Week 8 | Commencing 25th November, 2013

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

Notes Home This Week
P&C Music Festival Raffle Tickets—Whole school
NB: Most notes sent home available on our website to download

Found!
✓ FOUND: Un-named lunch boxes & bottles - Please come & check/take before they are disposed of.

PLEASE LABEL/RE-LABEL YOUR CHILDREN’S BELONGINGS

Weekly Reminders!
Kindy Graduation - Tuesday
Canteen Fun Day - Tuesday
K-6 Mufti/Gift Day - Thursday
Recorders for Music Program
Swimming Gear - Year 2
Un-Named Lost Property Parents, please come and check

School Banking Send bank books in on Wednesday

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

Week 8 - Term 4

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| Tue  | 26 Nov| Kindy Graduation - 6pm
Year 3 Local Excursion
Canteen Fun Day |
| Wed  | 27 Nov| CPR/First Aid - Years 5 & 6
School Banking Day |
| Thur | 28 Nov| K-6 Christmas Gift/Mufti Day |
| Fri  | 29 Nov| LAST DAY FOR PSSA SPORT
PSSA v Avalon
Junior Boys Softball @ Hitchcock Park
Senior Boys Cricket @ Hitchcock Park
Senior Girls Softball @ Hitchcock Park
Junior Girls Eagle Tag: behind Rat Park
AFL v Narrabeen North @ Narrabeen Sports HS grounds |

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| Tue  | 03 Dec| Jelly Wobbles
NSHS High School Orientation |
| Wed  | 04 Dec| Year 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp
School Banking Day |
| Thur | 05 Dec| Year 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Year 5 Surf Education |
| Fri  | 06 Dec| Year 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp |
P&C
I would like to congratulate the following people who were elected at the recent P&C Annual General Meeting. P&C Executive: President – Mr Justin Wolfe, First VP – Mr Richard Hazard, Second VP – Vacant, Secretary – Mrs Angie Kemp, Treasurer – Mrs Tocia Hazard. I look forward to working with you in 2014.

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Tyla C (2D) who on Saturday competed and won a gold medal at the NSW Little Athletics State Relay Carnival held at Sydney Olympic Park. A fantastic achievement for her Ku-ring-gai under 8’s 4x100m team.

Kids, homework and lies

New access path to Dewrang Ave
Last week I received an email from Public Works informing me that ADC Design Group Pty Ltd have been awarded the consultant contract for the Design and Documentation works for the access way. It is anticipated that the handover of the pathway will take place in mid June 2014.

School app
Did you miss the message informing you that PSSA was called off last Friday and turned up at the venue expecting to see your child? If you did then it is time to download the school app from iTunes or the Play Store. It is also an easy way to send in “sick notes” explaining reasons why your child was away from school.

Maths at home

Bottom playground
I would like to thank everyone who emailed us about the concept plans for the bottom playground. I would also like to thank the parents who have volunteered to join the Playground Committee. I will be emailing you shortly so we can have our first meeting.

Are you leaving our school?
We are currently in the process of creating classes for 2014. If you know that your child will no longer be at our school in 2014 please let us know. I would like to thank those parents who have let us know they will no longer be part of our school community and wish them the best for 2014.

Date for the diary
On Wednesday, 11 December at 7pm we will be holding our Year 3-6 Music Concert in the school hall. More information about tickets will be sent out this week.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
**THE CANTEEN NEEDS YOUR HELP...**

We are still in need of your help for Friday, 13th December. A big thank you to those of you who called last week to fill the spots and of course to our “regulars” without whom **WE CANNOT OPERATE.** If anyone is able to help, please drop by & see us at the canteen or call us on 9913 2721. Thank you.

