



**Eltham
High School**



**Community
News**

TERM 1 / WEEK 5
Tuesday, 8 March 2016

*** DATES TO REMEMBER**

2016

Monday, 14 March:

Labour Day Holiday

Sunday, 20 March:

Working Bee

Thursday, 24 March:

Last Day Term 1

Monday, 11 April:

First Day Term 2

Student Progress Interviews

Thursday, 10 March: 11.00am - 7.00pm
(Student Free Day)

Student Progress Interviews

Tuesday, 15 March: 4.00pm - 7.00pm

**Year 7 'The ICT Forum'
Information Evening**

Tuesday, 22 March: 6.30pm - 8.00pm

// **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal's Report

On this day, International Women's Day I wish to acknowledge the extensive contribution that women continue to make to our school, our community and our society. Whilst we do not necessarily need a special day to do this, such a day does remind us to stop, take a few moments and reflect on the various things that we consistently take for granted; the leadership, the guidance, the nurturing, and the myriad of other things that just happen without a great deal of fuss. On behalf of the school community I say, thank you.

A Focus on Our School Values

On the first day of attendance this year students took part in a number of year level assemblies. The focus of each assembly was to support students to revisit the School Values and to align themselves with who we are as a learning community. Six of our Senior School Leaders selected one of the school values and presented to the assembly what that particular value means to them.

School Value: Respect for Diversity presented by Abi Thomas.

"To have respect for diversity, is to understand that each individual is unique, and to recognise individual differences and respect them in the same way we would like to be respected and treated.

At Eltham High School, respect for diversity is paramount in the free dress school environment which we are a part of, and it's this respect that allows people from all walks of society to express themselves without fear of negativity.

Deep inside we're not all that different, and when you respect people's backgrounds, beliefs, abilities, sexuality, etc. you develop an understanding of diversity that allows you to lead a powerfully positive and potentially influential lifestyle.

Eltham High provides an exceptional foundation for the values that are crucial in a modern world, and as Australians become citizens of a global society, respecting diversity on the large scale allows Australians to be a driving force in the change that will continue to take place around the world. This value is not just a school value, but will be a value that Eltham High students, when faced with the big picture, will be able to use to lead by example across the all continents.

Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness."

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH 2016

Thurs, 10

- Top Class Music Concert
- Student Progress Interviews (Student Free Day) (11.00am - 7.00pm)

Fri 11

- Active for Life - Rollerskating
- Year 9 Active Girls - Boxing

Mon 14

- Labour Day Holiday

Tues, 15

- Student Progress Interviews (4.00pm - 7.00pm)

Wed, 16

- Year 8 Surf Camp: 8A & 8B (Wed, 16 - Thurs, 17)
- School Council Meeting (7.30pm - 9.30pm)

Thurs, 17

- Symphonic Band Concert with Monash Concert Band
- Year 8 Surf Camp: 8C & 8D (Thurs, 17 - Fri, 18)
- Year 12 Supreme & County Court Excursion

Fri, 18

- National Day of Action - Year 7 & 8 Assemblies
- Active for Life - Rollerskating
- Year 9 Active Girls - Belly Dancing

Sun, 20

- Working Bee

Mon, 21

- Harmony Day
- Year 8 Surf Camp: 8E & 8F (Mon, 21 - Tues, 22)
- Year 11 Study Camp (Mon, 21 - Tues, 22)

Tues, 22

- NMR Swimming
- Year 7 'The ICT Forum' Information Evening (6.30pm - 8.00pm)
- Year 8 Surf Camp: 8G & 8H (Tues, 22 - Wed, 23)

Safe Schools Coalition

I am sure that a number of you will have been privy to the political banter that has taken place over the last few weeks in relation to the future of the funding of the Safe Schools Coalition initiative. As the Principal of one of the 10 foundation schools in Victoria that worked in support of the establishment of the Safe Schools' Coalition I feel that I need to speak into this discourse.

In line with our school values, and in particular with the school value of "Respect for Diversity" we believe that every person has the right to be themselves without prejudice or fear. Aligned with this we believe that schools have to be a safe place for every young person, irrespective of their beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, socio-economic position, health, ability/disability, etc. – no exceptions.

