DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs, 21 May:  
Year 11 Assembly

Thurs, 28 May - Fri 5 June:  
VCE Year 11 Examinations

Mon, 8 June:  
Queen’s Birthday: Public Holiday

Thurs, 11 - Wed 17 June:  
Year 10 Semester 1 Examinations

NAPLAN Assessment: Years 7 & 9  
Tuesday, 12 - Thursday, 14 May

Curriculum Day: Student Free  
Friday, 22 May

Working Bee  
Sunday, 24 May

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student Achievement

Interschool Debating Round 3:

I congratulate Ms Leanne Ipsen who on her first day back from Long Service Leave on Safari in Africa took two of our D Grade Debate Teams to the Round 3 Debating Competition and was able to witness their success. I also congratulate and thank Ms Adaline Tallarida who supported and guided the students in Ms Ipsen’s absence.

Both teams debated the negative side on the topic “That we should get rid of State Governments”. These young teams competed against St Monica’s College and Assumption College and we are very proud of their success. Congratulations to Jessanne Palmer (Year 9, Everard House), Persephone Tooley (Year 7, Everard House) who also gained ‘Best Speaker’, Nicholas Anderson (Year 9, Rutter House) who spoke for the very first time, Nicholas Weeding (Year 8, Andrew House), Zac Broeren (Year 8, Everard House), who also gained ‘Best Speaker’, and Max Hughes (Year 8, Everard House), Max substituting at the last moment for an unwell Noah Field (Year 8, Andrew House).

In both debates our speakers had really well researched and logical arguments and our speakers listened keenly to the opposition arguments and rebutted masterfully. Unfortunately due to an overseas commitment, and work-experience, our A and B Grade teams forfeited this round.

Thanks to all parents involved in transport and support. A great outcome!

Australian National Gymnastics Championships:

Congratulations to Emily Dean (Year 11, Stewart House) who has been selected as a member of the Victorian (National Level 10) Women’s Artistic Gymnastics team to compete at the Australian National Championships to be held at Hisense Arena in May. Emily is required to lodge with the team between Monday, 18 May and Saturday, 23 May. During this time she will train and then compete over 2 days. This will be Emily’s 7th year of selection for the State team. We are very proud of Emily’s commitment to balancing her gym and school work and for her consistent demonstration of the school value “Pursuit of Excellence” across both fields. We wish Emily all the very best in the upcoming competing and in her continued connection with the sport as well as her academic work at school.
IBAC Investigations

There is no doubt that in some form or another you have become acquainted with the current investigations undertaken by the “Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission” against current and past employees of the Department of Education and Training.

The Department Secretary, Gill Callister, wrote to school principals and school council presidents late last week and I would like to present some of the content of that letter to you today.

The IBAC process is new and complex. The investigation into the Department, known as ‘Operation Ord’, is one of IBAC’s first inquiries. IBAC was recently set up to investigate serious corruption in the Victorian public sector or police misconduct that IBAC believes is serious enough to constitute a criminal offence.

IBAC is an investigative body and not a court. It cannot determine criminal liability. Following the investigation, IBAC produces a report with recommendations for the Department to consider, and may refer matters to a prosecutorial body, which will then determine if charges will be laid.

The Department does not know how long the public hearings will go for, nor how many witnesses may be called. Media is reporting that hearings could go until mid-June and involve approximately 60 witnesses.

The Department also does not know who will be called until the day of each hearing.

In Operation Ord, IBAC is investigating the circumstances in which the Department, its employees and/or former employees designated certain government schools as ‘banker schools,’ and the alleged misuse of funds going through these schools.

‘Banker schools’ is a term used by IBAC and the media to describe the unauthorised practice of transferring funds to a school to be used by Departmental officers to avoid procurement rules and scrutiny. This is a practice outside of the framework for program coordination schools; a method for depositing funds into one school for the benefit of other schools in the local network.

I’m sure you will appreciate that while the investigation is underway, schools and the Department are unable to discuss the evidence.

Needless to say, the Department is working closely with IBAC in this inquiry and will make changes to prevent this happening again.

The conduct we have heard about has no place in Department offices and our schools and is totally out of character for the vast majority of Department and school staff, who are professional, hardworking and 100 per cent committed to education.

