Our School News

Week 11 | Commencing 16th December, 2013

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

Found!
- FOUND: Pink knitted shawl
- FOUND: Toy Turtle-red spotted shell

Notes Home This Week

Swimming Carnival – Year 2-5 & Year 1 students who turn 8 in 2014

Weekly Reminders!

Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Assembly
K-6 Christmas Parties
Year 3/4 Movie Day
Lost Property: Parents, please label all your child’s belongings for next year

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

Week 11 - Term 3

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Don’t forget to visit the EHPS website
www.elanorahts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Special thanks
With the year drawing to a close I would like to publicly thank everyone who has assisted
the school during the year. Your support has been greatly appreciated. I would like to
highlight a few members of our community who have worked quietly and tirelessly in the
background and typifies the support we get from the school community. Mrs Carolyn
Chessell has invigorated student banking. The number of students banking seems to
grow each week and as the children save, the school gets a commission. Not only has
Ms Anna Buono beautified our school with her concept and signage, making it a fresh
and inviting place to be, she has also designed our news school newsletter (which
is looking fantastic and is easy to read) and trained Mrs Chapman, much of it in her own time. Mr
Richard Hazard has been lending his expertise to the school as we refurbish the room under the computer lab
and turn it into a dedicated Art\Craft studio. If you get a chance, have a look at the room and see the work the incredible
Mr O’Reilly (our GA) has completed in upgrading the space. Children will be working with our specialist Art\Craft teachers in 2014. Be sure to come to the Art\Craft show on Wednesday, 9 April 2014 (a note for the diary).

Student achievement
Congratulations to Millie R, Chloe B (Year 5), Jessie C and Paige Q (Year 4) who were part of the U10
Matildas team that won the Grand Final 2-1 in the Small Sided Football (Soccer) competition held at Warringah
Rugby Park. They were unbeaten all season only conceding 1 goal prior to the grand final. Well done girls!
I would also like to congratulate Maddie S (3S) who sat an AMEB exam - grade 1 and achieved a B - credit.
Well done Maddie!

Ready for high school
Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7
students explain why teens shouldn’t be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great
start in the first few days. Watch the videos at http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-
happens-in-year-7

Equipment lists and School Fees for 2014
To assist parents become organised for 2014, and so you can make the most of the New Year bargains, we
have uploaded the equipment list for the various grades to our website. We have also uploaded the school
fees for 2014 for your information, your family account will be posted in February.
Both will be under the “Notes” tab.

Kik messenger
Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as “the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers”, but
most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week.
Find out what it is at http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_
glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger Why cyber safety experts are concerned about Kik http://www.smh.com.

Term dates
Term 4 ends for students on Wednesday, 18 December. School commences for Years 1-6 on Wednesday,
29 January 2014. Kindergarten commence on Monday, 3 February. PLEASE NOTE The school swimming
carnival is on Monday, 3 February.

Holiday season
On behalf of the staff I would like to thank our wonderful community for their support in 2013. Quality education
is about dedicated teachers and supportive parents working together for the benefit of our students. I feel very
proud to be the principal of such a magnificent school as Elanora Heights. Have a safe and relaxing break and
I look forward to seeing you again in 2014.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
PARENT SURVEY
Attached to this newsletter is a Parent Satisfaction Survey in which we would appreciate your participation. Could you please complete the form and either return it to the office or email it to elanorahts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Thank you in advance for your support.

MEET OUR STAFF...

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

» Lauren: Miss Johnson, how long have you been at EHPS?
  Miss Johnson: I have been here for one and a half years and it has gone so fast!

» Lauren: What do you like best about EHPS?
  Miss Johnson: It has to be the children! They are a joy to have in the classroom, always making me smile or giggle. Oh! and I love the Elanora cicadas.

» Wil: Have you taught at many other schools?
  Miss Johnson: Yes, casually at many Northern Beaches schools and Elanora Heights has to be the best by far!

» Ruby: Miss Johnson, what are your hobbies or interests?
  Miss Johnson: I adore animals, reading, walking, going to the beach and trying new and exciting things.