The work of the Safe Schools Coalition has aligned closely with the core purpose of schooling and that is to educate young people to understand this fundamental human right of feeling safe to be who you are. Whilst it is always good to debate controversial topics or positions I feel that what is coming out from our senior political leaders is a view that clearly demonstrates a lack of understanding of both the philosophy and the work of the Safe Schools Coalition. This is also a clear demonstration of what we often as a nation do best: stick our heads in the sand.

The world is progressively changing and we need to respond and adapt to the changes and I see it as the role of senior political leaders to provide the support to ensure that the change takes place with the fewest number of casualties as possible.

We are living in a new paradigm, one where everyone is or should be valued for who they are. Within this paradigm there are many voices, some loud and some not so loud including the voice of same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, staff and families. Our laws encourage these voices to speak out and be heard and the Safe Schools Coalition has a very clear and definite role in supporting this to happen.

Many students, their families and broader school communities have benefitted to date from the support and work of the Safe Schools Coalition. I strongly believe in the value of the work of this organisation and furthermore I see how valuable it is in saving lives.

As I see it the current discussions are not about the value or otherwise of the Safe Schools Coalition: Any grounded, forward thinking person with a good understanding of the world around us would certainly be able to see how important this work is. Its aim is not to indoctrinate or convert but to develop a genuine sense and understanding of the value of diversity and how this can be respected.

Every person has the right to their own opinion but every public representative such as our senior political leaders have a responsibility to put aside their own personal views and listened to the views of the people they represent in a fair, balanced and consistent way. They have the responsibility to interrogate research and data and to listen to all the voices, the loud and the not so loud. As I see it this is not happening in relation to the work of the Safe Schools Coalition and our senior figures are definitely not gaining an understanding of the value of this organisation.

In my view, they are listening to the voices of some, perhaps the loudest voice and are planning action on the limitation of these voices at the expense of the lives of some of our most vulnerable young people.

In terms of Eltham High School, the Safe Schools Coalition has supported us through professional development to develop an inclusive curriculum. Furthermore it has supported us to measure the temperature of the school climate on an ongoing basis in relation to our alignment with the school value of "Respect for Diversity" and to continuously work to improve. It has also supported groups of students and individuals in coming to terms with their identity and accepting who they are. It has allowed them to create their own voice within our learning environment and local community and has also supported families to do the same.

If the Safe Schools Coalition only achieved one of the above roles then I would say that its existence has been of great value, in achieving all of the above roles I can only say that this is an invaluable resource for young people, families and educators and it must be supported to continue to do its work in our continuously changing world.

From my observations, the Safe School Coalition has never worked from a perspective of indoctrination or conversion, which they are accused of doing. What it has been trying to do, in my view is to educate all young people to understand that everyone has a right to live their lives based on who we are and that diversity brings a great richness to our society that should be nurtured and not scorned. Furthermore, it continues to

Wed, 23

- Symphonic Band Performance in Ballarat
- Year 8 Surf Camp: 8J & 8K (Wed, 23 - Thurs, 24)

Thurs, 24

- Last Day Term 1

APRIL 2016

Mon, 11

- First Day Term 2
- Loddon Prison Schools Program
- Year 11 Science Seminar

Wed, 13

- VET IDM Screen Worlds & Top Designs

Fri, 15

- Whole School Assembly
- Year 12 OES - Barmah (Fri, 15 - Sun, 17)
- Year 12 Top Designs (Textiles & Wood)

Mon, 18

- Assembly Tutorial (Group A)

Tues, 19

- Edendale Farm Sustainability Program (ABCD)
- Indonesian Film Festival 2016

Wed, 20

- School Council AGM (7.00pm - 7.30pm)
- School Council Meeting (7.30pm - 9.30pm)

Thurs, 21

- Edendale Farm Sustainability Program (HJK)
- Year 7 (2017) Open Day/ Information Evening

Fri, 22

- Active for Life: Boxercise
- Year 11 OES - Lower Yarra
- Top Designs - Year 12 Systems, Year 11 Product Design & Technology

Mon, 25

- ANZAC Day Service (11.00am-11.30am)

Wed, 27

- Athletics Carnival

Fri, 29

- Active for Life: Lawn Bowls

work hard on building self-esteem in vulnerable young people so that they can function and continue to survive within the changing norms of our dynamic society.