Should you have any questions about IBAC and Operation Ord, please refer to the Department’s Website: http://www.education.vic.gov.au or the IBAC Website: https://www.ibac.vic.gov.au

Term 2 Working Bee: Sunday, 24 May

I extend a warm invitation to all members of our community to take part in the first Working Bee for Term 2, which will take place on Sunday, 24 May. Work on the day usually starts at 9.00am and finishes at around 12.30pm. This is followed by a barbecue lunch and everyone is welcome to stay and take part in the social part of the day. As usual the Grounds Committee will meet 10 days before the Working Bee to develop the plan for the day so that when we all arrive there will be no time wasted and we can be very productive. If you are not able to stay for the whole morning, that is fine; your help will be valued no matter the length of time. A delicious morning tea will also be on offer.

I take this opportunity to once again commend the work of the Grounds Committee and congratulate each member for their contribution to making our Working Bees a real success.

I look forward to seeing you all there on the day.

VINCENT SICARI, Principal
Curriculum Day: Friday, 22 May

On Friday, 22 May Eltham High School has scheduled a student free day. This day has been set aside as a Curriculum Day and staff will be using the time to work together on a number of priorities:

- Following the large number of changes in curriculum offerings that have been introduced in 2015, time will be used for staff to work on reviewing new electives running in Semester 1 and also in preparing for new subjects scheduled to begin in Semester 2.

- Staff will also have the opportunity to hear from keynote speaker Wayne Craig (Educational consultant and former Director of the Northern Metropolitan Region DEECD). Wayne will assist us in setting the agenda and determining our next level of work as a school in order to gain improvements in student learning.

While there is still some work to do to ensure our new curriculum is fully documented, there is also a clear focus on moving our discussions from what we will be teaching our students, towards how we will be implementing it in the classroom. The Curriculum Day will be an important step in this process and I look forward to reporting back on the day in a future edition of the newsletter.

TIM NATOLI, Assistant Principal
// SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 10 Work Experience week: Monday, 11 May - Friday, 15 May

Year 10 students should have already submitted their work experience arrangement forms to the Careers office. Any student who has NOT done so, should see Mr Pringle as soon as possible.

Seminar Series Program

Arts Copyright Seminar:

Students undertaking Units 3 & 4 Studio Arts – Photography; Studio Arts – Art; VET Interactive Digital Media and Product Design – Fashion are required to attend this seminar scheduled for Thursday 14 May, 2015 period 4 in the 400s open area. The information session relates to set coursework and is linked to assessment tasks. Facilitator will be Ms Fejes.

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ANNA PANAS, Senior School Team Leader

// MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 9 School for Student Leadership - Gnurad- Gundidj: Term 4 2015

Eltham High School is once again offering Year 9 students the opportunity to participate in the School for Student Leadership in Term 4 2015.

This Year 9 students will spend 9 weeks at Gnurad Gundidj camp which is located near Camperdown in the Western District. This is a live-in camp with only one weekend contact with family. Students work together on developing a Community Project as well as undertaking core classes and outdoor activities.

The cost of this camp will be approximately $1200.00.

Students have been invited to attend an information session at lunchtime on Wednesday, 13 May in room 156.

You can use the website http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/ to seek further information or contact Mrs. Christine Andrews at Eltham High School.

CHRISTINE ANDREWS, Student Growth and Student Leadership Leader
Year 9 Camp – Kinglake Ranges Wilderness Camp

Our Year 9 students recently spent 3 days at the Kinglake Ranges Wilderness Camp. Why Kinglake, you may ask? The answer is simple: the quality of the program sets this camp apart, and proximity is an added bonus.

On many camps students simply enjoy a round robin of exciting and challenging activities. At Kinglake these activities are part of a meaningful, carefully planned well-being and personal development program. Activities such as the Leap of Faith are always exciting and challenging, sometimes confronting, but the learning is not always explicit. Under the guidance of their facilitator, group members are challenged to identify their own strengths and abilities, as well as their fears and inhibitions. Using a challenge by choice, or choose your own challenge model, students are encouraged to participate at a level that will extend their comfort zone and help them to understand what lies beyond the mental construct of “I don’t think I can do that”. Perhaps most importantly, beyond comfort zones and personal challenges, we all had a lot of fun.

ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Team Leader
Year 7 City Experience Camp

The Year 7 City Experience Camps will be taking place in July/August this year. Information packs will be sent home with students in the near future. The camps will be held on the following dates:

Camp One – 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D: Wednesday, 29 to Friday 31 July, 2015
Camp Two – 7E, 7F, 7G: Wednesday, 12 to Friday 14 August, 2015
Camp Three – 7H, 7I, 7K: Wednesday, 19 to Friday 21 August, 2015

The cost of the camp is $235.00, as listed separately on your school account for 2015. If you have not already done so, please make payment as soon as possible. You can pay direct to our school cashier, Paula Hogan, by telephoning 9430 5118 or via BPay.

It is a fantastic camp and we look forward to seeing all Year 7 students there!

JODIE SUTTON, Junior School Team Leader

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Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) Certification: Thursday, 21 May

The training session is available to Year 12 students only with a maximum of 24 places available. You do not need to be 18 to complete the course but the certification will only activate on your 18th birthday. Interested students should submit their name to Ross Pringle by email on pri@elthamhs.vic.edu.au. Payment details and cost will be provided at a later date, however, approximate cost is $65.

ROSS PRINGLE, Careers and Pathways Coordinator

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Photography, Visual Design and Creativity Club

Are you interested in Photography, Visual Design or Creativity, or dogs? If you answered yes, come to Room 601 (photography room) at lunchtime this Thursday, 14 May for the first meeting of a new creative group at school.

We are hoping to gather like-minded individuals to start a weekly meeting, in which we can share work, make stuff, hang out and learn about anything to do with the topics mentioned above. We are not set on any direction as of yet, so feel free to bring your ideas (and lunch!).

All students from any year level are welcome. No equipment or experience is required.

ARTEK HALPERN-LAURENCE, Year 12
// MUSICAL NOTES

Intermediate Band Tour: Thursday, 28 – Friday, 29 May

Paperwork for the Intermediate Band Tour was sent home on Wednesday, 6 May. Please complete and return as soon as possible to the Music Office.

Mid-Year Concert: Thursday, 4 June

The Mid-Year Concert will take place on Thursday, 4 June:
Venue: George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Yarra Valley Grammar, Kalinda Road, Ringwood
Time: 7.30pm (students to arrive by 7.00pm)
Tickets: Adults $20
Child/Concession $10
Tickets will be available for purchase from Trybooking on Thursday, 21 May from 9.00am. Bookings will close on Thursday, 4 June at 3.00pm.
To connect to Trybooking enter http://www.trybooking.com/HNPW
The following Ensembles will be involved:
Choir
Concert Band
Intermediate Band
Jazz Band
Junior Strings
Senior Strings
Stage Band
Symphonic Band
Training Band

Friends of Music Committee Meeting: Monday, 18 May

There will be a Friends of Music Committee Meeting on Monday, 18 May at 7.00pm in the Main Staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

If you have any queries about the Music Program, please contact the Music Office on 9430 5127 or email Jane, our Music Secretary, at nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

RICK PLUMMER, Music Director
Generations in Jazz 2015

Stage Band

Antares Carrr & Matthew Yates performing in the Division 1 Super Band

Jazz Band

School Term Dates

TERM 2:
Starts: Monday 13 April
Finishes: Friday 26 June: 2.30pm

TERM 3:
Starts: Monday 13 July
Finishes: Friday 18 September: 2.30pm

Compass Parent Portal
Log into for Information on:

• Curriculum Day: Student Free Friday, 22 May

Parent Information
Eltham High School Volleyball

State Volleyball Finals:

Both the Boys and Girls Intermediate Teams now progress onto the State Volleyball Final at MSAC on Thursday, 21 May.

The Senior Boys now progress onto the State Volleyball Final on Friday, 22 May. This will be held at the State Volleyball Centre, Stud Road, Dandenong.

Details will appear on Compass for parent payment and approval.

Practice Matches - Moonee Valley Championships:

On Sunday, 24 May two Junior Teams will be taking part in a practice tournament at Maribyrnong Secondary College. Due to a large number of students having clashes with weekend sport commitments we will only enter Year 7 boys (1 team) and Year 8 boys (1 team) into the Moonee Valley Tournament.

All other Junior Teams will take part in a special day of practice matches against Maribyrnong Secondary College Sports Academy. This will be held on Tuesday, 16 June between 12.00 noon and 3.00 pm, and will be held at Eltham High/Eltham Leisure Centre.

No cost involved and a schedule of matches has been posted on the Volleyball noticeboard in the Stadium foyer.

