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Notes Home This Week
3-6 Swimming Carnival 2015 – Students currently in years 2-5 and those who turn 8 in 2015

Weekly Reminders!
NO VEHICLE ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS - Driveway in use
tomorrow 9 Dec
RED Fruito/Vego: Thurs Dec 11
Year 6 Camp: Dec 10 - 12
Band Info Night: Thu Dec 11
All welcome - 7pm
EHPS Carols Night: Fri Dec 12
5.30pm
Stewart House Gifts: Last day for collection Fri Dec 12
Crazy Hair & Mufti Day: Mon Dec 15. NO gold coin donation - gifts received for Stewart House will be collected today
School Banking: No more banking
Un-Named Lost Property Parents, please come and check

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Returning late to school in 2015
Are you going on a holiday in late January and won’t be returning until after school commences? Have you let us know that you will be returning late? At the beginning of next year I will be required to send the Department the number of children in each grade. The Department uses these numbers to calculate the number of teachers for our school. If you don’t let us know that your are returning late you may not be counted in the numbers and this could have an impact on classes and the number of teachers we will be allocated. Please call us if you won’t be here when school begins on Wednesday, 28 January

Student Absences
We have been advised by the Department that from the beginning of 2015 exemptions for holidays will no longer be given. All leave taken from 2015 will be recorded as leave days and will reflect in the student’s records.

Boom Gate
TOMORROW, Tuesday, December 9, there will be NO VEHICLE ACCESS into school grounds as a new demountable is being installed and trucks and cranes will be using the driveway.
Thank you for understanding.

What is all that noise?
Recently you might have heard chain saws and chippers at work in our school and wondered what is happening. At the end of last year a little girl was unfortunately killed and a teacher seriously injured when a large branch fell on them at school. As a result all government schools were required to have an arborist undertake a tree audit to ensure the safety of their children. The arborists report was then sent to our Assets Management Unit for action. For our school this means the removal and dead wooding of a number of the trees, particularly in the area where the children eat. Hopefully the work will be complete soon and I would like to apologise to our neighbours for any inconvenience.

Presentation day
What a fantastic celebration! Thank you to everyone who came along to help celebrate the achievements of our wonderful students. The whole event went very smoothly and I would like give a special thank you to Mrs Lomas and Ms Pitt for their superb organisation. Sitting on stage it was nice to see so many proud parents beaming at their children as they collected their awards. This is just one of a number of reasons why Elanora is such a special school.

PCS Extension test
On Tuesday, 10 March, 2015 the Peninsula Community of Schools has arranged a General Achievement Test to select students for placement in Extension Classes in 2016 at Barrenjoey HS, Pittwater HS and Narrabeen Sports HS. The test and placement offers are being organised through the Peninsula Community of School Office. Students are only eligible for placement in the Extension Class at their local designated high school. Please contact the front office for more information or an application form.

Term dates
Wednesday, 17 December is the last day of school for all students this year. Students in years 1-6, 2015, return to school on Wednesday, 28 January. Kindergarten 2015 students begin school on Monday, 2 February after Best Start testing. We will be having a “Welcome to Elanora BBQ” for all new parents on Friday, 6 February at 5pm.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
Presentation Day
Earlier today I had the honour and pleasure of presenting awards for student achievement. Congratulations to one and all and huge thanks to the teachers who develop their young charges to form an impressive body of students ready to tackle the next stage of a life of learning. The deeds and accomplishments of students and teachers alike are an inspiration to us all.

And congratulations to the Senior Band who entertained us, you are certainly in fine fettle.

Carols Night
Carols Night is this Friday, 12 December at 5.30pm to whenever. This is a night for the WHOLE school to enjoy some entertainment in a most convivial setting. A merry group of band parents have completed “Sausage Sizzling 101” and have generously volunteered to cook and sell food and drink for the hungry masses. The combined school bands, beginners and senior, will play a selection of carols and material from their wide and ever expanding repertoire. Joining them will be school choir to add an extra dimension to a very musical evening.

Grab a rug, an esky if you wish, and join us for all the fun on the village green that is the middle oval (even though it’s rectangular).