I ask that as a community we now provide support to the Safe Schools Coalition with the same determination with which they have provided support for our young people.

Student Achievement

UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy:

Congratulations to **Ruby Evans** (Year 11, **Rutter House**) who has been selected from applications across the State, to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy with other young women from across the country, which will be held at Sydney University from Monday, 11 April through to Friday, 15 April this year.

The objective of the Academy is to:

- introduce year 11 students to a diverse group of contemporary women leaders
- demonstrate the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in business
- encourage leadership aspirations in young women
- provide leadership skills development

The program is residential at The Women's College, Sydney University. The course has been designed to be a creative mix of practical and theory with industry exposure, field visits and syndicate work.

For the students there will be a chance to develop their leadership skills and develop new relationships with their peer group from other schools.

This is a great opportunity for Ruby and I am certain that she will be an outstanding ambassador for our school, our community and our state.

Eltham High Students on Track:

Keely Boyne (Year 9, **Everard House**) competed successfully at the recent Victorian Track and Field Championships and headed off to Perth in early February to compete at the 2016 Australian Junior Track & Field Championships.

At the Victorian Country Championships, Keely was placed 2nd in the 90m Hurdles (14.19) and third in the 200m Hurdles (31.87). Keely also ran the 200m sprint in a time of 27.19.

In the State Championships, Keely qualified for the final of the 200m Hurdles in 31.30, and then lowered her time in the final to 30.79 and crossed the line in first place to claim her first State Championship title. Keely also won the silver medal in the 90m Hurdles with a time of 13.83.

Similarly, **Ashley Kenshole** (Year 11, **Andrew House**) had big breakthrough runs in the Heat and the Final of the Men's Under 18 400m at the Victorian Junior Championships. Ashley lowered his previous best time for the 400m to 50.35 in his Heat and then backed up with a 50.26 in the final where he finished in fourth place.

Ashley has followed this up with another significant milestone in his development as an athlete. At the AV Junior Knockout finals, Ashley won the Men Under 18 800m in a time of 1:57

Joshua Logan, (Year 12, **Everard House**) ran in the Men Under 20 800m at the Victorian Junior Championships. Joshua finished in 2:02.09.

2016 Victorian Junior Track & Field Championships: Lakeside Stadium

DVAC Results:

Women		
Under 15		
Keely Boyne	90m Hurdles	2nd
Keely Boyne	200m Hurdles	1st
Men		
Under 20		
Josh Logan	800m	Heat
Under 18		
Ashley Kenshole	400m	4th

**CANTEEN
ROSTER & MENU**

ROSTER FOR MARCH 2016

Wed 9

- Tricia Booth
- Angela Broeren
- Libby Field

Thurs 10

Student Free Day

Fri 11

- Serena Bellotti
- Kylie Davies

Mon 14

Public Holiday

Tues 15

- Carolyn McVeigh
- Lisa Terry



****EFTPOS facilities+ are now available****

UPCOMING MENU

Wed: Hokkien Noodles

Thurs: Student Free Day

Fri: Hamburgers

Mon: Public Holiday

Tues: Warm Chicken Salad

2016 Victorian Country Championships: John Landy Field, Geelong

DVAC Results:

Women		
Under 16		
Keely Boyne	200m	5th
Keely Boyne	90m Hurdles	2nd
Keely Boyne	200m Hurdles	3rd

AV Knockout Finals

DVAC Results:

Men		
Under 18		
Ashley Kenshole	800m	1st

I congratulate all of the students that participated in these events, these are outstanding results and we are very proud of them. I take this opportunity to thank Mr Max Balchin and Ms Lyn Davis for their continued support of our young people.

