Our School News
Week 9 | Commencing 2nd December, 2013

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Notes Home This Week

Movie Day - Years 3 & 4
Music Concert - Years 3-6

NB: Most notes sent home available on our website to download

Weekly Reminders!

Year 5 Surf Education - Thursday
Last day for Banking - Wednesday

Recorders for Music Program

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

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Don’t forget to visit the EHPS website
www.elanorahts-p.school.nsw.edu.au
SRC mufti day
I would like to thank the school community for their wonderful response to the SRC Stewart House and Bushfire Drive. To say your response was overwhelming would be an understatement. We had so many presents that we completely filled two large 4-wheel drives and still had so many presents left waiting the third vehicle, that it was difficult to walk around in the front foyer. You can see what I mean when you read a little further on in the newsletter where you can see some of Mrs Chapman’s images of the gifts. Thank you to Mrs Bosler and the SRC for all their organisation and promotion of this wonderful initiative.

Homework and study
Have your say and tell us what you need to effectively help your child with homework and study. Complete the School A to Z survey: http://bit.ly/184BFR3

School awards
This Thursday, 5 December is the last day to hand in mini merits for this year. If your child receives mini merits after this date please put them in a safe place so they can use them next year.

Student Achievement
On the weekend, Keeley H (1/2W ) competed for North Narrabeen in the under 8 age group at the Queenscliff Junior Nippers Carnival and came 1st in the beach flag event, 3rd in the beach sprint event and 6th in the wade event. A great achievement against 100+ competitors. Congratulations Keeley!

Attendance at school
The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 years are required to attend school. Attending school each day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older students, absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Sickness or injury, attendance at a religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Birthdays, haircuts, Mondays, etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence. Parents are required to provide a satisfactory explanation to the school when the child returns after an absence. Should the student be absent from school without an explanation or continually late then the Principal is required to contact the child’s parents. Absent notes can be forwarded to the school via the school app.

Dropping off your child inside the school
I urge parents not to drop their child off in the turning circle in the morning. This is a very dangerous practice and it will only be a matter of time before one of our students is injured. Please use the parking area and made sure your child walks behind the Administration block NOT through the turning circle. I would also like to remind parents that there is no vehicular access to or from the school from 8:25-9:10am and 2:25-3:10pm under any circumstances. Thank you for your assistance.

Dates for the diary
Don’t forget that the Year 3-6 Music Concert is next Wednesday, 11 December at 7pm and Thursday, 12 December at 10am in the hall. There will be NO on-site parking available for the 10am concert. Come along to our Music Festival Night (previously known as Carols Night) on Friday, 13 December at 6pm. Bring along a picnic basket and join fellow members of the Elanora Heights school community and sing some Christmas carols with your children. This is a very popular night and a great way to finish the year.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
THE CANTEEN NEEDS YOUR HELP...
We are still in need of your help for Friday, 13th December. If anyone is able to help, please drop by & see us at the canteen or call us on 9913 2721. We cannot operate without our WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS! Thank you.

Kids Kafe Roster | To volunteer call 9913 2721

CANTEEN FUN DAY
Here is the roster for the last weeks of term. As the year comes to an end, we will be running down our stock. If a specific item is unavailable, the closest substitute will be offered, keeping in mind children with allergies. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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To order school lunches online go to www.munchmonitor.com
Use log in – username: Elanora and password: munch2102

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 __________________
AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

PLEASE NOTE: Gold awards will be handed out today at the K-6 assembly and for the rest of the term the Bronze and Silver 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.

GOLD AWARDS

MIKALA W  NICK J

MEET OUR STAFF...

Ms Sherwood, Teacher
An interview by our school captains Lauren, Ruby and Wil

► Wil: Ms Sherwood, how long have you been a teacher?
  Ms Sherwood: I have known I wanted to be a teacher since I was five years old. I am the eldest of six children and spent my childhood playing “schools”. I went to university straight from high school and have been teaching ever since.

► Lauren: What do you like best about teaching?
  Ms Sherwood: I get to hang out with the coolest people who make me smile every day. The best part of my job is watching children find their inner motivation and then try their hardest and achieve their best.

► Ruby: Have you taught at many other schools?
  Ms Sherwood: I have taught in many schools both in Australia and the U.S.A. I have been fortunate enough to teach the delightful Elanora children since 2000.

► Wil: Ms Sherwood, what do you like to do when you are not at school?
  Ms Sherwood: My favourite thing is to play with my grandkids..... they really make me laugh!! I also love to cook yummy foods with unusual ingredients.

► Lauren: What is your role at EHPS?
  Ms Sherwood: I currently teach a Year 3 class.