Australian U/15 Volleyball Cup – Albury:

Students selected to attend the Australian U/15 Volleyball Cup need to confirm their participation by paying a $100 deposit this week.

2015 Volleyball Dates:

- 21st May: Intermediate State Volleyball Final
- 22nd May: Senior State Volleyball Final
- 24th May: Moonee Valley Championships (2 Teams)
- 16th June: Maribyrnong Practice Matches (Eltham Leisure Centre)
- 5th-9th July: U/15 Albury Cup
- 24th-26th July: Volleyball Victoria Schools’ Cup
- 13th October: Year 8 Volleyball Round Robin
- 27th October: Year 8 Northern Zone
- 28th October: Year 7 Northern Zone
- 28th October: Intermediate 2016 Round Robin
- 12th November: Year 8 State Volleyball
- 13th November: Year 7 State Volleyball
- 6th-11th December: Australian Volleyball Schools’ Cup

If your child has a unique sporting moment or is selected in a state or National team please let us know so we can share the good news. (I have copies of the Nillumbik sporting achievement grant application form if you require one). Email: tho@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

GREG THOMAS, Volleyball/Elite Sports Coordinator
// STUDENT SERVICES

Headspace

A series of online forums are now offered through Headspace for carers and parents of young people. For further information, please go to the following link:

https://www.eheadspace.org.au

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LOUISE HEATHCOTE, Student Services Leader

// WORKING BEE

Working Bee: Sunday, 24 May

The Grounds Committee has scheduled the first Working Bee for Term 2 for Sunday, 24 May, with morning tea and barbecue lunch provided. The Working Bee starts at 9.00am and concludes at 12.30pm.

Much of the focus will be on planting, with approximately 600 plants to put in the ground; bagging, staking and mulching will follow the planting process.

Listed below are a number of tasks that have been identified as a priority for this Working Bee.

• 23 sleepers need to be cut and slotted into metal uprights to form a retaining wall adjacent to rooms 601 and 602.
• New soil needs to be backfilled behind the retaining wall above, as well as the retaining wall opposite.
• 8 metal retaining wall sleeper uprights need to be positioned and concreted into place to extend a retaining wall on the east of room 602.
• Approximately 600 new plants need to be provided with a home on the east side of the new Performance Centre; these plants will need to be watered, staked, bagged and mulched.
• Pruning and weeding on the south and west side of the 400’s complex.
• Brush cutting and mowing in a range of locations across the campus complex.
• Paving around the remaining box garden adjacent to the Stadium.

If you are a volunteer for the Working Bee on Sunday, 24 May, please park your vehicle on the hard courts adjacent to the Stadium complex. Follow the directional signage to the area adjacent to the Canteen where you will be signed in by a member of the Grounds Committee and directed to an appropriate task. Please remember to bring protective clothing, gloves and a water bottle on the day.

I look forward to your anticipated support on Sunday, 24 May.

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JOHN COATES, for the Grounds Committee
Community Announcements

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Mother Daughter Harmony Seminar

Ideal for Mothers and Daughters 13+ who want to get along better!

In this FREE seminar, Wendy Kemp (Mast. Pract, NLP and Hypnotherapy, Mother of 2 teenagers and prior PE Secondary Teacher) will show you:

1. The main causes for mother/daughter disharmony
2. 3 easy steps to improving your mother/daughter relationship
3. How to quickly trust and believe in each other

Upcoming Seminar Dates:

Tuesday 28th April and Thursday 7th May 7.30-9pm
MIMIT, 72 Mount St, Heidelberg

Thursday 30th April, 14th May and 21st May 7-8.30pm
Watsonia Library, Watsonia Rd, Watsonia (Park at train station)
Community Announcements

“FLIPPING THE LID”
On the Adolescence Brain

A short session designed to assist parents and carers to:

- Understand and manage adolescent changes, development and emotional responses
- Help your young person deal with negative emotions
- Understand why adolescents think differently to adults
- Develop strategies for talking with your teenager
- Manage conflict, stress and anxiety

When: Monday 18th May, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Where: Nillumbik Health, 917 Main Rd, Eltham. 3095
RSVP: Thursday 14th May. PH: 9430 9100 (Numbers are limited)
Cost: $27.50 Per Person  $15.00 for Health Care Card holders

Facilitated by Rosalyn Sandwell and Luke Mitchell, who have a combined experience of over 40 years working with young people and their families as educators, counsellors, youth workers, case managers and group facilitators.

www.nillumbikhealth.org.au  (03) 9430 9100
ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS

Over recent years the costs associated with sending children to secondary school, have increased dramatically. We know that, as parents, it can be hard to find the money to pay for fees, electives, uniforms, books, camps, excursions, etc. and that funding is limited or non-existent. Schools are also strapped for cash and rely on payment of fees. We understand that the government is not in a position to increase funding to parents for school related expenses.