» Wil: What is your role at EHPS?
  Miss Johnson: I currently teach a Year 3 class and coach the AFL team and take the Senior Choir.

SPECIAL NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES
Worried the kids will grow out of their uniforms over the Summer Holidays? Need to grab a few extra items to start the year off? Then pop in to the Uniform Shop during our extended trading hours for 2014.

Wednesday 29th January 2014  –  8:15am to 9:45am
Thursday 30th January 2014  –  8:15am to 9:45am
Friday 31st January 2014  –  8:15am to 9:45am

The latest Price list/Order form is available on the school website in PDF form or you can pick up a copy from the Office or Uniform Shop.

We offer EFTPOS and CREDIT CARD facilities (Visa/Mastercard)
Katie Dutton
Email: ehps.uniforms@gmail.com
Mob: 0406 348 541
Kids Kafe Roster | To volunteer call 9913 2721

CANTEEN FUN DAY

Here is the roster for the first few weeks of Term 1, 2014. The complete Term 1 roster will be in the newsletter in the new year.

A “HUGE THANK YOU” to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped out throughout the year and to the Canteen Committee for your tireless effort and support. Your help has been greatly appreciated. I hope you and your families all have a “Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year”!! We look forward to working with you again next year. Have a safe and happy holiday!

**Weeks 1 to 3 – Term 1**

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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

**Christmas Music Festival**

What a great night!! It was wonderful to see the community out and enjoying all the musical talents on offer. A huge thanks to all our volunteers. Many hands make it a much easier night for organisers.

As an added bonus, we raised over $2000.00 to go towards our school.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event.

Note: A skateboard went missing from the front of the school canteen on Friday evening. It is a Redback, large skateboard with chrome underbelly. It has the initials DV etched into the chrome.

If anyone has seen it or if it was picked up accidentally, a 7yr old skateboard-mad child would be very appreciative if it was returned to the school office.

**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

**Uniform donations are most welcome** as Second hand uniforms are in demand!
**Band Gala Night**
Unquestionably, the best night of free entertainment, ever!

All the musicians were in superb form, Junior Band, Concert Band, Guitar and Strings Ensembles, the Year 6 Farewell Percussion Ensemble and raw, high intensity energy from the Stage Band with their improvisations. So keen were the band members to solo, and had we had the time, they would have played into the wee hours.

**Christmas Music Festival**
Two nights in a row, another night of entertainment, an abundance of riches, spoilt for choice. We had the Senior and Junior Bands playing carols, the school choirs filling in the gap while the band caught its breath, the Strings Ensemble, the Sydney Vivace Trio, Concert Band, Stage Band and a high energy percussion ensemble to close the show.

It was a night of musical magnificence showcasing the diversity of musical excellence at school. What a wonderful sight to see so many families enjoying an evening on the village green. The hugest thank yous to the P&C Social Committee for organising such a complex event, the Band and Frances for their absorbing excellence, energy and entertainment, once again, Mr O’Reilly for his invaluable help setting up the Band’s requirements and our ‘5-hat’ BBQ chefs for their epicurean delights, clearly it’s not just the Band students who are talented!

**New Band Students for 2014**
We hope to conduct “blow tests” this week for all students who have expressed interest for woodwind, brass, drums and percussion. If time is short we will run blow tests at the start of school next year for any students who may have taken early holidays or were away on the day. Due to the very tight schedule last week and the demands placed on the Band Director and Committee our timetable has slipped so we will keep places open for new band, strings, guitar and percussion members in Term 1 next year.

**This Week’s Rehearsals**
Only one this week and its Band Party time!

There are no early morning rehearsals this week (yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus), only the big gig this Tuesday afternoon.

Who - All Junior, Intermediate and Senior Band Members

Where- Outside the Hall

When - Tuesday 17/12/13

Time - Straight after school at 3pm til 5pm.

We will all rehearse together at 3pm for an hour and the Band Party will start at 4pm. Skiving off early is quite ok for Year 6 kids, and as one parent suggested, the students will want to glam up for their farewell dinner and this might also apply to the girls.

Parent helpers are more than welcome to assist!