School Working Bee

The next Working Bee for the year is to take place on Sunday, 20 March. I take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation to all members of our community, students, parents and staff to join me on this day in a collaborative effort to continue the work that has been well mapped out by the Grounds Committee. As always the purpose of the morning goes well beyond getting some work done; in addition to this it creates an environment for social interaction and engagement with other members of our community as well as a sense of satisfaction when we look back at what we have achieved together. A delicious morning tea is shared as well as a barbeque lunch. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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VINCENT SICARI, Principal

// ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Student Progress Interviews

Student Progress Interviews will be held on:

- **Thursday, 10 March:** 11.00am to 7.00pm
There are no scheduled classes held on this day (Thursday, 10 March)
- **Tuesday, 15 March:** 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Bookings are now open.

Families are encouraged to make bookings as soon as they can as booking times do fill up quickly. Please ensure that you leave at least a 5 minute gap between your bookings to allow movement between appointments. Please note that due to the building works in the Performance Space, interviews will be held in both the 100s building and the 300s building. You are encouraged to consider locations when making your bookings.

Bookings are made through the Compass parent portal.

Where there are difficulties with accessing the booking system please contact your child's sub-school office to seek assistance.

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FRAN MULLINS, Assistant Principal

ELTHAM HS CLUBS
WHY NOT GET INVOLVED!

Drama

When: Wednesday (**Junior**)

Thursday (**Senior**)

Location: 111 Drama Space

Time: 3.20pm – 5.00pm

George Franklin

Drama/Coach Critical & Creative Thinking

Scrambled Prince Workshops

When: Tuesday

Location: 111 Drama Space

Time: 3.20pm – 6.00pm

George Franklin

Drama/Coach Critical & Creative Thinking

EHS Swimming Club

When: Thursday

Location: Eltham Leisure Centre

Time: 7.00am – 8.00am

Phil Boyd

EHS Swimming Club Coordinator

Interschool Debating Team

When: Monday

Location: Room 301

Time: Lunchtime

Adaline Tallarida

Debating Coordinator

Photography, Visual Design & Creativity Club

When: **TBC**

Location: Room 601

Time: Lunchtime

Artek Halpern-Laurence

Ex-Student

PRISIM

(People - Respecting - Individual's - Sexuality - Identity - Movement)

When: Tuesday

Location: Room 156

Time: Lunchtime

Louise Heathcote

Student Services Leader

Tournament of Minds (Starts Term 2)

When: Tuesday (Year 7 - 10)

Location: Room 154

Time: Lunchtime

Loren Clarke

Tournament of Minds Coordinator

// **SENIOR SCHOOL**

Year 11 Study Camp

The camp will be held at Phillip Island Adventure Resort, departing on Monday, 21 March at 8.00am and returning Tuesday, 22 March at 3.00pm.

This Study Camp builds on the Headstart Orientation school-based program, preparing students for their VCE by engaging in a range of study and research skills workshops as well as health and well-being information involving guest speakers.

All students should now have received the camp booklet including the clothing and equipment list, consent and medical information form, and responded to the email link to provide dietary and other information.

Families are informed of the following luggage requirements: bags are to be soft sided, sausage bag style with a maximum weight of 12 kilograms. Sleeping bags are to be kept separate (not tied to the main bag), and all items clearly marked with the student's name

Parent / Guardians are reminded that payment can be made to the School Cashier or by paying through the Compass Parent Portal.

Families experiencing difficulties in paying should contact Paula Hogan, Revenue Administrator for a confidential discussion about a payment plan.

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Anna Panas, Senior School Leader

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLASSES & TUTORIALS

Extra Maths Help

When: Tuesday
Location: Room 706
Time: 3.10pm – 4.00pm

Briony Turner
Maths KLA Coordinator

Homework Club - Year 7

When: Thursday ***Change of Day***
Location: Room 142
Time: Lunchtime

Ashlea Oates
English/Integration Studies Teacher

IT Support - Year 7

Get to know your surface Pro 3

When: Thursday ***Change of Day***
Location: Room 140
Time: Lunchtime

Katie Reed
ICT Leader

Smart not Scattered - Year 7

A group for Year 7 students wishing to get on top of their time management, goal setting and organisation.