(Photo: Ms Sherwood with one of her granddaughters)
STEWART HOUSE/BUSHFIRES CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Christmas Gift Appeal/Christmas Mufti Day

The Christmas Gift Appeal was a resounding success! On behalf of the Student Representative Council, I’d like to sincerely thank the school community for getting behind this initiative and wholeheartedly supporting our efforts.

I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the school community as was Alice, from Wiseberry Real Estate, who organised this. She didn’t believe me when I suggested that she’d need at least four cars to collect all the gifts!

We have done something very worthwhile in keeping with the spirit of Christmas - giving and thinking of others less fortunate than ourselves. I’m sure our efforts will bring a great deal of joy to the students of Stewart House and the Bushfire Victims.

The Student Representative Council did a wonderful job encouraging their peers to bring in gifts and overseeing the collection of gifts in their classrooms.

I’d like to thank the staff for supporting this event also and for managing to move around the overflowing boxes of gifts in their classrooms without injury!

Christmas Gift Mufti Day

On Thursday last week the playground was a sea of Christmassy colours and as the students embraced the theme for this Mufti Day. It was a wonderful culmination to our Christmas Gift Appeal. I’d also like to thank those staff members who joined the students in donning Christmas mufti colours and helping to make it a special day for all.

Ms Vicki Bosler and SRC
2014 Band Program
A massive thank you to all parents who have emailed their child’s choice of instrument or music stream. If the Band could afford it we would send each of you a bunch of roses and bottle of ultra-fine French bubbly. It is not too late to express interest for one of the music streams for next year. There are still plenty of vacancies for those who are wavering.
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.

Student Drop Off & Pickup
The school is concerned, quite rightly, about the safety of students and vehicle movements. Do not drop off or collect your children in the turning circle. Please use a marked parking bay and ensure the turning circle is not used for pedestrian access unless a child is accompanied by an adult. Children are to access the band room via designated pedestrian access.

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 is at 7pm on Thursday 12 December and all students in the Band program will have the opportunity to perform. This includes the Junior Band, Concert Band, Stage Band, Guitar Group and Strings Group.
Parents who have signed up their children for next year’s program are most welcome to attend with their children to see all the school’s exceptional musicians at their peak.

Why Music?
WHY MUSIC? The Many Benefits of a Musical Education

With school funding shortages leading to cuts across the board, music education programs may fall by the wayside. However, because music learning yields so many benefits to students, these programs are far too valuable to lose.

Benefits to Life Skills and Personal Enrichment

- Arts-engaged low-income students were more likely than those without arts engagement to have: \(^\text{11}\)
  - Attended and done well in college
  - Obtained employment with future growth
  - Participated in the political process by voting
  - Volunteered in their communities

- Aside from the scholastic benefits, musical training can benefit children in other important ways, such as: \(^\text{10}\)
  - Increased self-esteem
  - Better attentiveness and perseverance
  - More enjoyment and creativity
  - Better study habits

AND OF COURSE, MUSIC EDUCATION IS BENEFICIAL IN ITS OWN RIGHT! MUSIC:

- Can be a lifelong passion, leading to ongoing personal enrichment and satisfaction \(^\text{15}\)
- Is a unique form of cultural and personal expression, existing in every world culture \(^\text{12}\)
- Provides an outlet for creative thinking and expression \(^\text{14}\)
- Sensitizes students to the aesthetic beauty of the world \(^\text{13}\)
- Is a unique form of intelligence, creating the capacity to think in musical terms, hear and recognize patterns, and perhaps manipulate them \(^\text{16}\)

Music is a way that students can experience (as cellist and conductor Pablo Casals said) the “incredible marvel” of being a human! \(^\text{17}\)
The last day of banking this term will be Wednesday, 4th December, although Mrs Chessell will bank on Thursday for anyone who wants to do an extra bank or catch up.

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 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!

### PSSA Results

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### Uniform Shop

**Uniform Shop Coordinator** Kate Dutton

**Open** on Monday & Thursday from 8.15am to 9.45am

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Info Night: Thursday 27th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Enquiries: 9949 2083

Manly Selective Campus
Thursday 27th February
9.30 – 11.00 am
Enquiries: 9905 3982

Cromer Campus
Monday 3rd March 4.00 – 7.30 pm
Enquiries: 9981 1155

Freshwater Senior Campus
Tuesday 11th March 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Tuesday 20th May 3.00 – 5.00pm
Enquiries: 9905 2634

Academic Placement Test
For 2015 Year 7 academic extension classes at Balgowannah Boys Campus, Cromer Campus and Mackellar Girls Campus.
Thursday, 20th March 2014 at 9 am
Closing date: Tuesday, 4th March 2014
Balgowannah and Cromer Application Forms will be available on the College website: www.nbac.nsw.edu.au
Mackellar Girls Applications available from the school.
Enquiries: Lorna Curtis, 9939 7348

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