Bring - Instrument, cleaning kit, music AND A PLATE OF SOMETHING YUMMY PLEASE

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**All School Hire Instruments are to be returned this Tuesday**

**Returning Members in 2014**
Rehearsal times will be advised by email prior to Term 1. We do not anticipate there will be rehearsals first week back due to the short week.
Season’s Greetings

On behalf of the Band Committee I extend best wishes to all Band families (and everyone else of course) for a safe and happy holiday break.

‘Tis also the opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to a wonderful year of music. There is a cast of thousands, who, in so many different ways contribute to a vibrant band program.

There are the teachers who champion the Band and give us the opportunity to perform regularly at school assemblies, well, we are part of the performing arts! Thank you.

There are the wonderful admin staff at school who support the Band, so much so, and for their protection once again, their activities come under the auspices of the Official Secrets Act. Thank you.

The parents of the quite extraordinary students who make up our merry troupe. I’ll try to limit the emails over the holiday break to about one gazillion, maybe two, you put up with a lot, so thank you for your perseverance, patience, support, the hurried rearrangement of weekend schedules to get these kids to performances and the juggling of weekday schedules to get them to rehearsals.

A massive thank you to the Band students who do amazing things and come together across a range of school years to form a tight knit, supportive and cohesive unit. Your maturity and ability are way beyond your years.

A sad but satisfying farewell to all Year 6 members; played strong, done fine. Thank you.

To the tutors; thank you for nurturing and developing such stunning talent year after year.

To my fellow committee members who experience, all too often and first-hand, the lunatic in charge of the asylum. Your stoicism has no bounds and your gracious humour makes the experience much more enjoyable than it should be. I’m very fortunate indeed. Thank you.

To Jose and Cameron whose patience and perseverance is showing amongst the development of our merry troupe of guitarists.

Carla, to see such young musicians play to such a high standard after 3 short terms is testament to your ability and dedication. Your Strings students are show stoppers.

To Nic, who at a moment’s notice jumped in the deep end to stop the SS Band sinking and inspiring our musicians, particularly the Stage Band, to even greater heights.

Frances, our Band Director. You have experienced a year none of us would wish on our worst enemy. To see you back in front of your “baby” with your passion, enthusiasm and inspiration undiminished is a great relief to us all. Thank you for your tireless contribution to beautiful music and the development of a tight and entertaining Band.

To all: a very merry Christmas, a happy New Year, we look forward to your company next year.
PARKING & PEDESTRIAN CHANGES in 2014

Elanora Heights Public School
Parking and pedestrian changes coming to your school in 2014

Pittwater Council, Elanora Heights Public School, the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) and local residents have been working together to improve traffic, parking, safety and pedestrian access around Elanora Heights.

In order for the bush track to be re-opened and to allow for the construction of a footpath, it has been necessary to make some changes to current parking and no stopping zones on Elanora Road. You will notice that the road will be narrowed and parking will be limited or removed in some areas.

Changes to parking around Elanora Heights Public School are also being implemented to improve the traffic flow and to reduce congestion on the roads.

What changes are happening?

Extension of footpath on Elanora Road
Pittwater Council will be working to extend the footpath on the eastern side of Elanora Road down to Weeroona Avenue. Work will be completed over four stages with the first stage to commence early 2014. Funding for the footpath extension has been made available from the Pittwater Council’s Schools Footpath Program. We aim to complete the works outside of school term to avoid any disruption to school traffic.

New bush track from Elanora Road to the school
Elanora Heights Public School has been successful in obtaining grant funding from DEC’s capital works program. Works will begin in 2014 to re-open the bush track next to 25 Elanora Road.

Constructing the footpath and re-opening the bush track will allow for safer pedestrian access to the school from Weeroona Avenue and will also allow for additional short term parking for dropping off and picking up your children.

P2 Stop, Kiss and Leave Zones
• The current P2 stop, kiss and leave zone will be extended by two spaces and the no parking zone removed.
• A new P2 stop, kiss and leave zone will be installed when the new bush track is open and the footpath constructed. These zones will operate between 8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm on school days.

