Our School News
Week 11 | Commencing 15th December, 2014

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Weekly Reminders!

Mufti Day: Mon Dec 15
Swimming Carnival Notes: Please make sure your swimming notes are sent in tomorrow, Tues Dec 16
K-2 Class Parties: Tues Dec 16
3-5 Movie Day: Tues Dec 16
Year 6 Farewell Dinner: Tue Dec 16
Year 6 Farewell Assembly: Thu Dec 18
School Banking: No more banking
Un-Named Lost Property Parents, please come and check

Week 11 - Term 4

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| Tue  | 16 Dec | K-2 Class Parties
3-5 Movie Day
Year 6 Farewell Dinner |
| Wed  | 17 Dec | Year 6 Farewell Assembly
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS |
| Thur | 18 Dec | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY |
| Fri  | 19 Dec | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Students returns Wed 28th Jan 2015 |

Week 1 - Term 1, 2015

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Thank you
On behalf of all of us at EHPS I would like to thank Wendy Douglass, who is leaving us this week, for all that she has done in the many years she has been our canteen co-ordinator, Wendy has worked tirelessly in the canteen and our students have been the beneficiaries. We wish Wendy all the very best for the future.

Christmas wishes
As we come to the end of another busy, but successful year I would like take this opportunity to thank the teachers, parents and students who have contributed to EHPS throughout the year.

We wish our school community a very Happy Christmas and a safe and restful holiday break.

2015
Staff return for 2015 on Tuesday, 27th January and years 1 - 6 return on Wednesday, 28th January. Our new Kindergarten students will do their Best Start testing in Week 1 and start school on Monday, 2nd February.

Visitors
On Friday we had some unexpected visitors of the feathered kind........... three baby tawny frog mouth owls! We found them sitting on one of the trees right next to the balcony near the staff room.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
Season’s Greetings

Yes I know, it’s an old chestnut, “it takes a village to raise a child”, none more so than the village of EHPS. The village has some truly wonderful people and as the year draws to a close it’s high time to thank you.

Each morning we despatch our children down the track and into the care of the teachers. The teachers have an enormous and diverse responsibility the results of which are reflected on an everyday basis in the high values and achievements of our children. Thank you for your passion, professionalism, enthusiasm, expertise and the magic you weave that makes EHPS a special school indeed. Our children are in a fine set of hands.

Thank you to Mr Gillespie and Mrs Lomas for your support of the P&C and its activities. And thank you to the Assistant Principals who often stop for a chat and provide wise counsel. And in respect of wise counsel, too much is never enough.

The school would grind to a halt without the generous and smiling support of the admin team. They’ve told me this themselves and who am I to argue? To Kay, Margi, Louise, Ginette and Andrew, thank you for your contribution to P&C events and programs, you have made a burden not only lighter but enjoyable.

We all benefit from the contribution of many wonderful parents who support the school’s students in so many ways. Thank you to the scores of parents who assist with reading groups, the two dozen or so who support the Stellar program, parents who assist in the library, class parents, helpers at P&C and school events and, what appears to be a small army, parents who volunteer in the canteen. And if you contribute and have flown under our radar, thank you too! Your contribution makes a material difference to the lives of all the school’s students and without this contribution we would all be the poorer.

We all thank the P&C Sub-committees; Canteen, Uniform Shop, Social and Band. These committees do the heavy lifting of the P&C; day in, day out. Their efforts are herculean and we appreciate everything you do to support and enrich the lives of our children.

’Tis also a time of farewells. To the families who leave us this year we wish you the very best for the next stage of your journey. And to the students who leave us this year we wish you every success. We also farewell Wendy from the canteen who has done amazing things during her tenure and we wish you the best.

I thank my fellow Committee members for your support of, and dedication to, community. We’ve been a team for 4 weeks now and are still talking to each other! Surely, a portent of many fine things to come. Our committee looks forward to representing the school community with vigour and application. We relish the challenges and opportunities ahead.

On behalf of the P&C, I wish everyone a safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For new parents and those returning, we look forward to your company next year.

Uniform Shop Additional Opening Hours

The EHPS uniform shop will be open on Wednesday, 28th January, Thursday, 29th January and Friday, 30th January between 8.15am to 9.45am for those last minute purchases. Should you have any queries, please contact Sue Garrity via email at: ehps.uniforms@gmail.com

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Second Hand Uniform Coordinator KAREN WOODLEY

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STEWART HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

VICKI BOSLER, ADELE SULLIVAN AND THE SRC TEAM

The Christmas Gift Appeal for 2014 was a resounding success! On behalf of the Student Representative Council (SRC) we’d like to sincerely thank the school community for getting behind this initiative again this year and wholeheartedly supporting our efforts.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the school community as was Alice, the organiser from Wiseberry Real Estate. She commented that there were even more gifts than last year! The foyer and the front entrance were filled with gifts as you can see in the photos! The Stewart House truck was full to the brim and had to make two trips to take all the gifts to the students of Stewart House.

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

The SRC did a wonderful job encouraging their peers to bring gifts and overseeing their collection in the classrooms. We’d like to thank the staff for also supporting this event and for managing to move around the overflowing boxes of gifts in their classrooms without injury!

