Our School News

Week 1 | Commencing 25th January, 2016

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Parent/Teacher Meetings!

Kindy: Monday 8th Feb 6pm
Year 1: Tuesday 9th Feb 6pm
Year 2: Thursday 11th Feb 6pm
Year 3: Tuesday 9th Feb 7pm
Year 4: Tuesday 2nd Feb 6pm
Year 5: Wednesday 10th Feb 6pm
Year 6: Wednesday 10th Feb 7pm

Weekly Reminders!

Band Registration Day: Sun 31st Jan - see page 4 for details
Swimming Carnival: Years 3 - 6 Wed 10th Feb

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

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Year 4 Parent/Teacher Evening 6pm Kindy 2016 Begin
Welcome BBQ Kindy 2016 5:30pm

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Welcome back
On behalf of the staff I would like to welcome everyone back to Elanora Heights Public School. This year already looks to be busy with a Year 3 - 6 Musical Performance in Term 1, a Kindergarten - Year 2 performance in Term 2 and a whole school performance in Term 3.

Equipment lists/school fees
Equipment lists and school fees for all grades can be found on the school website under the Notes tab. Just a reminder that if payment for the music program has not been received by the beginning of Week 3 then those students will not be participating in the program and will not be part of the end of term performance.

Please remember to use your child’s name as the reference when making a direct deposit to the school bank account.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact either the Office or myself. All contact with be treated with confidentiality.

Year 4 Parent Information Night
The Year 4 Parent Information Night will be held next Tuesday, 2nd February at 6pm. Dates and times for the other years are listed on the front page.

Welcome BBQ
On Friday, 5th February we will be holding our “Welcome to Elanora Heights” BBQ for all new parents to the school. The BBQ begins at 5pm and is organised by the P&C to welcome new members to the school community. The President of the P&C, Mr Tim Cowdery, and myself will be doing the cooking so please come along and become part of our community.

Emergency information cards
Our emergency information cards (bright yellow) will be sent home next week via the youngest in the family. Would you please complete the forms, front and back, and return them to the office as soon as possible.

Please note that we only require one card per family.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
Welcome to PSSA for 2016

I would like to extend a warm welcome all our new Year 3 as well as our current Years 4 - 6 students and parents to the new PSSA year. For our Year 3 parents and any new parents to our school who have students in 3 - 6, PSSA Sport is a competitive sporting competition held between our school and the 8 other schools in the Pittwater PSSA Zone. We travel by bus to selected venues to compete against other teams and as a result there is a cost for being a part of these teams.

The teams that we choose for this competition are selective and based on trials that are held on our school grounds by our PSSA coaches in the lead up to the beginning of the season. Training for these teams is set on designated days and is a compulsory part of the commitment to the team. Please take this into consideration before allowing your student to trial.

PSSA Spring and Summer Trials 2016

Our PSSA Season begins on Friday, 26th February (Week 5 Term 1) with some major changes to sporting options and schedules. This season’s competition will now run from Week 5 - Week 8 of Term 1 then continue again in Week 1 of Term 4 until the end of the year. This means that the competition will be run over 2 terms, similar to our Winter PSSA Competition (Terms 2 and 3).

The next change is that the sporting options have been changed to offer more sports meaning more participation than ever! Sports on offer this season are:

Junior Girls and Boys (Years 3 - 5 students turning 8, 9 or 10 this year)
Pittwater Tag (Boys and Girls)
T-Ball (Boys and Girls)
Cricket (Boys and Girls)

Senior Girls and Boys (Years 5 and 6 students turning 11, 12 and 13 this year)
Pittwater Tag (Boys and Girls)
Softball (Boys and Girls)
Cricket (Boys and Girls)

Please note that there is ONLY 1 team per gender, per sport selected in each Junior and Senior age group.