1/4 P Parking
• All current 1/4 P parking on the western side of Elanora Road (opposite the school) will be removed and will become a no stopping zone between 8.30am - 9.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm on school days.
• Additional 1/4 P parking will be available on the eastern side of Elanora Road (school side) and will be located near both of the P2 stop, kiss and leave zones.

No Stopping Zones
• The majority of the western side of Elanora Road will become a no stopping zone at all times and the current 1/4 P parking on the western side of Elanora Road (opposite school) will become no stopping zone between 8.30am - 9.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm on school days. No parking will be available on the western side (opposite the school) of Elanora Road during the school drop off and pick up period.
• No stopping is planned for the northern side of Elanora Road between the existing double separation lines until a six month review is completed.
• No stopping will be in place on the eastern side of Georgina Avenue up to the drive way of 21 Georgina Avenue between 8.30 - 9am and 2.30 - 3.30pm on school days.
• No stopping signs will be installed in areas where there are existing double center separation lines to support the existing road rule.
• Refer to map for detailed information on the locations and times of no stopping zones.

If you have any questions relating to these changes please contact Michelle Carter, Road Safety Officer, on 9970 1196. We will provide further updates on changes as the project is implemented. Make sure you always check the signs before leaving your vehicle.
Changes to parking and pedestrian access around Elanora Public School

IN FOCUS

THIS WEEK’S FEATURES...

KEY:
- P2 - 2 Minute Parking – Stop, Kiss & Leave Zone (8.00 – 9.00am & 2.30 – 4.00pm – School days)
- 1/4 P - 15 Minute Parking (8.30 – 9.30am & 2.30 – 3.30pm – School days)
- No Stopping
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CONNECT | Week 11 - Term 4
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
Tristan Road, Beacon Hill
THURS Juniors (5yo to 12 yrs) 6:00pm
Terrey Hills Community Centre
Yalong Ave, Terrey Hills
TUES Juniors: 6:00pm

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10.30am –Table tennis
11.00am – Squash
11.45am – Morning tea
12.15pm – Basketball
12.45pm – Volleyball fun

1.15pm – LUNCH
2.15pm – Indoor soccer
2.45pm – FREE TIME
PLAY
3.00pm - Parent Pick up

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we wish you a very Merry Christmas
SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF CLINICS

**Camp Dates:**
- Tuesday 14th January 2014
- Thursday 16th January 2014
- Tuesday 21st January 2014
- Thursday 23rd January 2014

**Times:**
- 9am – 12pm

**Ages:**
- 6 to 12 years

**Only 10 places available**

**Cost:** $50 per child

**Tiffany Mika (m) 0412 313 473**
**Email: tiffany@theladygolfteacher.com.au**

**Bayview Pro Shop 9999 3078**
**Email: proshop@bayviewgolfclub.com.au**

**"PARS" JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM**

Term Classes Starting February 2014

**AGES 5 – 12 years**

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**MANLY WARRINGAH BASKETBALL CAMP**

**Mon 20th, 21st and 22nd January 2014**

- Session 1 (ages 5-9): 10am – Noon
- Session 2 (ages 10 & above): 1-3pm

**Venue:** NBISC, Jackson Rd, Warriewood

- Special Guest Coaches
- Professional coaching

Day 3 is Competition Day with great prizes

**Cost:** $70

This is a 3 day camp ONLY

Payments must be made prior to camp starting date

**Email: camps@manlybasketball.com.au**
**Enquiries-99133622**

Due to administration and coaching numbers camp enrolments must be received by 3pm **Friday 17th Jan 2014**

Photos may be taken on the day of camp to place on our website. Please advise staff if you do not want your child photographed.

◆ REFRESH YOUR SKILLS ◆ IMPROVE YOUR GAME ◆ HAVE SOME FUN ◆
School’s out this summer

Wesley Vision Valley holiday camps are on!

- adventure day camps
- horse riding camps
- overnight camp out
- 3–5 day holiday camps

Climb a rock face, fly through the valley, ride a horse along a rugged trail, or try to stay dry in a canoe.

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