Our School News

Week 4 | Commencing 28th October, 2013

Don’t forget to visit our website at elanorahts-pschool.nsw.edu.au

Found!

 FOUND: Pearl dress ring

Weekly Reminders!

P&C Halloween Disco -
Wednesday 30th from 7-9pm

Un-Named Lost Property Parents, please come and check
School Banking on Wednesday

NB: that items for this newsletter will NOT be accepted after 5pm on the preceding Thursday

Week 4 - Term 4

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Kindy 2014 Orientation |
| Tue | 29 Oct | Leadership Day
“Take it Home Tuesday” |
| Wed | 30 Oct | Kindy 2014 Orientation
P&C Halloween Disco - Yrs 3-6 |
| Thur | 31 Oct | Kindy 2014 Orientation
Interrelate - Year 6 |
| Fri | 01 Nov | Kindy 2014 Orientation
PSSA = BYE:
Junior Boys Softball @ BYE
Senior Boys Cricket @ BYE
Senior Girls Softball @ BYE
Junior Girls Eagle Tag: BYE
AFL = BYE:

Week 5 - Term 4

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School Banking Day |
| Thur | 07 Nov | Year 6 Fun Day
Kindy 2014 Orientation
Interrelate - Year 6 |
| Fri | 08 Nov | Kindy 2014 Orientation
PSSA v Bilgola Plateau:
Junior Boys Softball @ Newport Oval
Senior Boys Cricket @ Newport Oval
Senior Girls Softball @ Newport Oval
Junior Girls Eagle Tag: behind Rat Park
AFL v Wheeler Heights:
@ Narrabeen Sports HS grounds

More info inside...
Good to be back
Whilst it was good to have a short break it was nice to come back and catch up with what has been happening while I have been on Long Service Leave. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Lomas and Ms Pitt who filled in so admirably during my short sojourn.

Are you leaving our school?
We are currently looking at classes and teachers for 2014. To ensure that we have an accurate picture of the school population we need to know who will be leaving our school at the end of the year. If you will no longer be with us in 2014 please complete the form further on in the newsletter and send/hand it in to the office ASAP. Your assistance is appreciated! Shortly we will be asking our students to fill out friendship forms so that we can begin to form classes for 2014.

School phone app
Did you get the messages about the PSSA cancellation and Mufti Day? If not download the free school app so that you are aware of what is happening at our school. Use the QR codes below to go straight to our app.

Visit the Play Store (android)  Go to iTunes (apple)

Mathletics App
Mathletics Student app is available free to all Mathletics subscribers and only requires login credentials to access. The new version of the app has some great new features - and is now available for Android devices too! Use in the classroom, at home – or anywhere. Mathletics is truly mobile.

Renewal of the bottom playground
Our P&C have made the renewal of the bottom oval their priority for the next couple of years. We have had some concepts drawings commissioned and would like your input before the ultimate decision about the composition of the playground is finalised. The plans can be viewed at http://www.elanorahts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/concept-drawing-for-the-new-playground. A printed copy of the plans can be found at the front of the Administration Block in the noticeboard. Please email your comments and suggestions to elanorahts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Comments need to be emailed by Friday, 15 November.

Mufti Day
The school is holding a Mufti Day this Tuesday, 29 October to raise money for the Bush Fire Appeal. Children are to bring a gold coin donation and must wear sensible footwear and clothes.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
GREEN DAY REPORT

Green Day Guests Fly in!
You may remember the extraordinary surprise guests to last year’s Green Day on 2nd August? Two Powerful Owl chicks sat all day on low branches by the school path, with their parents nearby, high in the branches. By the next morning they had retreated deeper into the bush.

These huge owls, 45-65cm in height, are a threatened species, listed as vulnerable in NSW. Only 30 breeding pairs are known around Sydney. At least one of last year’s chicks has been seen and heard growing up over the last year. The Powerful Owls bred again this year, producing one chick, but they sensibly chose a much more secluded location in our school bushland.

I could not believe it when an excited Year 3 boy ran to tell me on our 2013 Green Day on 16th October, that a Powerful Owl and a well-grown chick were again easily seen high in a canopy tree in our grounds. Again, our day of environmental education activities was graced with a one-day surprise visit of these amazing and rare birds who obligingly sat peering down as children looked up in wonder. By the next morning, they were gone.

Please do not go looking for the owls, and only view them if they are easily visible near a path or cleared area. This is a precious privilege and their survival depends on preserving their habitat. Like so many native birds, marsupials and reptiles, they cannot live without suitable hollows in native trees. Hollows only form in trees after about 100 years. Every time we cut down an old tree, we remove the home for many, many creatures. 100 years is too long for anyone to wait for a new home!

All the other Green Day guests also gave great presentations and excited children were exploring bushland around our school and beyond in Dewrang Reserve and Warriewood Wetlands.

