriting and spelling words written in interesting sentences

Cheers

More 5/6 Canberra camp information will be accompanying this newsletter. Please don’t hesitate to ask me any questions you may have. Wow one week to go. Happy packing!

Cheers,

Andrea Bacon