**Kids Kafe Roster | To volunteer call 9913 272**

**CANTEEN FUN DAY**

Our “Canteen Fun Day” is tomorrow. There will be a sausage sizzle, **PRE-ORDER ONLY** & we will also have treats available at both recess, for **COUNTER SERVICE ONLY** & lunch either along with your pre-order or counter service. The **sausages** will be purchased from Devitts Meats & are **Gluten Free**. The Honey Joys will be made following the “Kelloggs” Recipe. A full list of ingredients is available on request. The Canteen Fun Days help us raise some much needed funds that all goes back to our precious kids. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Weeks 7 to 10 – Term 4**

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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
AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

**PLEASE NOTE**: Today’s assembly will be the last assembly that the Silver and Bronze awards will be handed out at. Any Gold awards will be handed out next week at the K-6 assembly and after that for the rest of the term the awards will be handed out at lines.

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. **PLEASE NOTE that due to PUBLISHING RESTRICTIONS we will ONLY PROCESS the MINI MERITS HANDED IN by the THURSDAY PRECEDING THE RELATIVE ASSEMBLY.** Thank you.

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**SILVER AWARDS**

HUGO D  MANON L  LUKE B  MADISON E  
DANIEL K  ABBEY B  NATALIE P  CYNTHIA R  
THOMAS W  GABRIELLE W  ISABEL W  
TAYLAH M  JAKE E  OLIVER K  
SOFIA B  MIKALA W  ANGUS C  

**BRONZE AWARDS**

GABRIELLE W  ROSIE G  LACHLAN S  MIA S  
KIANNAH W  JULIA W  KIANI B  EVAH McF  
LUELLA S  ANNABELLE F  THOMO R  JACK W  
ELIZA P  JAMES G  FREYA H  JACK v W  
VAUGHN K  RYHS S  MATT C  GEORGIE P  
ABBEY B  JEMIMA K  ANJA F  

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**LIBRARY BORROWING**

The Library is about to commence it’s stocktake and consequently children can no longer borrow books for the rest of the year.

Could all parents please ensure that their children **return any books they may have out on loan as soon as possible**.

Thank you.

**Mrs Morrisson**
COMPOSITES - STAGES NOT AGES

At the beginning of a new school year, many parents might suddenly find their child in a composite class. Naturally, questions arise: for the older group - will my child be held back? For the younger group - will my child be able to keep up?

In primary schools, classes are organised in a wide variety of ways. Composite classes are one such type.

Background
Classes that are made up of children of different year levels have traditionally been called composite classes. In recent times, these classes have also been labelled multi aged or stage classes.

There are two reasons why these classes are formed:

- **Administrative** - this is where there is an uneven enrolment in school years and classes need to be formed across a number of school years. This occurs in most primary schools and especially in smaller primary schools.
- **Educational** - where classes are formed on the basis of educational rationale as they are seen to have educational benefit for the student.

Classes are formed following either of the above criteria or a combination of these criteria.

Composite classes have been the source of much controversy over the years, with parents often believing that their offspring is being disadvantaged in some way by being in one. The key to understanding composites is realising that growth is determined in stages and not by ages.

Composite classes teach children who are at compatible stages - not ages. It makes sense then to group children who are going through the similar stage so they can relate, help and experience together. Even within the same class, children will be at different levels. Teachers recognise this and usually extend the work of those who learn more quickly and give more attention to those who are slower. The class then becomes outcome based rather than competition based - this method of teaching also applies to straight classes.

The good thing about composite classes is that it draws attention to individual needs and development and facilitates individualised learning.

Managing composite classes requires experienced teachers. Teachers at EHPS are well-versed and experienced in conducting programs in composite classes. Older students are not held back in composite classes. Separate programs are used, in most curriculum areas, for the different groups of students according to their level of development, and there will be some joint activities.

Composite classes can provide significant benefits to both the younger and older students in the class. Older students can benefit from helping younger students in co-operative learning situations. The younger students have the opportunity of enhanced learning experiences where they are ready for it.