When: Thursday ***Change of Day***
Location: Room 142
Time: Lunchtime

Ashlea Oates
English/Integration Studies Teacher

// MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 8 Surf Camp

Students should now be in receipt of their Year 8 Surf Camp form. Dates for these camps are shown below:

8A & 8B: Wednesday, 16 - Thursday, 17 March

8C & 8D: Thursday, 17 - Friday, 18 March

8E & 8F: Monday, 21 - Tuesday, 22 March

8G & 8H: Tuesday, 22 - Wednesday, 23 March

8J & 8K: Wednesday, 23 - Thursday, 24 March

ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Leader

// JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Year 7 Parents and Guardians,

Following the first term of our new 1:1 Specified BYOD Program (i.e. Surface Pro Laptops) and as potentially new parents to the school, we would like to invite you to an information evening, 'The ICT Forum'. This forum is designed to:

- Overview issues of cyber safety, including highlighting resources and strategies you can use to assist your child at home;
- Outline how to access and interpret the upcoming digitally distributed Semester 1 Reports;
- Overview of the Surface Pro Program and advice for getting the most from this educational tool;
- An overview of the ICT Acceptable Usage Agreement;
- Provide a workshop on how to use Edmodo to support your child's learning; and
- Provide a workshop on Compass and how this can assist with school administration.

The ICT Forum will take place on **Tuesday, 22 March** and will be broken into two sessions:

Session 1 – Information Session on Cyber Safety and ICT at School

- Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
- Venue: 134 Central Space

At this time we will offer an information session covering the areas addressed in the first four dot points above.

Session 2 – Workshops

- Time: 7:30pm – 8:00pm.
- Venue: 100s Central Spaces

At this time we will offer two cycles of 15 minute sessions covering how to use Compass and Edmodo. The group will be split into two and each group will be able to alternate through both presentations.

There is no requirement to bring a laptop, however, you may use your child's school machine (if you have the password) or your own mobile device (with internet data) to follow along if you wish.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact Katie Reed, ICT Leader, at ree@elthamhs.vic.edu.au or by telephone on 9430 5111.

KATIE REED, ICT Leader

// ART

On Monday, 29 February VCE Art students attended a special evening viewing of the Andy Warhol – Ai Wei Wei Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria International.



Both these artists are currently being studied by students, particularly in regards to their use of materials, styles, subject matter and ideas around popular culture, censorship and social and political motivations.

PANAYIOTA GOGOS, Arts KLA Coordinator

// CAREERS

New Eltham High Careers Website

At Eltham High School Pathways and Transition is an important part of your child's educational experience.

As such I would like to announce the creation of an Eltham High School web based career support site.

It can be accessed at www.elthamhighcareers.com with the majority of menu links open access. However, there is also a dedicated student area where your child can create an account and take advantage of various activities and production tasks. In there you will find interest and occupations quizzes, a resume format, digital portfolio access and many more useful tools. When your child creates their account have them use their school email address and a password will be generated for them.

The site has information for all year levels with the full functionality of the site becoming more appropriate as students move into Year 9 The student account remains accessible across the life of your child's high school life.

I would encourage you to have a look at the site and if there are any questions regarding its use please feel free to contact me on 9430 5113 or at pri@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Year 10

Year 10 Work Experience 2016: Monday, 2 - Friday, 6 May 2016:

All students are required to organise an appropriate placement for this time, with the emphasis being on a career related interest.

Students can access the required forms via the intranet under the Senior School link or obtain them from outside the Careers office.

Please make an early start on the placement and be aware that this is compulsory program that replaces all classes including Year 11 enhancement.

ROSS PRINGLE, Careers/Pathways

// DRAMA

Drama Performance: A Night of Improvisation

We would like to invite you to our first performance of the year, a night of improvisation by our Senior Drama students in room 111 (The Drama Room) at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 16 March. Entry is by gold coin donation. The students have been working very hard on their impro skills and would love to have you join the audience for this glittering gala occasion.

GEORGE FRANKLIN, Drama

// MUSICAL NOTES

Year 7 Instrumental Lessons and Rehearsals

The Year 7 instrumental lessons commenced week beginning Monday, 29 February. The lessons will appear on Compass; please ensure you check Compass regularly. You must bring your instrument to your first lesson. Please ensure you have purchased an instrument through Fine Music or Bows for Strings.