Position Vacant
Want to join a dynamic team who really want to take the P&C to the next level? We have a vacancy for a Secretary. The duties can be found later on in the newsletter.

Just to recap, the fabulous parents who volunteer for all sorts of amazing activities at school do it in the knowledge that their contribution makes a positive difference for the school’s students. This is why we, and they, do it. This is our focus.

The usual reaction when asked to join a committee is to find the nearest exit and run for your life. This is unfashionable thinking, not cool at all, so last century. Join this cool committee and make a real difference, the experience is satisfying in the most extraordinary of ways, but you have to do it to experience it. Trust me. Send an email to: tim.cowdery@gmail.com

The name of this column
More important things on your collective minds?
So far we have “The Buzz”, “President’s Pronouncements” (no, no, no!) and “‘Keep it Short” (yeah, yeah). We’ll give it another week, email tim.cowdery@gmail.com with your most outrageous suggestions.

Children Leaving EHPS in 2015
(Please return slip to Office.)

My child/ren will not be returning to Elanora Heights Public School in 2014.

Name _________________________________________ Class __________
Name _________________________________________ Class __________
Reason  _________________________________________________________________
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Signed____________________________________________Date  ________________
IN FOCUS

PSSA JUNIOR A GIRLS EAGLE TAG | JONO ROSCONI

We’d like to congratulate the PSSA Junior A Girls Pittwater Eagle Tag team who were winners of the PSSA Spring Competition. Well done girls - we are very proud of you all!

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Jack U (3S) who sailed with his dad, Ian, in the recent NSW State Heron Championships at Wangi Wangi on Lake Macquarie. They sailed in 5 races over the weekend and were placed 19 overall out of 37 boats. On handicap they were placed 7 overall. Jack was an impressive sailor. Well done Jack (and Dad)!

Recently, Sylvie McE (KY) and Meisha W (3W) entered the Narrabeen Sports High Road Safety Colouring-In Competition and were winners! They each will receive a bicycle for their efforts. Congratulations girls!
**Kids Kafe Roster | To volunteer call 9913 2721**

Below is the roster for the last 3 weeks. Thank you, to all my wonderful volunteers; we couldn’t run the canteen without your help. If anyone is interested in volunteering on the roster next year, please either drop into the canteen or call us on the number below. As the last weeks of term progress, stock levels will be run down, so please check Munch Monitor for all out of stock items. With cash orders substitutes will be given, where necessary. 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: munch2101

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**Position Vacant**

Astute readers will have noticed in this week’s P&C column that the Position of P&C Secretary is vacant. The position of Secretary is of critical importance as it goes to the core of a well-run P&C Association. The position and its requirements are:

**Secretary:**

The Secretary is the principal administrative officer of the Association. They contribute significantly to the smooth running of the P&C, and to maintaining transparent communications within the school community (through accurate minutes etc).

**Responsibilities:**

- Takes minutes at each P&C meeting for distribution to all members prior to the next meeting
- Receives agenda items prior to and prepares agenda of each meeting in consultation with the P&C Executive
- Keeps a continual record of the business of the P&C by maintaining minutes, P&C rules, attendance records and list of financial members
- Writes outgoing correspondence as needed
- Deals with and maintains a record of all incoming and outgoing correspondence
- Attends executive and P&C meetings
- Willing to receive queries from the school community and direct appropriately.

The position may be shared with another, e.g. one person may be a world champion shorthand expert and ideally suited to take minutes and another has a gift for organisation and record keeping.

Or you might be like the rest of us on a new committee who will have a go and do their best so our children can benefit from our participation and actions. Come and join a highly motivated team who have students’ interests at heart.

Please email Tim with your interest at: tim.cowdery@gmail.com
STEWART HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Don’t forget that the Stewart House Christmas Gift Appeal has begun and we will continue collecting gifts until the middle of Week 10. The gifts are to be brought to school in a gift bag, unwrapped and with a tag indicating the age and gender suitability. The target age is from 6-15 years, with donations especially desired for 10-12 year olds. We have been advised again this year to avoid gifts requiring batteries. Each gift is inspected for safety before being distributed.