After a presentation by Jinnie Windyana about her family’s Balinese village with no waste facilities, 3J and 4W prepared posters and letters to encourage the village school children to recycle and compost. Thank you to David Waters who also filmed a video with Jinnie, showing how our students separate their waste into three bins for the tip, recycling and compost. Two of our most experienced compost monitors, Luke P. and Daniel D. explained very clearly the process and benefits of composting, both for our school grounds and the planet. It is empowering when young children understand that this simple act also has global ramifications by avoiding the creation of methane, a green house gas 20 times more potent than CO2, produced by organic matter in landfill. We hope this video and the posters and letters will start an ongoing link with this village school.
WANTED, NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

Parents to coordinate working bee and water new plants.
Two weeks ago, Jamie Durie, the Mayor, Council’s Bushland Officer, the Bushlink team and students all converged on the area we are regenerating below the middle oval. While we are proud of its transformation from rampant lantana five years ago, I felt some concern.

About a year ago, we had a great turn-out of willing volunteers to plant this area. Sadly, we have not had a follow-up weeding program, so some plants have been lost, and more weed seeds spread. Many, many parents said they were happy to come back, but we desperately need a parent to co-ordinate working bees in our wonderful grounds.

Council’s Bushland Officer stressed that in giving plants this late in the year, they would need watering over summer.

Would you be prepared to go on a roster to water just the new tubestock planted recently?

Would you help organise one working bee this term?

Staff and parents will support these initiatives, but someone has to make it happen. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact the school.

ATTENTION YEAR SIX PARENTS

Just a reminder to you all that RSVPs and payments for the Year Six Farewell are due by November 15, 2013.

If for some reason you have not received the invitation sent home via your child on the last day of Term 3, please email me at:

Homargs1@optusnet.com.au

I can then forward you a copy of the invitation.

Many thanks

Kathy Simpson
IN FOCUS

THIS WEEK’S FEATURES...

EHPS PHONE APP.......NOW LIVE

How to install our app

On Apple
- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our schools name
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

On Android
- On Your SmartPhone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for our school name
- Press install
- Your app will start installing instantly

To Open Our App
- Look for our schools app icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- When prompted select yes to receive notifications and use your location
  (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)

Having Trouble?
- Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it
- Contact support@activeschoolapps.com.au for help within 24 hours

MEET OUR STAFF...

Miss Widman, Teacher
An interview by our school captains Lauren, Ruby and Wil

Wil: Miss Widman, how long have you been at EHPS?
Miss Widman: I have been teaching here for five years.

Lauren: What do you like best about EHPS?
Miss Widman: The lovely students and great staff, but the best thing about EHPS is that I came here when I was in primary school and now I am teaching here!

Ruby: Have you taught at many other schools?
Miss Widman: Yes, I have taught at St Ives North and Denistone East Public Schools.

Wil: Miss Widman, what are your hobbies or interests?
Miss Widman: I love spending time with my family and friends and I also love exercise, especially netball, as well as travelling and reading.

Lauren: What is your role at EHPS?
Miss Widman: I currently teach 1/2W.
AND THE AWARD GOES TO...
Bronze and Silver Awards will be given to the students at the K-2 & 3-6 Assemblies. The Gold and Diamond Awards will be given out at the K-6 Assembly. If you wish to see your child receive their award at assembly, please first contact the office to confirm this. When sending the 20 mini merits from home, please make sure that the mini merit on top has your child’s full name & class on it. Please do not send them in plastic bags or envelopes. Thank you.

GOLD AWARDS
THOMO R  LUKE M  ROSIE C  AMY C

A KNIGHT IN WHITE FOR NIKKI
Nikki Perko is a close friend and working mother of 5 who has been diagnosed with a rare form of abdominal cancer called Pseudomyxoma Peritonei (PMP). Nikki is awaiting extensive radical surgery at St George Hospital.

FUNDRAISER “A KNIGHT IN WHITE FOR NIKKI”
Saturday 2nd November, 5pm @ Warriewood Surf Club

Please pre purchase tickets via FB Page – A Knight in White for Nikki or via www.trybooking.com (search Nikki Perko) or contact Amber Summerhayes on 0404 222 007

Dress Code – Wear White

There will be raffles, auctions and other fundraising activities to help Nikki and her family. We hope that you will come and show your support.

Tickets $60 pp
includes dinner, welcome drink and entertainment.
A fun night of raffles, auctions etc.

Children Leaving EHPS in 2014
(Please return slip to Office.)

My children will not be returning to Elanora Heights Public School in 2014.

Name ___________________________________________ Class __________
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Guitar Intake for 2014
Year 1 to Year 5 Students
Students currently in Years 1 to 5 are eligible to join the Guitar program next year. The Guitar group will run at least two streams in 2014, a beginners group consisting of new students with no prior experience and Junior Ensemble consisting of this year’s beginners and new students who enter the group by way of audition. Private tuition from day 1 will be a requirement for the guitar group next year.

If your child is currently in Year 1, 4 or 5 and has expressed interest in the guitar please email me at tim.cowdery@gmail.com with your name, child’s first name, last name and class number and instrument of interest and we will add you to the electronic mail out list. Years 2 and 3 students are captured in the class list and you do not need to email details.