Junior Strings will have their first rehearsal on **Friday, 11 March (7.30am - 8.45am)**.

Training Band ensemble will have their first rehearsal on **Tuesday, 15 March (7.30am - 8.45am)**.

Students are to arrive by 7.20am to set up and the rehearsal runs from 7.30am to 8.45am. We encourage parents to attend the first rehearsal and hear their first amazing sounds.

Symphonic Band Concert with Monash Concert Band

The Symphonic Band will perform with the Monash Concert Band on Eltham High School on Thursday, 17 March at 7.30pm. **Please see Compass for full details.** The formal performance uniform is required to be worn. Those students who ordered new uniform items, these will be handed out at the rehearsal on Wednesday, 9 March and an invoice will be emailed in due course.

Symphonic Band Concert with Ballarat Concert Band

The Symphonic Band will perform a combined concert with Ballarat Grammar & Ballarat High School on Wednesday, 23 March. **Please see Compass for full details.** Dinner will be provided and students will be required to give Jane Nicholson \$5 to cover the costs. The formal performance uniform is required to be worn.

Generations in Jazz Festival 2016

The Generations in Jazz Festival is being held from Friday, 6 May to Sunday, 8 May. Each year we send our Jazz ensembles and Jazz choir to participate in this event. A notice will be sent home with students during the week to confirm your child's attendance and provide preliminary details. Please ensure the form is returned as soon as possible.

2016 Instrumental Music Program Fees

The fees are payable in three instalments; the first being due on 5 February, then 18 April, 2016 and 16 June, 2016. Or for the Training Band and Junior Strings, the fees are due on 17 March, 2016, 12 May 2016 and 21 July 2016. The Instrumental lesson fee is the first instalment due by 5 February 2016, the Ensemble program fee is the second instalment due by 18 April 2016. The third instalment is due by 16 June 2016 and will be for any other fees i.e. instrument hire, percussion equipment fee etc.

You can pay via BPay, over the telephone (Tel: 9430 5118) or direct to our cashier in the General Office.

Please note, as the Eltham High School Music Program is a self-funded program, and in order to meet the commitment to staff, if a student withdraws from the Music Program anytime during the year, full yearly fees are payable.

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

**PARENT
INFORMATION**

Compass Parent Portal

Log into for Information on:

- Bookings for Student Progress Interviews - Involve Classes
- ICT Forum & Workshop for Year 7 Families
- Interim Reports - Published
- Lunchtime Workshops for Year 7 Students
- Music Program - Training Band Rehearsal 15 March 20016
- Notification of Eltham High School Based Career Support Site
- Student Dress Code Requirements
- Subscribing to EHS Newsletter
- Tuning in to Teens: Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
- Year 8 Surf Camp

School Term Dates

2016

TERM 1:

Finishes Thursday, 24 March

TERM 2:

Starts Monday, 11 April

Finishes Friday, 24 June

// **PARENT AND CARERS**

RCH Good Friday Appeal

In previous years the Eltham High School community has supported the RCH Good Friday Appeal by collecting money at the Fitzsimons Road roundabout and door to door collection.

If you are interested in participating in this event could you please notify me as soon as possible at and@elthamhs.vic.edu.au. This year Eltham College will be the support school.

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CHRISTINE ANDREWS, Student Growth and Student Leadership Leader

ELTHAM SPORTS TIMETABLE

MARCH 2016

Wed, 16

- Year 8 Beach Volleyball

Thurs, 17

- Year 9 & 10 Beach Volleyball

Fri, 18

- Year 11 Beach Volleyball

Mon, 21

- Year 7 Round Robin

// SPORT

Eltham High School Volleyball

Volleyball Team Selections for 2016:

Selections for Eltham Volleyball teams have been held and most teams selected. Over the next few weeks students will receive a note about payment that should be made to the Cashier by the end of Term One.

Year 7 Volleyball:

We have selected many students to take part in the Year 7 Volleyball Round Robin competition; all will train for that competition. After that, 16 boys and 16 girls will be selected to take part in the Volleyball program that will run during the year. Although it is preferred that students be under 14 for the whole of Year 7, selection is based on ability.