Crazy Christmas Hair and Mufti Day

On the last Monday of the term, 15th December, 2014 (Week 11), we will hold a ‘Crazy Christmas Hair and Mufti Day as the culmination to our Christmas Gift Appeal. There will be no gold coin collection as is the usual practice with Mufti days - the gift is the donation. More details to follow in a future newsletter.

We hope you will embrace the SRC in their efforts to support a worthwhile initiative.

LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

| Jenny Cullen |

RED Fruito-Vego

**When:** Thursday, 11th December

On Thursday please send a **red fruit or vegetable for our mid-morning fresh food snack.** There are many delicious red options at the moment: strawberries, raspberries, nectarines, apples, cherries, red papaya, watermelon, tomatoes, radish, beetroot …

Thank you for your support all year in sending such an array of fresh raw fruits and vegetables. I wish you could see how eagerly the children greet fruito-vego time, and enjoy munching and crunching together.

It’s a great habit!

Many children in Australia are not as fortunate in their eating habits and one-quarter are overweight or obese. These children face much greater chances of ill-health, chronic diseases and a shorter lifespan. ABC Radio National’s Background Briefing presented a detailed look at this public health time bomb on Sunday, 7th December, available online if you are interested.

In 2008 the National Preventative Health Task Force recommended measures such as more informative food labelling, banning junk food TV advertising in children’s viewing hours and a national approach to better nutrition. Disappointingly, there has been no progress with the recommendations and so it is up to each of us to do what we can to protect the long-term health of the children in our care. Elanora teachers appreciate working together with you in this aim.
Music Program Parent Information Night
Thursday, December 11th at 7pm in the school hall – come and see what our program can offer your child/ren. Meet the Band Conductor, Gerald Steinmann and String Ensemble Coordinator, Genelle Van der Wallen.

No ensembles are required to play, but we ask all current band/strings parents to attend as we are setting up a new enrolment/data system and will discuss this as well as information regarding band/strings for all new prospective band/strings students and their parents for 2015.

Carols Night: Friday, 12th December @ 5:30pm
ALL ENSEMBLES will perform. A great way to come together as a school to celebrate the Christmas season and raise money for the Stella Program and GATS. Please wear Christmas colours and a santa hat.

Volunteers are needed to run the BBQ and help setup. Please contact Beck Heather: becko1@optusnet.com.au if you can help.

Guitar Program
As you know we have been building a little guitar program within the school over the past years. This has been a gentle introduction to guitar focused of making students and parents aware of guitar as a serious musical instrument. As such we have focused on reading music and developing good technique.

It is now time for is to bring the guitar program into line with all the other instruments in the EHPS Music program. As such, from first term next year students wishing to play guitar will be asked to have a private lesson each week with a tutor and attend an ensemble group before school once a week. In general music tutors charge $35 for a half hour lesson. There would be an additional small fee per semester for the ensemble group.

At present we are asking for expressions of interest so we can begin structuring the tutorial times and the ensemble. Please reply to Guitar Ensemble Co-ordinator Jose Zarb at: jose@jose.net.au or mob: 0404 367 608

Vacant Positions
There are still positions vacant on the Music Committee. We are a friendly bunch so feel free to come join us and help get our Music Program running smoothly. Please contact Beck Heather if you are interested in helping out in any capacity.

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Christmas is just around the corner but it's time to start thinking about winter sports! Narrabeen Youth Club which incorporates Narrabeen Football Club is celebrating 50 years in 2015.
Registrations will open online at narrabeenfc.com.au from 1st January 2015 with a face to face registration day on Saturday 31 January from 12 noon to 3pm at the Ted Blackwood Hall, Boondah Road, Narrabeen. This local friendly club is part of MWFA and has a strong mixed competition from Under 6's through to men's over 35's on a Saturday to a growing ladies competition on Sunday's from Under 10 to Over 35 ladies. Young girls 8 or 9 can also play up in the ladies competition.
To celebrate our 50th season a commemorative uniform (shirt and socks) will be supplied as part of your registration.
For further information on the upcoming 2015 season please contact our Club Secretary, Jake, at secretarynfc@gmail.com or phone him on 0411 173 079.
1st Elanora Heights Scout Group

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2015 Registration Day

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