## Our School News

**Week 1 | Commencing 26th January, 2015**

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### Weekly Reminders!

**Equipment Lists:** for all years are now available on our website in the notes section

**Swimming Carnival Notes:** Please make sure your swimming notes are returned this week

**School Banking:** Starts in Week 3

**Un-Named Lost Property:** Parents, please come and check

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**NB:** that items for this newsletter will NOT be accepted after the preceding Thursday

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### Week 1 - Term 1

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| Wed | 28 Jan | Students return
Best Start Testing - Kindy 2015 |
| Thur | 29 Jan | PSSA Trials - sports uniform
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| Fri | 30 Jan | PSSA Trials - sports uniform
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### Week 2 - Term 1

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Welcome back
Welcome to all new and returning students, parents and guardians! I hope you had a restful break and are ready for another successful year of education at Elanora Heights PS. There have been a number of changes to staff in 2015. Mrs Reeks and Miss Harris have returned to our school and I would like to welcome them back. We also have two new permanent members of staff, Miss Khiara Kengike and Mrs Laura Smith while Mrs Smallwood is working as a temporary teacher this year. If you see them around the school please say hello and welcome them to our community. For the first couple of days the children will be in their 2014 classes until we know that we have sufficient numbers of students for our planned 2015 structure. Once that happens we will move into our 2015 classes, hopefully by the end of this week.

Parent information nights
This year we will be holding our information night in Week 3. Please remember that this is a night to find out what is happening in your child’s class this year, it is not a time for one-on-one interviews. If you would like to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher please use the school app or contact the office.
Kindergarten - Monday, 9 Feb at 6pm, Year 1 - Thursday, 12 Feb at 6pm, Year 2 - Monday, 9 Feb at 6pm, Year 3 - Monday, 9 Feb at 7pm, Year 4 - Thursday, 12 Feb at 7pm, Year 5 - Tuesday, 10 Feb at 6pm and Year 6 - Tuesday, 10 Feb at 7pm.

School swimming carnival
Next Wednesday, 4 February, is our school swimming carnival. If you haven’t paid for your child to attend please do so by the end of the week. Children who haven’t paid for the carnival will not be attending.

School Photos
A note for the diary – Monday, 23 February. Advance Photography will at school to take our annual school photos. Details on how to order shortly.

Welcome BBQ
Is your child starting school this year at Elanora? Are you a new parent to our school? If you answered yes to either question please come along to our Welcome BBQ, organised by our P&C, on Friday, 6 February starting at 5:30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and become involved with our school community so please come along and join us for the first social event of the year.

2015 Statement of Accounts
The 2015 Statement of Accounts can be found in the notes section of the school website. Please remember that if you are going to pay via direct deposit to include your child’s name so that we know who has paid their accounts. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please let me know so that we can organise some assistance. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.

Australia Post Dedicated Parking Space at Elanora Heights Village
On Tuesday 10 February 2015, Council’s Traffic Committee will consider a proposal to limit the hours of parking for the Australia Post parking space.
This space is currently restricted at all hours and days, however, under the proposal parking restrictions for this space would be limited to Monday to Friday - 6:30am - 7:30pm and Sunday 4:00pm - 7:30pm. The space would be able to be used by the community outside of these times and all day on Saturdays. 1P parking would apply on Saturdays between 8.30am - 12.30pm.
We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the works for Elanora Heights.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
Welcome and Welcome Back
A warm welcome for families joining us for the first time and an equally warm welcome for all returning families. We trust the New Year is off to a good start.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 18 February at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. Some parents have requested a later start as it is easier for them, and hopefully others, to attend. All members of the school community are encouraged to raise items for the meeting agenda and attend the meeting. This includes families, teachers, school admin staff and members of the wider community. The P&C is here to represent you.

Agenda Items
Items for the Agenda must relate to the broad goal of “improvement for the benefit of the school’s students”. Items are to be emailed to: elanorahtpandc@gmail.com by Friday, 6 February. Please put “Agenda 1” in the subject line. The Agenda will be published in “Connect” and on the school website under “P and C” one week prior to the meeting so everyone knows what to expect.

Year K Welcome BBQ
The P&C is delighted to welcome all parents who have children starting in Kindy this year. It doesn’t matter if it’s your first child starting or your tenth (although we do draw a line at 11), we’d love to see you all. You get the chance to assess the sausage sizzling skills of the Principal and President and the best part is the price. It’s free but the experience is priceless.
We look forward to meeting you at 5pm in the surrounds of the Canteen on Friday, 6 February.

FRIDAY SPORT YEARS 3 TO 6 USERS PAY SPORTS PROGRAM
In Term 1 we are offering a 6 week program from 13 February to 20 March in the following sports:

Tennis (30 spots available) Students walk with a supervising teacher to the Elanora Tennis Courts and participate in a tennis coaching session with Joel Goodwin.

Fit Kids (32 spots available) Jessica Beakey runs a fun fitness program in the hall.

Sportspro (30 spots available) This is a skill based program covering Softball, Pittwater tag, T-Ball and Cricket just the thing to improve students sport skills ready to possibly make the PSSA team next season.

Junior Mixed AFL Years 3 and 4 only. (24 spots available) This is a non-competitive program; students play against 8 other schools in the Pittwater PSSA. It is held at Narrabeen Sports High School and students travel to and from the venue by bus. A minimum of 8 girls must participate in this program.

BOOKINGS FOR THESE SPORTS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE AT schoolinterviews.com.au
The programs will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The School Interview website will OPEN for bookings on Tuesday 10th February 2015.

NOTE: This is for students who are not selected in our PSSA teams. Details to select a user pays sport will be in next week’s newsletter.
**Kids Kafe Roster | To volunteer call 9913 2721**

Be sure to look out for two new faces at the canteen throughout 2015. Iolanda Hazell (Monday, Thursday and Friday) and Karen Evans (Tuesday and Thursday). We are both excited to continue Wendy’s great legacy of providing our children with great service and a variety of delicious food. However, this cannot be done without volunteers (existing and new). So we are asking, particularly in the first few weeks of Term 1, for your support. If you are able to help, please call 9913 2721 or drop by and see us.

Due to health and safety concerns, a decision has been made to NOT have Year 6 students assist during recess and lunch. This change will most certainly place strain on the canteen staff during these times, and as such, Munch Monitor orders will be served as the priority, followed by over the counter service. For this reason, we strongly advise that you sign up (if not already) to Munch Monitor (log in details below) and place both recess and lunch orders using this system. If you do place a recess order using Munch Monitor, please make sure to let your child know that they are to line up at the canteen during recess to pick up their order where it will be waiting for them.

Please note, that the canteen will be CLOSED Wednesday, 4th February as the swimming carnival is on. Below is the volunteer roster for Term 1, 2015. As you can see, there are a lot of blank spaces. The recent changes to staff and Year 6s not being able to serve at recess and lunch means we need you help even more. Thank you (Iolanda and Karen)

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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
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

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