Change of Date: The Year 7 Volleyball competition is to be held on Monday, 21 March; the same day as tennis, softball and baseball. **Students can only take part in one of these sports as they are held on the same day.**

Volleyball Competitions:

Monday night Volleyball for Year 7 teams started well with 8 teams playing. New players are always welcome. Please pay \$3 as you enter the Stadium.

Thursday night Volleyball got off to a great start with 7 teams playing last week. There is still room for other teams if students are still interested in playing. Please pay \$3 as you enter the Stadium.

****NO VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION OR SPIKEZONE THIS THURSDAY, 10 MARCH DUE TO PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS.****

Beach Volleyball:

Students who paid by last Monday will have their team entered this week. More details next week.

2016 Volleyball Dates:

16-18th March:	Victorian Beach Volleyball Cup
21st March:	Year 7 Volleyball Round Robin
15th April:	Senior Northern Zone Volleyball
19th April:	Intermediate Northern Zone Volleyball
19th May:	Intermediate State Volleyball Final
20th May:	Senior State Volleyball Final
29th – 31st July:	Volleyball Victoria Schools' Cup
11th October:	Year 8 Volleyball Round Robin
25th October:	Year 8 Northern Zone Volleyball
26th October:	Year 7 Northern Zone Volleyball
26th October:	Intermediate 2017 Round Robin
22nd November:	Year 8 State Volleyball
23rd November:	Year 7 State Volleyball
4th – 9th 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. Email: tho@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

GREG THOMAS, Volleyball/Elite Sports Coordinator

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



// SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Eltham High School Swimming Sports was once again a huge success. With wonderful weather and many spectacular outfits, the four houses competed against each other, striving to be the overall winner of the carnival. Stewart were victorious for the third year in a row, with a total of 476 points. This was closely followed by Rutter with a total of 456 points. Everard finished with 387 points and Andrew with 307.

2016 also saw the introduction of the all new novelty events, run by School Leaders. This was an excellent addition to the day, as many found it quite amusing to see the sight of students having cake stuffed in their mouths by their peers.

This year **Ethan Hayes** (Year 8, **Everard House**) broke the 50 metre freestyle record in the Boys 14 age group with a time of 30.51 seconds. A number of relay records were also broken. The staff and students had a wonderful time and now look forward to the athletics carnival ahead.

Eltham High School Student Leaders

// WORKING BEE

Working Bee: Sunday, 20 March

The Grounds Committee has scheduled the second Working Bee for the year on Sunday, 20 March from 9.00am until 12.30pm, with both morning tea and barbeque lunch provided. With over 50 volunteers attending the first Working Bee on Sunday, 21 February and all tasks completed, we are looking forward to a new host of activities, as well as another supportive turnout.

Listed below are a number of tasks identified as a priority for the Working Bee on Sunday, 20 March.

- A U-shaped sleeper sitting wall will be constructed around the mosaic memorial on the Bell Street fence. Crow bars, shovels, string lines and spirit levels will be required, as well as lots of energy.
- 80 new plants will be provided with a new home in the internal courtyard space in the 100s block. Mulching and watering will follow.
- 20 more Correas will be planted out in the area adjacent to the cricket nets. These plants need to be staked, bagged and watered.
- Depending upon weather conditions and how much rain is received over the next 3 weeks, all new plants from 2015 will be provided with top-up water on the day.
- The triangular shaped garden bed in the central courtyard will have the builders rubble removed to a depth of 30cm and replaced with new soil. Plants will be installed if time permits.
- Pruning and weeding around the 400s block.
- Brush cutting and mowing in a range of locations across the campus precinct.
- Paving around the remaining box garden adjacent to the Stadium.
- The bamboo between the Library and the 300s block will be pruned.

If you are a volunteer for the Working Bee on Sunday, 20 March, please park your vehicle on the hard courts adjacent to the Library. 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, sunscreen, a hat and water bottle on the day.

The Grounds Committee looks forward to your anticipated support.