The Department of Education has published overseas research that shows children in composite classes do no better or worse academically than their peers in straight grade class, but that, socially, their development is enhanced. They are more confident, can operate better as part of a group, are more assertive, become more independent learners and better problem-solvers. They also make friends outside of their standard age-groups.

Composite classes, also known as multi-age, multilevel, fluid or vertical groups, are viable ways of grouping students.
STEWART HOUSE/BUSHFIRES CHRISTMAS DRIVE

EHPS CHRISTMAS COLOURS MUFTI DAY
Don’t forget that the Christmas Gift Drive continues this week, culminating this Thursday with our mufti day. On Thursday for the ‘Christmas Colours Mufti Day’, we look forward to seeing the students resplendent in colours of red, green, gold and silver and all things ‘Christmassy’!

There will be no gold coin collection as is the usual practice on Mufti Days - the Christmas gift is the donation.

Our SRC representatives will be collecting the gifts from the classrooms and a representative from Wiseberry’s Real Estate will collect the gifts and distribute these on our behalf.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms Vicki Bosler and SRC

MEET OUR STAFF...

Mr Reid, Teacher
An interview by our school captains Lauren, Ruby and Wil

Wil: Mr Reid, how long have you been at EHPS?
Mr Reid: I’ve been teaching here for two years now.

Lauren: What do you like best about EHPS?
Mr Reid: The environment and beautiful leafy bush setting and the view of the beach.

Ruby: Have you taught at many other schools?
Mr Reid: Yes, I was an ESL teacher in Australia, Korea and Japan.

Wil: Mr Reid, what are your hobbies or interests?
Mr Reid: As well as spending time with my family, I love sports, soccer and surfing.

Lauren: What is your role at EHPS?
Mr Reid: I currently teach a Year 1 class.

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 __________
Name _________________________________________ Class __________
Reason _________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________
Signed____________________________________________Date _________________
The 2014 swimming carnival will be held on February 3, 2014 (Monday, Week 2, Term 1) at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. With our change of venue comes a change in the course as we have been allocated a 25 metre pool. Similarly to the 2013 swimming carnival, we will be asking students to nominate the events in which they would like to participate. During class time this week all students from Years 2-5, as well as students in Year 1 who will be turning 8 next year, will be asked to fill out a nomination form. For those students who do not want to compete or are not competent enough swimmers to complete 2 x 25m laps of the pool, there is an option on the nomination form to not compete in any events.

The events and age groups are as follows...

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<td>200m Individual Medley (Open)</td>
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Since these nomination forms will not be going home, we are asking parents to talk to their child about the events in which they would like to participate prior to them being filled out at school. If your child is eligible to enter the swimming carnival but is not a competent swimmer please encourage them to tick the “I do not want to enter any events” box.

Once the students have completed their nomination forms, the heats will be compiled and posted on notice boards so that students can check and see that their names are in the correct event and age group.

Please note that the nomination form is not the permission note for the carnival. The permission note for the 2014 swimming carnival will be coming home later in the term.

David Waters
Swimming Carnival Organiser

School Banking
The last day of banking this term will be Wednesday, 4th December.

All students who have 10 tokens or more than 10 tokens must select a reward item on 4th December, as next year (2014), the Commonwealth Bank is moving to a new reward system and only tokens over 10 can be rolled over, i.e., if you have 12 tokens by December 4, they will only roll over 2 tokens.

Thank you for being part of the school banking program this year. We need two volunteers to take over the program next year. If you are interested could you please let the office staff know. Training and support will be provided.

Thank you and a Merry Christmas!
P.S. Remember you can still bank at any time during the break by popping in to any branch of the Commonwealth Bank!

Carolyn Chessell, Parent Volunteer / School Banking Co-ordinator
2014 Band Program
The Band Committee has completed its preliminary mail out to all Year 2 and 3 parents.

Tomorrow the Band and the Strings Group will present their streams at a concert, held during school hours, for Years 2 and 3. This is a great opportunity for students to hear individual instruments and listen to music in close proximity with the band.