Churches and Community Organisations are limited in what we can provide materially, and yet we understand how difficult it is financially to send your children to school.

We are very fortunate that we have the attendance of Victorian Members of Parliament willing to listen, and two of them, Vicki Ward, Member for Eltham and Anthony Carbines, Member for Ivanhoe, have made themselves available to come to a Community Forum. Also in attendance will be parents, teachers, principals and community agencies, with a view to tackling this challenge before it escalates any further.

You are encouraged to join us. Let’s work together on this.

Date: Monday 18 May 2015
Time: 7pm to 8pm
Location: The Greensborough Salvation Army, 2 Flodden Way, Briar Hill
RSVP: By Wednesday 13 May. PH: 9432 1961 (Julie)
Community Announcements

Eltham Concert Band presents

Around the World in 80 Minutes

Sunday 24 May 4.00 pm
Eltham Community Centre
801 Main Road Eltham
Adult: $20, Concession $16
Child $12
http://www.trybooking.com/128703

Program Includes:
- Ticheli - Cajun Folksongs 2
- Greenbaum - 300 kilometres above
- Reed - Armenian Dances Pt.2
- Copland - Variations on a Shaker melody
- Fukic - Florentine March

Eltham Concert Band is now recruiting Wind, Brass and Percussion Players

Eltham Concert Band is celebrating 40 years of providing enjoyable music making for musicians and exciting entertainment for the community. The band has its own schedule of concerts and also supports local community events including festivals and community carol concerts.

The band rehearses on Monday evenings from 7.45pm - 10.00pm at the Eltham Community Centre.

Please contact us via: info@elthamconcertband.org or 0408 567 456 if you are interested in attending a rehearsal to see if the Band fits you and you fit the band!

Music Director
Dr Richard Mason is a conductor and clarinettist who has performed professionally throughout Australia, Europe and the United Kingdom. His wide ranging musical experience encompasses orchestral and chamber music; recording for radio and TV scores; and numerous national and international festival performances.

Do you have a musical instrument sitting unused at home? Still wish you played for fun?

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Community Announcements

Reconciliation Indigenous Cultural Celebration

Bunjil Dreaming

Join us on a journey through the dreamtime of Bunjil – the wedge-tailed eagle, creator spirit of the Wurundjeri people.

Featuring:

- Guided walk through Bunjil Reserves’ bushland trail
- Dreamtime stories around the campfire with Wurundjeri Elders, Uncle Bill Nicholson Senior and Judy Nicholson
- Indigenous bush craft activities

When: Sunday 31 May from 10am – 1pm
Where: Bunjil Reserve, Panton Hill
Meet at Fire Fighters Memorial Park, Bishops Road, Panton Hill Melway 264 A9
Cost: Free

Bring your own walking shoes, warm wet weather gear and water

Bookings – www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/enviroevents or 9433 3316
Further information including mobility options - Brad Tadday on 9433 3203.

www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au
The Nappy Collective needs your left over nappies!

What is the nappy collective?
The Nappy Collective is a volunteer run, community based and not for profit organisation established to collect leftover and unused disposable nappies and redistribute them to organisations that support families in need. The nappies are redistributed to over 75 organisations that support homeless mothers, victims of domestic violence or young families. Nappies come at a large cost for many families who are already struggling and by kindly donating your leftover and unused nappies you are helping to minimise the financial burden placed on many mothers and allow them to proceed with looking after their children.

Nappy donation points:
Currently there are over 200 donation points around Australia that work together to collect the 226,000 nappies that have been generously donated thus far. Locally the office of MP Vicki Ward (located at 718 Main Road, Eltham) serves as a drop off point for nappies that will be distributed back throughout our community and give local families much needed support. Any contribution, however large or small, is greatly appreciated by us here at Vicki Ward’s office, the Nappy Collective organisation and the community as a whole.

For more information about how you can get involved and donate visit http://thenappycollective.com/ or contact Vicki Ward’s office on 9439 1500.