Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week you may have seen our school on the TV. WIN news were here yesterday to speak with us about the crossing, as they had heard that we are trying to get flashing lights installed there during school times to help slow traffic down. They also wanted to speak about the crossing on the main highway through town. Fortunately, Bruce Anderson from the EPA was available to speak also, on behalf of the town. I have already heard from VicRoads with whom I will be meeting next week, so hopefully we will see some action soon. I will keep you posted.

Last night we had our AGM, at which our Annual Report was presented. We also held our first School Council meeting for the 2013/14 council, farewelling outgoing member Anna Trewick and acknowledging the work both she and Nicole, as President, have undertaken. I am very pleased to announce that our new School Council President is Tim Giffin.

Tim has already committed two years to School Council in his previous term, and during that time acted in the role of Treasurer, so he brings extensive understanding of the financial operations of the school as well as experience as a councillor, to the role. We welcome Tim and congratulate him on his new role.

Next week we have Parents and Friends meeting on Thursday at 2:45pm in the Library. All welcome. Due to Anna’s term ending with School Council she will no longer be convening this meeting. Until School Council announces Anna’s successor, I will convene the meeting. Please do come along. It is a good opportunity to catch up with other parents. You don’t have to have an opinion to come along! You might just like to come along as an observer. We would love to see you there.

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

| Week 9: March 24\(^{th}\) – 28\(^{th}\) | * Thursday March 27\(^{th}\): Finance Committee meeting 8:00am; KidsMatter Action Team meeting in Grade P-2 room 3:30pm; Parents and Friends meeting 2:45pm in the Library; Education and Policy meeting 4:30pm in the Grade P-2 room;  
* SRC meeting 1:30pm in the Grade P-2 room – Monday 24\(^{th}\) March  
* Library Thursday 27\(^{th}\) March and Art Monday 24\(^{th}\) March  
* Elmore Health and Wellbeing meeting 2:30pm Tuesday 25\(^{th}\) March  
* CFA visit school 11:30am Tuesday 25\(^{th}\) March |
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| Week 10: March 31\(^{st}\) – April 4\(^{th}\) | * Final day of term Friday 4\(^{th}\) April. 2:30pm finish.  
* Crazy Hair Day—gold coin donation on Friday 4\(^{th}\) April  
* Library 3rd April |

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**From Parents and Friends**

**Wendy’s Farewell**

This term Wendy retired from teaching and Elmore primary school in true Wendy style...quietly, no fuss, a simple morning tea with the students whom she adored so much...

However, there were many parents and friends of Wendy who also wanted the opportunity to say thank you and good luck. Wendy has agreed to an evening of celebration without any formal proceedings and all parents, caregivers and friends of the school are invited to attend;

**When: Saturday the 22\(^{nd}\) of March**

**Dinner: Bunja Thai Restaurant at 6pm**

**Follow by: The Book Thief, showing at the Star Cinema Eaglehawk at 8.30pm**

Please note the change of date due to the Dahlia and Arts Festival in Eaglehawk.

A bus will be running from the school at 5pm and will return approximately 11pm.

Please contact Nicole Hayes on 0438563308 or 54326393 to RSVP for this event and to book a place on the bus. Bookings must be made by Friday the 14\(^{th}\) of March.

Wendy has strongly expressed a casual night, no gifts or accolades, just a pleasant evening sharing two of her favourite things...Thai food and movies!!!
Quote of the week: ‘The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world are the ones who do.’ Steve Jobs.

**Principals Award**

**Peter Johnson**

For demonstrating resilience and bouncing back after a disappointment.

**Silly Picture of the Week:**

**Numeracy Award #1:**
Blair Broadhurst for his excellent work in the On Demand Testing and giving his personal best. He also continues to help out other students and teachers which shows great initiative.

**Numeracy Award #2:**
Paige Simmie for her excellent formation of numbers and writing of addition problems in mathematics this week. Fantastic effort Paige!

**KidsMatter Meeting**

**When:** Thursday, 27th March  
**Time:** 3:30pm  
**Agenda:**
1. Work through surveys, pin point areas we can improve, create an action plan for each area and delegate to members for implementation.  
2. Design our ‘KidsMatter Umbrella’ display for the front foyer. Please bring along logos from relevant groups or programs/frameworks associated with KidsMatter.  

Thank you to everyone who completed a survey. We had a great response! Once we have analysed the data we will inform you of the outcomes next week.  