Those who are still on the list (more or less all who started out, thank you for staying with us) will receive an email this week regarding your child’s preferred instrument.

A few things still apply:
• We are only communicating detailed information to parents by email
• No printed notes will be sent home
• If you are interested in the Band program and did not receive an email, please email me at tim.cowdery@gmail.com with your name, your child’s name, class number and year and we will add you to our current blitzkrieg
• Depending on the program, students currently in Years K to 5 and next year’s Year K, qualify for Band entry.

Next Year’s Rehearsal Schedule
A few have enquired as to next year’s schedule.
A schedule will hopefully be in place in December after we have determined the size and composition of next year’s intake and allocated our time for the Hall. Please be patient as we have competing demands to satisfy and a fair bit of organising.

Jellybean Concerts
All 3 to 6 students are learning music as a part of the curriculum this term and they will present their dazzling achievements at two concerts, the first at 7pm on Wednesday, 11 December and the second on Thursday, 12 December at 10am. All students will play at both concerts.

Important Dates
Band Gala Night commences at 7pm on Thursday, 12 December in the Hall. All musicians in all Band activities will perform. Do not confuse this concert with the Jellybean concerts. This is a night of musical magnificence and cannot be missed. It even has free entry, how good is that! All parents and school students are welcome to attend and it is great night for next year’s band students to see what they will achieve in a year or two.

The night formerly known as Carols Night is still on, wait for it, Friday, 13 December, worryingly freaky. This event is planned to be even huger than last year (impossible is still the rallying call), but it’s true. So true in fact, and huge (massive), it’s been renamed the Christmas Music Festival. All the Bands will play, not just carols but some of their scorching hot numbers too, the strings and guitars will serenade, the school choirs will mesmerise with their polished and dulcet tones and, as a special treat, we will hear some of our amazingly talented tutors play some exceptional music. All this on the village green that is the middle oval.

Don’t forget to visit the EHPS website
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Benefits to Academic Achievement

All the benefits of the neural workout and discipline from musical training may translate into real, positive results in schoolwork.

Music training may improve listening ability, and allow children to more effectively filter out noise in a loud classroom.

This becomes especially helpful for students with learning disorders, who may be more distracted by background noise.

In 2007, elementary school students in top-quality music programs scored 22% higher in English and 20% higher in math than students in deficient music programs.

In 2010, students who took 4 years of arts and music classes in high school scored 102 points higher on their SATs.

MUSIC AND ARTS EDUCATION CAN BE ESPECIALLY BENEFICIAL TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.

The NEA found that compared to those with low arts education, low-income students with high amounts of arts education:

- Scored higher in writing and science
- Were more likely to participate in extracurricular activities
- Were more likely to enroll in a moderately or highly selective 4-year college
- Had a higher GPA
- Were 5x less likely to drop out of high school
- Were 3x more likely to earn a bachelor’s degree

This points to arts and music education as a way to help close the achievement gap.

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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.

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Uniform Shop

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)

Email: ehps.uniforms@gmail.com

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

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10.30am - Table tennis
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11.45am - Morning tea
12.15pm - Basketball
12.45pm - Volleyball fun

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Bookings Essential!!
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1.15pm - LUNCH
2.15pm - Indoor soccer
2.45pm - FREE TIME PLAY
3.00pm - Parent Pick up

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Children’s Christmas Party 2013
Single with children invites single parents and their children to join us for a fun day of activities for all the kids.
The kids will have fun with all the animals and farm demonstrations. There is Laser skirmish for the older kids. Then join us for a yummy Christmas lunch
Where: Golden ridge animal farm, Dural
When: Saturday 7th December at 10:45 am
Cost: $35 per adult (non members) $22 for kids
Join SWC and the cost is only $10 per family
For more information on this event contact Leanne on 0410545490

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