Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At our Elmore Health and Wellbeing Team meeting this week we spoke about ways to maintain our focus on living and eating healthily. We now have a plan in place to ensure that we all have a common activity each term that is suitable for all children in Elmore. In Term 1 we have elected to participate in the Premier’s Active April challenge. You will find a post card containing information about this attached to today’s Newsletter. It outlines how to join up and what the prizes are. With a goal of just 30 minutes per day, it is definitely achievable for us all and helps us keep healthy.

On that topic, congratulations to our bike riders! Each morning when I’m on yard duty I see them heading in. The health and learning benefits for students from participating in physical activity before school are enormous. Well done to those parents who are making it happen. It is also having a lovely community effect with many older residents looking forward to waving in the morning as the group goes by.

Next week I will not be at school as I am required to manage a personal family situation. I have ensured structures are in place to enable the continued effective running of the school and that staff and students are appropriately supported. I am always available via email if there is a matter which you need to raise with me during this time, although our capable and helpful staff are always ready to help. I will not be here for the final day of the term so I will take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions to a very successful 2014 school year start up and wish you a very safe and relaxing break. Having attended a funeral on Wednesday on behalf of our school for a 19 year old boy, it reminds us how precious our families and loved ones really are. Please do take good care of each other.

Remember that Term 2 starts back on Tuesday, April 22nd due to Monday being Easter Monday, and that Friday that week, April 25th, is the ANZAC Day public holiday.

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 10: March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup> | * Final day of term Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. 2:30pm finish.  
* Crazy Hair Day—gold coin donation on Friday 4th April  
* Library 3rd April |

## Term Two 2014

(These dates are preliminary and are subject to change)

| Week 1—Tuesday April 22nd—Friday April 25th | First day of term—Tuesday April 22nd  
| | Friday 25th April—ANZAC Day—Public Holiday—No students required at school |
| Week 2—Monday 28th April—Friday 2nd May | Tuesday 29th April—Buildings and Grounds meeting 7pm  
| | Wednesday 30th April—Student leaders and Michelle to attend the Leadership conference in Bendigo, Capital Theatre. |
| Week 3—Monday 5th May—Friday 9th May | Wednesday 7th May—Michelle at Principals as Literacy Leaders Module 3 in Melbourne |
| Week 4—Monday 12th May—Friday 16th May | NAPLAN week: Tuesday Language Conventions and Writing; Wednesday Reading; Thursday Numeracy; Friday Catch up if required.  
| | Thursday 15th May—School Council 7pm |
| Week 5—Monday 19th May—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 |  |
| Week 8—Monday June 9th—Friday June 13th | Monday 9th June—Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday—No students required at school  
| | Thursday 12th June—School Council 7pm |
| Week 9—Monday June 16th—Friday June 20th |  |
| Week 10—Monday June 23rd—Friday June 27th | Friday 27th June—Last Day Term 2. 2:30pm finish. |
Quote of the week: ‘The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.’ William Shakespeare

Premier’s Active April challenges all Victorians to get more active, more often and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

Use the new online Activity Tracker to log your daily activity and track your progress throughout the month. Plus, you can create and join teams, compare the progress of team members, discover events near you and win awesome prizes! It’s fun, it’s free and just by registering every participant gets*:

- 15% off at Rebel Sport
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**Prep/1/2 News**

One week to go! The children are very tired and everyone is looking forward to a well-earned holiday!

**English:** Revision of concepts learned this term.

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

**Mathematics:** Revision of concepts learned this term

**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. There won’t be any homework for the last week of term.

**Easter Activities:** We will be enjoying making and participating in some fun Easter craft activities next week.

I have included some work and photos from this term, enjoy!

Andrea Bacon

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**Crazy Hair Day and Casual Clothes Day – SRC Fundraiser – Whole School**

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

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

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

**Guest Speaker:** Doctor from the Elmore Clinic to speak to students at 9am for approximately 10 mins.

**Lunch:** Parents and Friends will be providing us with a BBQ lunch so need for lunch on this day either.

We have a parade at our morning assembly so come on in for a great show!

**Active After School**

We had our last Basketball session on Wednesday this week and we will be having our last skateboarding session on Monday next week.

**Relay For Life**

Thank you to those people who have registered for our team and made donations, you and your valuable time and money is greatly appreciated. We look forward to walking for a wonderful cause!

We still have 8 pens left at $3 per pen.
This week the students had a visit from the local CFA to educate them on fire safety and the protocols to follow in the event of a fire. The session was very informative and the children were given “a hands on” demonstration on how a fire truck operates. They were also able to spray a very powerful fire hose into the air on the oval. In other news, I completed the Tough Mudder event held at Phillip Island last weekend and it was the toughest thing I have ever done physically and mentally. I completed the 20km course with 20 obstacles in about 4 hours! It was a great sense of achievement and I explained to the children that whatever you do in life, you need to be able to work as a team to achieve your goals.

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 Adverbs.

**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 money and a spelling activity involving the students to write their 10 weekly spelling words and do a Look, say, cover, write and check. Students are also encouraged to learn their times tables and read to their parents. Homework is due in each week by Friday morning.
Dear Mrs Bacon

**CAN WE PLEASE HAVE A SCHOOL PET? THE REASONS WHY ARE BECAUSE WE COULD PAT HIM/HER. IF WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WHEN ITS PLAY TIME WE COULD TRY TO TRAIN IT. WE COULD ALSO FEED IT. DOCTORS ARE SAYING THAT KIDS SHOULD GET MORE EXERCISE AND A DOG OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT WILL DO THE TRICK. AND SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A PET. IF WE WANT TO TRAIN AN ANIMAL WHEN WE GROW UP THEN AT LEAST WE WILL KNOW HOW. I HOPE YOU MIGHT CONSIDER GETTING US A PET,**

FROM XAVE.

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**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 need for lunch on this day either. We have a doctor visiting to Explain to us about Cytic Fibrosis at 9am. We have a parade at our morning assembly so come on in for a great show!

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**Office Hours—Bek In**

- Monday 8.30 to 1.30  
- Tuesday 8.30 to 1.30  
- Thursday 8.30 to 1.30
Active after school

Yesterday with active after schools we did skateboarding. I was kind of scared at first, but I will get used to it. I rolled a bit then stopped. It was great of course. Here are some photos of other people on skateboards.

By Summer Richardson.

The CFA visit this week

This week the CFA visited the school to speak about how to be safe in the event of a fire. We were able to have a close-up look at the truck and all of the equipment including the hose.