Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very big thank you to those families who gave up their Sunday morning last week to come in to school and help with the Working Bee. After a delicious breakfast, if I do say so myself, we all set to work. Our weeding team managed to fill up two trailers just with weeds from the front and the carriage items have been organised and cleared. It has made a big difference to the appearance of our school. We want it to continue to look like a place we are proud of and care for.

On Wednesday evening students in Grades 3—6 set up their Library research projects to share with their families at our Trivia Night. I am extremely proud of the effort students put into this project from start to finish. The research projects were inspired by a book we shared called War Dogs. Students found that they had a lot of questions about wars and Australia’s involvement in them. They used graphic organisers to refine their inquiry ideas and made decisions about how they’d like to present their findings. It required a great deal of independence and initiative to work in this style, taking control of their own learning. Students also designed the evening for their families and devised questions for a Trivia game about war and Australian history. It was a very enjoyable way to conclude our work and share what we have done.

On Monday our Grade 5/6 students head off to Canberra with Mrs Bacon and the other Cluster students and staff. It is an early start for them all! We wish them a safe and enjoyable week and look forward to hearing all about their adventures upon their return.

Enjoy your weekend,
Michelle.

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Congratulations!
To Tina, Steve, Summer, Tait and Isabella on the birth of twin boys last night! Mother and babies reportedly doing well.
Principal's Award

The Award this week goes to

Emily Giffin

For the confidence she demonstrated when speaking in front of parents at the Grade 3—6 Trivia Evening this week.

“It’s ok not to know but it’s not ok not to try.”

Numeracy Award

3/4/5/6 for their fantastic effort with revision of the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Keep up the terrific effort!

Literacy Award

Summer for her outstanding reading and writing skills. She always demonstrates the school value of Personal Best which is a great model for other students to follow.

Silly Picture of the week

Gardening Roster 2013

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Please arrange a swap if you are unable to work your designated weekend or contact: Kari 0429 326 351.

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.
Headlice

Head lice have been reported to the school - please check, and if necessary treat, your family for head lice. There is no need to treat everyone if no head lice are found but you need to look for the head lice. If you find head lice in your family please tell anyone who has had head to head contact with the family member and let us here at school know.

Buildings and Grounds

Thank you to the dedicated families who turned up early on Sunday morning to help complete some very big jobs. I was particularly impressed with the children who came and worked as hard as they did - I am very proud of you all! Thank you also to those parents who came in before the working bee and completed jobs on the list - everyone’s time and effort is greatly appreciated!

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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Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things!
This week in math, students have been making same money amounts different ways with same value and mixed coins. In literacy, students have been learning about the plot of a story and how the events are sequenced together in the order to form a beginning, middle and an end.

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** – Rhyming Words – Students will learn how to write sentences with rhyming words.

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

**Grammar** – Verbs.

**Writing** – Poetry - Students will look at the structure on how to write poetry and learn the different types of poetry.

**Numeracy**

**Number and Algebra** - Patterns and algebra.

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

**Homework**

Students are to practice reading reader level books with their parents and practice reading words off their high frequency word learning chart.

Cheers,

Craig.

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**From the Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team: Healthy Tip**

Try brushing your teeth with your non dominant hand. It switches on your brain!

It’s a challenging way to brush your teeth.
Camp week is here! The five of us are very excited about heading to Canberra nice and early on Monday morning. Remember 6:30am we can begin loading the bus for a 7am departure time. Don’t forget to set those alarms!!

On Demand and Torch comprehension testing will begin for grade 3/4 next week followed by 5/6 after camp. We have also started Burt reading for age testing this week in preparation for report writing in the coming weeks.

**Writing Focus:** Poetry – researching a variety of poetic genres, making a power point presentation and then writing their own poems

**Literature:** Rhyming words – with a focus on using these in their rhyming poems

**Literacy:** Interpreting, analysing and evaluating text – we have been reading a variety of short texts in class, discussing the characters, setting and plot. Now we will concentrate on interpreting what may happen next or what the author is inferring, analysing the characters, plot and conclusion and evaluating the text as a whole

**Language** – Sequence – re-ordering texts into their correct sequence of events

**Grammar** – Revision of everything learnt this year

**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 5/6. We will also cover money maths in all grade levels

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

**Homework** – There will only be spelling words next week continuing on with individual lists of words derived from past incorrect spelling tests, students own writing and dictionary words designed to expand some students’ vocabulary

**Wednesday, 27th November** – Tait will be visiting Nanneella Estate Primary School, with the grade 6s from each of our cluster schools, for a great day of activities to assist with the transition into secondary school next year. Have a wonderful time Tait.

Have a great week grade 3/4 with Mr Wright and good luck with your On Demand tests! See you Tait, Rhys, Tyler, Koby and parents bright and early Monday morning! Happy packing!

Cheers,
Andrea Bacon

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**Kris Kringle**

Each class has chosen a secret Kris Kringle for Christmas. The idea is to show your Kris Kringle they are special without giving your secret away. In the past people have left a little note in lockers to say things like, "Have a nice day", or a candy cane, etc. These are suggestions and completely up to the individual. In the last week we will be handing out gifts up to the value of $10. Each student will be given the chance to have three guesses to guess who their KK is. If gifts could be wrapped in Christmas paper with a card saying 'To ...... From you KK or Kris Kringle' please, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Craig or Andrea in regards to Kris Kringle.