Trial Information Term 1

We will be beginning our trials from Monday, 1st February and by then your student should have selected their preference of sports that they would like to trial for. Trial times will be scheduled throughout the course of the week based on the popularity of each sport from student preferences, this will mean that if your child misses out on their 1st preference they should have an opportunity to trial for their 2nd preference where possible. This is our first time trialing this system so please bear with us and allow for some teething errors. We always endeavour to provide opportunities for a fair process which is why we have stressed to our students to select their preferences carefully to avoid disappointment.

This season our coaches will be:
Junior and Senior Girls Pittwater Tag: Mr Jono Rosconi
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Junior and Senior Girls Cricket: Miss Emma Widman
Junior and Senior Boys Cricket: Miss Charlotte Reddan (Term 1 & Mr David Waters Term 4)
Senior Girls and Boys Softball: Ms Sylvia Zaratsian
Junior Girls and Boys T-Ball: Miss Abby Clydsdale

Looking forward to a great season of PSSA!

Jono Rosconi
PSSA Coordinator & PSSA Pittwater Zone Vice President
Welcome and Welcome Back
A warm welcome to families joining us for the first time and an equally warm welcome to 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, 17th February at 7:15pm in the Staffroom. 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 and most importantly your children at EHPS who deserve the best possible support and opportunity we, as a community, can provide.

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: elanorahtspandc@gmail.com by Friday, 12th February. Please put “Agenda 1” in the subject line.

The Agenda will be attached to the “Connect” email sent to all parents so everyone knows what to expect.

Kindy 2016 Welcome BBQ
The P&C is delighted to welcome all parents who have children starting in Kindy this year (and parents whose children are starting in other years). 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, 5th February.

Uniform Shop
Uniform Shop Coordinator: Sue Garrity

Additional Opening Hours for Weeks 1 & 2
Thursday, 28th Jan: 8:15am to 9:45am
Friday, 30th Jan: 8:15am to 9:45am
Monday, 1st Feb: 8:15am to 9:45am
Tuesday 2nd Feb: 8:15am to 9:45am
Thursday, 4th Feb: 8:15am to 9:45am

Contact ehps.uniforms@gmail.com

Normal Opening Tines: Monday & Thursday from 8.15am to 9.45am

Purchase in store or by order form available online via the school website

Pay by cash or card (Eftpos, Visa or Mastercard)

Alterations & Repairs by Michelle Sturrock (Dressmaker and parent), great rates on offer to Elanora families. Details are available at the Uniform Shop.
To order school lunches online go to www.munchmonitor.com
Use log in – username: elanora and password: munch2101

Welcome back!
I hope you all have had a relaxing break. The volunteer roster for Term 1, 2016 is on the next page.

I would like to thank those parents (new and existing) who are volunteering this year. We could not run the canteen without your help and greatly appreciate your time. If you can spare some time and help out, please contact Iolanda Hazell at lolanda.hazell@hotmail.com or call the canteen on 9913 2721.

Don’t forget to sign up to Munch Monitor (log in details below) for a convenient cashless ordering system, if you haven’t already, and don’t forget to update your child’s profile with their new class for 2016.

Please note, that the canteen will be closed on Wednesday, 10th Feb due to the swimming carnival.

Band Registration Day
Our band registration day is on this Sunday, 31st January with
Training Band from 2pm to 3pm and
Intermediate Band and Senior band from 3pm to 4pm.

New Members
If you are thinking of joining the band would you please send in your application forms as soon as possible.

For more information on our bands please contact:
Bec Heather: Convenor @ becko1@optusnet.com.au
Louise England: Instrument Registrar @ maecon@bigpond.net.au
Louise England: Intermediate Band Manager @ maecon@bigpond.net.au
Joanne Glinsky: Training Band Manager @ Joanne.glinsky@sydney.edu.au
Bec Tyson: Senior Band Manager @ bectyson@optusnet.com.au
Fiona Brock: Strings Manager @ fibrock1@gmail.com
## Term 4 Weeks 1 - 11

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