JOHN COATES, for the Grounds Committee

// WORLD CHALLENGE

Last year two World Challenge teams set off for Vietnam and Cambodia on the 22 November, 2015. It was the triumph of two years of planning and fundraising from both teams. Team 1 flew into Siam Reap and Team 2 into Ho Chi Minh. Both groups travelled in opposite directions but finally, one month later, both teams ended up in Da Nang airport safe and well.

The purpose of this trip was that it was student lead. They decided where they wanted to go and what they were to do; we made sure that they were safe. They worked on sticking to a strict budget, providing accommodation for the team, and transport. There were five phases to the trip: Acclimatization into travelling, trekking for three days, trekking for five days, community development and finally the rest and relaxation phase.



Students chose roughly where they would go. Our team started in Siam Reap and visited Angkor Wat, did a small trek in Kampong Speu and finished our Khmer trip in Phnom Penn. Then it was off to Vietnam and the wonders of bureaucracy at a border crossing. Once in Ho Chi Minh we settled in. The students budgeted and sourced accommodation, transport and food along the way. They spent a week in an orphanage in Ho Chi Minh city working and assisting orphans. The team worked very hard in hot sticky conditions.



Then it was trekking in the beautiful Da Lat for five days. That was a challenge as it was humid and full sun every day but the kids had a great time. All of us were very happy to get to the top of the hill on day five.

The rest of the trip was the rest and relaxation phase and of course travel! We took a bus to Na Trang and really enjoyed the sun and snorkelling. For most of the team, it was their first overnight train ride to Da Nang, the last leg of our journey. Unfortunately, for us a typhoon off the Philippines meant that we could not really enjoy the pool on the top of the hotel we had booked. Walking down the street felt like swimming. Thankfully during the next two days it cleared up but the sun was missing. We had a great last meal and most of us got some clothes made by the tailors there. Xmas shopping finished in the night market, we got a bus and finished in Melbourne, via Changi airport Singapore, and were all home safe and sound on 20 December, 2015.

Thanks to all students who did a fantastic job of fundraising. And of course, to Hannah Allen, Alice McKinnon and Jeremy Taylor for their support for the students. Also, to parents and the wider Eltham community for supporting our travellers and assisting them to become good global citizens. It opened their eyes to more than just travelling, they developed leadership skills, became more socially and environmentally conscious.

We look forward to the next trip at the end of 2017. Open to current Year 9-10 students in 2016. Destination and information coming.

SEAMUS ROBERTSON, World Challenge organiser and KLA Leader Humanities

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CREATIVE MINDS

*Nillumbik & Top VCE Art
and Studio Art Students 2015*

Thursday 10 March until Monday 11 April 2016

Showcasing artworks by students from:

- Catholic Ladies College
- Diamond Valley College
- Eltham College
- Eltham High School and
- Plenty Valley Christian College

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Fri - Sat	10am - 5pm
Sunday	1pm - 5pm
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Groups at headspace Collingwood Term 2, 2016



Group	Details	Dates	Facilitators/ Referral
Yoga with Yoga	A six week yoga program which will help you connect with your body, build flexibility and strength, and learn to focus on the moment through breath. This free program is run by a yoga teacher from YogaHood.	Wednesday's, 27 th April – 1 st of June, from 4-5pm at headspace Collingwood	(R) Jess (F) yoga teacher from yogaHood
Mindfulness	A small group that teaches mindfulness as a strategy for the development of greater present moment & compassionate awareness. This group is for 16 -25 year olds.	Friday's, 15 th April – 20 th May, 3.30-5pm at headspace Collingwood	(R) Jess (F) Tracy
Outdoor Project	headspace Collingwood is currently undertaking work on the outdoor area to transform the space into an inviting place. If you would like to contribute ideas or get involved in the working group – get in touch!	Contact Michael or Maddy at headspace Collingwood for specific dates/times	(R) Michael (R & F) Maddy
Link In 2 Work	A group for young people looking for work. Get contacts, work on your resume, get interview experience, and develop your job seeking skills!	Thursday 14 th April – Thursday 26 th of May, from 2.30-4pm	(R) Michael (F) Michael and Mannon

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