Cheers,  

Andrea

**Garden Working Party Meeting**

**When:** Friday 28th March  
**Time:** 3:30pm  
**Where:** Near the BBQ, playgrounds and sand pit.  
**Why:** To design, plan and cost further the area to be beautified.  
**Who:** Anyone interested in helping. Please let budding gardeners and creative community members know as well. Bring your great ideas along as well. Catch up with Andrea if you require more information.
Prep/1/2 News

English
Monday and Friday this week we have had the assistance of Nathan Francis from LaTrobe University. Nathan is a first year Pre-Service Teacher and will return next Friday and for one full week next term. Nathan ran our Soccer Active After School sessions in term 3 last year so is familiar with many of our students, staff and the school layout, therefore he felt right at home on Monday. Welcome back Nathan and we hope your visits are valuable and enjoyable.

Preps – Writing sentences starting with “I can...” concentrating on capital letters at the start and full stops at the end.
Gr 1 and 2 – Punctuation – Capital letters, full stops, commas, etc.
Grammar:  Noun revision
Handwriting: Zz concentrating on correct starting points and writing on the line and making our Zz chart of words starting with this letter.
Mathematics: Chance - Discussing the likelihood of various events happening including, weather, dice roll, coin toss, choosing objects from bags, etc.
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/Spelling/Mathematics Gr 1 & 2: Spelling words will be sent home on Monday with an activity to follow which is in the front of the homework book. There will also be a mathematics sheet or times tables 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.

Enjoy your weekend!

Cheers,
Andrea Bacon

Relay For Life
Team Name: The Amigos – Andrea, Koby and Jay Bacon and anyone else willing to join us to walk as a relay team to raise funds for the Cancer Council
When:  Friday, 4th and 5th of April
Where: Bendigo Aths Centre (where 3-6 have cluster sports)
Times: 6pm Friday – approx. 3pm Saturday. You don’t have to walk the entire time, but if you are keen to join us for an hour or two please let me know.
How:  via the website www.relayforlife.org.au (Closes 28th March) Click on ‘Join – Sign up with a relay team’ and follow the prompts to find our state, year, town and team and sign up.
Cost: $20 registration – you receive a Relay For Life shirt and your money is a donation to help our team raise funds for the Cancer Council
We have placed donation boxes in the front foyer, at the Supermarket and BP service station if people would like to make a donation instead thank you.
We also have pens for sale for $3 each.

This is not a school initiative this is something my family has chosen to do privately. Michelle has kindly allowed us to place some information in the newsletter to assist with our fund raising efforts. I am happy to chat with people if they would like further information.
3/4/5/6 News

This week the students have been completing their On Demand Literacy and Numeracy testing and have been doing a great job. In science, the students have been learning about forces and the aerodynamics of how a plane flies. We looked at the forces of weight, drag, lift and thrust and the students built their own paper plane with a drag force added to see how far it could fly versus a plane without an extra drag force. They tested this with five flights and then calculated the average distance travelled for each scenario.

Next week we are covering the following:

**Literacy**

**Spelling** - Inventory Spelling Word lists and activities and level grade spelling.

**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** - Verb Tenses and Adjectives.

**Writing** Persuasive Writing/Journal Writing.

**Numeracy**

**Number and Algebra** - Money and Financial Mathematics

**Measurement and Geometry** - Probability and Statistics

**Homework**

next week students are to do two pages of handwriting, one page of math on addition/subtraction and a spelling activity involving the students to write their 10 weekly spelling words into one straight line and see if they can make other words with those letters. Students are also encouraged to learn their times tables and read to their parents. Homework is due in each week by Friday morning.

Crazy Hair Day and Casual Clothes Day – SRC Fundraiser

**When:** Friday 4th April all day

**Cost:** Gold coin donation to go to Cystic Fibrosis

**What to do:** Wear a crazy wig, make a crazy hair style, colour your hair in crazy colours, anything goes – the crazier the better!

**Lunch:** Parents and Friends will be providing us with a BBQ lunch so no need for lunch on this day either. We have a doctor visiting to Explain to us about Cystic Fibrosis at 9am. We have a parade at our morning assembly so come on in for a great show!

Office Hours—Bek In

Monday 8.30 to 1.30
Tuesday 8.30 to 1.30
Thursday 8.30 to 1.30