This morning the playground was a sea of Christmassy colours and crazy, colourful hairstyles as the students embraced the theme for this mufti day. It was a culmination to our Christmas Gift Appeal. We’d also like to thank those staff members who joined the students in donning Christmas mufti colours and helping to make it a special, festive day for all.
New demountable

Our new demountable was delivered last week and is now in its place. The carpeting, the electrics and the concreting of the footpath leading to the stairs has been completed and we are just waiting on the technology to be installed. It should all be up and running for the start of the new year.

Below are some photos documenting the arrival of the demountable.
**Kids Kafe Roster | To volunteer call 9913 2721**

Below is the roster for the last week of term. As it is the last week, stock levels will be run right down, so please check Munch Monitor for all out of stock items. With cash orders, substitutes will be given, where necessary.

From next year, Iolanda and Karen will be taking over the running of the canteen, along with Ingrid, and I know they too will appreciate your support. **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 this is my last week as EHPS Canteen Co-Ordinator, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my wonderful volunteers and amazing committee. A special mention to Lou, who always goes above and beyond and to Ingrid and the P&C for your help and support over the years. I honestly could not have done it without all of you and I have very much appreciated that you have given your precious time in the canteen. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve your beautiful children and I will miss them very much. I wish you all well for the festive season and hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Cheers Wendy.

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15/12 – 19/12

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**Canteen report for 2014 ...| Lou England**

The Elanora “Kids Cafe” has had yet another successful year, again showing a profit which will benefit all the students of Elanora Heights Public School.

Unfortunately, we have to say farewell to our canteen manager, Wendy Douglass, at the end of the year. Prior to Wendy’s appointment four years ago, the canteen was unprofitable, but due to her hard work and dedication we have seen over $14,000 returned to the school in profits. Wendy could not have done this without the support of all the wonderful volunteers who have given up their precious time to assist in the canteen. On behalf of the Canteen Committee, we would like to thank Wendy for all her hard work.

We would like to especially thank those parents whose children will be leaving our school next year. Some of these parents have given up two to three days a term for many years; thank you for your dedication. Thank you also to the year 6 students who have given up their recess and lunch breaks to help serve their fellow students.

Another huge thank you to Jenn Jadwick, who has been our treasurer for the past two years. She has put in many hours of her own time balancing the books and making sure all our suppliers and staff are paid on time.

We hope many of our current volunteers will return next year especially in the first few weeks to support our new canteen manager and assistant, and we would love to see lots of new volunteers behind the counter next year!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
A Final “Note” For The Year
Farewell
Firstly, a fond farewell to our Year 6s who are moving on to High School and also to those students moving to other schools. Thank you for your hard work over the past few years and may you be able to look back on your time in the Music Program at EHPS with fond memories. I hope you continue to love music and all the many benefits and wonderful opportunities it provides.

Christmas Carols
We were very disappointed that the weather wasn’t on our side for the annual EHPS Carols Night. The Choir had been rehearsing and the Band was madly practicing their parts, but alas, Mother Nature was against us. Thank you to those parents who had volunteered their help on the night, I hope you were able to enjoy your Friday night in other ways.

2015 Training Band
The instrument try-out’s in November were a HUGE success with final numbers for Training Band for 2015 looking like being around the 65 mark!! This is about triple the number from previous years at EHPS, so we are very excited. There are still many students who haven’t returned their forms, and it’s not too late!! Please return them to the music letter box in the school office asap so we can allocate instruments to children before the end of the week.

Thank You
Thank you to Mr.Gillespie and the EHPS staff who have supported our Music Program throughout the year. Without your help and assistance we could have never ended the year on such a positive note.

To the lovely ladies in the EHPS office, Marguerite, Louise and Kay, thank you so much for your support and enthusiasm for our program. It makes life a lot easier when we have friendly smiling faces greeting us when we come in to ask for the many favours we do ask of you. We are so lucky to have the nicest office staff of any school I know!

A big welcome to Mr.Gerald Steinmann. Thank you for coming in Term 4 and taking on the Bands at EHPS. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of your calibre, expertise and reputation at our school. After one term you have made an extraordinary difference to our Bands at EHPS and we look forward to seeing you working with our children in 2015 and beyond.

Thank you Carla van der Wallen for your dedication to the Strings Program. To see and hear the amazing work you’ve done with our String Ensembles in just two years is an absolute credit to you.

Thank you to our “Guitar Heroes” Jose Zarb, Cameron Jones and Dean Gray. Your professionalism and enthusiasm in growing the Guitar Program at EHPS is greatly acknowledged and we look forward to seeing more of the guitar students at EHPS next year.

To my wonderful committee, (*two* of whom don’t even have any children in the Music Program)…….
Martha McLaurin-Wood – Secretary
*Halina Royle – Treasurer
*Tristan Carson – Librarian
Louise England – Instrument Registrar, my right hand woman and toast maker extraordinaire
Kelly Hindman – Tutor Co-ordinator
Jane Hoffman, Jo Glinsky and Bec Tyson – Band parents
Di Vassallo – Strings parent
………THANK YOU so much for the support you’ve given me over these past 6 months and for your “dedication to the cause”. I’m looking forward to 2015 with excitement, knowing what can be achieved for the children joining the Music Program at EHPS.

To all the parents of our budding musicians, thank you for supporting your children in their musical endeavours this year. I’ve experienced firsthand the amazing difference music can make in the lives children, and on into adulthood. I thank you, on behalf of your children, for the financial sacrifices you make, and the time you dedicate to their music education.

May you all have a very special Christmas and a safe New Year…….See you in 2015
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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 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 secretarystf@gmail.com or phone him on 0411 173 079.