Percussion Group 2014
Subject to room availability, Frances Fordham intends to run a Percussion Group during lunch breaks at school for Years K to 2. Percussion and keeping time are critical elements of any musician’s skills and this stream will provide a strong launch pad for entry to the Band program, usually in Year 3. If your child is currently in Year K or Year 1 and you are interested in this group please email me at tim.cowdery@gmail.com with your name, child’s first name, last name and class number.

Year 2 and Year 3 Class Lists
Many thanks to all who responded regarding missing class lists. We only have 3S missing, any leads on the class parent or a copy of the class list will be appreciated. Please email me at tim.cowdery@gmail.com if you can solve the last piece of this intriguing puzzle.

Regional Bands
The Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) is a community based music extension program operating at The Forest High School. Entry is by way of audition, for students in Year 4 and above with an AMEB of Grade 2 and above. Auditions are scheduled for 9 and 10 November. Details can be found here: http://www.nsswe.org.au/appform.php

Registrations of interest close this Friday, 1 November.

Tutor Survey
An infinite number of thanks to all who have replied to the tutor survey. For those who are yet to respond (and there are quite a few of you), please do so as soon as possible as we are allocating space for tutors at school and need to know demand for 2014.

Why Music?
Primary age children who are involved in music lessons show greater brain development and memory improvement within a year than children who receive no musical training.

Learning and mastering a musical instrument improves the way the brain breaks down and understands human language, making music students more apt to pick up a second language.
PSSA Training

Please be advised that all children should be collected by parents when they are dismissed from training (within the school grounds) and NOT wait for collection at the top of the track where there is no supervision.

PSSA Training Times

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Training is **cancelled** if it is raining

PSSA Results

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Uniform Shop

We welcome our new Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator, Katie Dutton, who has taken over from Suzie Duncan as of today. We would also like to thank Suzie for her five years of fabulous service to the school. We look forward to seeing her as a Bunnings chic on their advertisements on TV!!

**Uniform Shop Coordinator** Kate Dutton

Open on Monday & Thursday from 8.15am to 9.45am

Purchase in store or by order form available online. Pay by cash or card (Eftpos, Visa or Mastercard)

Alterations & Repairs by Michelle Sturrock (Dressmaker and parent), great rates on offer to Elanora families. Details are available at the Uniform Shop.

Second Hand Uniforms

**Second Hand Uniform Coordinator** Karen Woodley

Enquiries or Purchase please call 9913 1292 after 9.00am or email thewoodleys@optusnet.com.au

Uniform donations are most welcome as Second hand uniforms are in demand!
**Kids Kafe Roster | To volunteer call 9913 2721**

Here is the roster for the next 3 weeks. There are many days that we are still in need of helpers this term. **IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP DROP BY & SEE US OR PHONE ON THE NUMBER ABOVE.** Your help is much appreciated as we canteen cannot operate without our wonderful volunteers. Thanks, Wendy.

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To order school lunches online go to [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)
Use log in – username: Elanora and password: munch2102

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**Mona Vale Market Day**

- 130 stalls
- live music
- gourmet food
- fun for kids
- arts & crafts
- homewares
- fashion
- jewellery

**Sunday, 3 November**

10am to 5pm

**Village Park, Mona Vale**

Park at Kitchener Park for a gold coin donation to Warriewood Surf Club

Supported by [Enliven Pittwater](#)

Sponsored by [FitnessFirst](#) [Pittwater Council] [Quickclips]

Support your local business community and have fun too!
Keep saving to win more Dollarmites’ treasure.

The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and want to share it with you.

Treasure Chest Prizes.
You could win one of these awesome prizes:
- 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack
  Including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & HOP!

Here’s how to enter.
Simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you’ll automatically go in the draw to win these prizes.
For more information, visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland
ENROL NOW!!
PAY-AS-YOU-GO
No Direct Debit
No Contracts

Elanora Heights Public School
43 Elanora Road, Elanora Heights
FRIDAY Juniors: 6:00pm
Beacon Hill Primary School
Tristram Road, Beacon Hill
THURS Juniors (5ys to 12 yrs) 6:00pm
Terrey Hills Community Centre
Yalong Ave, Terrey Hills
TUES Juniors: 6:00pm

Phone: 04 1300 4094
www.tkma.com.au

Our school is part of the
Peninsula Community of Schools
POETRY WRITING COMPETITION

Written works inspired by a sense of ‘community’

CATEGORIES FOR ENTRY

Primary School
Secondary School
Adult

Winners announced,
Poems read &
Prizes awarded
at the
Community Rising
event Dunbar Park
November 2nd 2013

PRIZES
PRIMARY DIVISION
SECONDARY DIVISION
ADULT DIVISION

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE

[Logos and other visual elements]
COLES BACKYARD LEAGUE CENTRE

Elanora Heights Public School


Venue: Elanora Heights PS
Time: 3-4pm
Cost: $10
Who: Boys & Girls in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5

Every child will receive:

» 3 Week Rugby League Program
» Qualified NRL Games Development Coaches
» NRL Mod Football

To register please hand in Registration Form to box outside Mrs Millar’s office by Friday 1st November

» For more information or help with registration please contact:
  Tim Gee
tgee@nrl.com.au
  0423 027 970