Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Tuesday this week I headed over to Nanneella Estate Primary to assist in supporting Tait’s involvement in the Grade 6 transition to secondary school day. It was a very successful day. I enjoyed listening to students and speaking with them about strategies to prepare for the change. Mrs Bacon and Diane Hoare joined the group later in the day also. It’s great to see students from small schools such as those in our Cluster expressing feelings of such confidence about moving on to secondary school.

Yesterday afternoon we held our first KidsMatter Action Team meeting. A very big thank you to all those parents who were able to attend. We will continue to work together as a team to communicate with families about our KidsMatter Framework and how they can support that.

On Wednesday a note was sent home containing information about the sale of the container. Any interested parties please see me before the end of next week. Our current highest offer is $1600.00.

The Community Bank has invited us to participate in its 10th Birthday celebrations next Tuesday. This will involve students walking to the Bank in Elmore and sharing in the celebrations including a BBQ lunch, so no need to worry about lunch that day. The local excursion permission form will cover this trip out of the school.

Thanks also to those parents who helped out this afternoon with potting and organisation for the Elmore Christmas Party.

Enjoy your weekend,

Michelle.

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“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” (Unless you are a farmer, I guess…!)

Principal’s Award
The Award this week goes to
Cody McKenzie
For the determination and persistence he has shown with his reading this week.
Great effort, Cody!

Silly Picture of the week

Numeracy Award
Malachie Connally for his excellent results with his On Demand tests. Keep up the great effort!

Literacy Award
This week the literacy award goes to Brigid Connally for giving her personal best when matching letter sounds to animal names. Keep up the good work Brigid.

Gardening Roster 2013

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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.
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

Active After Schools

Next Monday will be our last Judo lesson. Thank you to Daniel and his sons for their fun and physical lessons. Next Wednesday will be our last Athletics lesson. Thank you to Brigette for her expertise as well.

Kris Kringle

We would like all KK presents to be in by Monday, 16th December to be handed out during the last week of the school year. Everyone is being very quiet about their KK well done! Only 2 ½ weeks to go.

From the Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team: Healthy Tip

FREEZE YOUR FRUIT!
For a snack on hot days why not try freezing grapes or bananas
Don’t forget to peel your bananas first you monkey!
From Jen and the Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team 😊
Prep—2 News

This week students have been working really well in maths by making number patterns, number think boards and recalling number facts to 20. In literacy, students have been doing excellent work by finding rhyming words for their High Frequency Word List. In history we have been learning about the past, present and future and comparing Indigenous families with our own family way of life.

Next week we are covering the following:

**Literacy**

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

**Language**- Sequence– Students will listen to a Fairy-tale and order the sequence cards of that story.

**Literature** – Rhyming Words – Students will learn how to write sentences with rhyming words and rhyme words with their High Frequency Word List.

**Literacy** – Students will listen to and examine rhyming words, nursery rhymes and acrostic poems from various texts.

**Grammar** – Sentences and punctuation.

**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/Revision

**Measurement and Geometry** – Shape.

**Homework**

Students are to practice reading reader level books with their parents and practice reading and writing words off their High Frequency Word Learning Chart.

Cody, Angus and Isaac spelling their weekly spelling words on the interactive white board.  
Letisha using counters to spell her weekly spelling words  
Xavier and Shaeya practicing their magic card tricks
3-6 News
Tait had a great time at the Nanneella Grade 6 Transition Activity Day on Tuesday. He learnt many valuable skills about how to deal with a variety of situations when he begins secondary school next year. We wish Tait all the very best on his next journey in life and hope it is a happy and successful one!

Congratulations to all grade 3/4/5/6 students for working hard on their On Demand tests last week and this. Keep up the great effort!

Over the next three weeks we will be concentrating on revising topics learnt throughout the year in Numeracy and Literacy and begin working on Christmas activities and songs for the Community Carols and Presentation Evening.

Homework will be kept to a minimum as we wind down to the end of the year. It will consist of spelling words, handwriting and a maths sheet.

Cheers,
Andrea

5/6 Camp
Tait, Rhys, Tyler, Koby and I had a fantastic time last week on camp. Our children were a credit to themselves, their families and school and it was my pleasure to take them to Canberra as my last camp. Highlights from camp included the Australian Institute of Sport, Royal Australian Mint, CSIRO, GEO Science, the Space Centre, Parliament House and Questacon, just to name a few. We have included some more photos of our trip.