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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi families,

Well the term has begun wonderfully with students settling back into school quickly, with many students being kind and safe to each other and being the best learners they can be during learning time. With the weather warming up it is lovely to be out in the yard watching students sitting under the shade of a tree playing with the Teddy Bears picnic, so many students enjoying games of handball and students sharing and playing on the car mats. Thank you to staff for facilitating opportunities like this to allow students to build problem solving skills, be creative and curious, learn how to take turns and learn how to work collaboratively. Other students have enjoyed time playing chasey, soccer and of course spending time in the sandpit creating recipes and building sculptures. Buddy **LOVES** his connection time with students during lunch and recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with so many students spending time with him for a chat or a quick pat. All of these activities creating opportunities to build connections with other students, Buddy and staff as well as taking time to breathe and calm.

If you have not had an opportunity yet, please pop into the newly painted and newly named, by the EDPS students, Buddy's Café (breakfast club building). Angela our Pastoral Care Worker has created an incredibly inviting and calm space for students and adults to enjoy on a Wednesday.

Students and families enjoyed Sports Day on Friday week 2 with **Girri Girri** taking home the win!! The weather was perfect and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends attend this whole school event. Thank you to the Sports Day committee for your organisation as well as the Governing Council members and other volunteers that helped out on the day.

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 4

Week 4	Friday November 8 Pupil Free Day
Week 6	Wednesday 20 November Preschool Stay & Play
Week 7	Monday November 25 Governing Council Meeting 2pm Thursday November 28 School Concert Friday November 29 School Closure Day
Week 8	Wednesday December 4 Preschool Graduation 2pm-3pm
Week 9	Tuesday December 10 Whole School Excursion Preschool Family Day 1pm-2pm Thursday December 12 Year 6 Graduation Preschool Family Day 1pm-2pm Friday December 13 Last Day of Term 4 Early Dismissal 2PM Preschool Closed



Thursday 28th November is our Pre concert Community Event and End of Year Concert.

Pre-concert Event: 3:45pm – 5:30pm (students must leave school at 3pm and are able to return with an adult from 3:45pm)

Concert 6pm – 7:30pm (doors open to access the gym from 5:40pm)

At the pre-concert community event, classes will have stalls with a variety of games, gifts to buy, food and drink and this will be a fundraiser to put towards purchasing new interactive TVs for classes. There will be a raffle with tickets available on the day and a lucky program prize. The pre-concert event will be followed by the Concert where all classes Preschool to yr 6 will perform an item, with a Disney connection. I know staff and students have been practising ready to entertain you. Flyers will be up around the school from Monday week 5 advertising the event so keep an eye out for these. Flyers will also go home to families early next week. **There will be a School Closure on Friday 29th Nov.**

We are beginning to finalise class configuration for 2025. Please let the front office staff know asap if your child/children will not be returning to Elizabeth Downs Primary School in 2025. This will allow us to get an accurate understanding of student numbers for next year and support us with student placement.

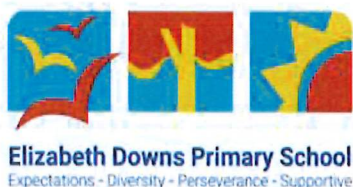
I look forward to chatting and catching up with you in the yard either before or after school.

Regards

Sally Summers

HATS

With the warmer weather edging closer the UV rating is going up. This means there will be days when students will need to wear hats at playtime. Please ensure your child has a school hat (broad brimmed or bucket) and get them to bring it to school. If your child does not have a hat, they are available for sale from the finance office for \$8.00. If a child does not have a hat on when required, they will need to sit under the shelter during play times as we have a 'No Hat No Play policy'.



ATTENDANCE



Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success-both in school and life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child's academic improvement, develop healthy life habits avoid dangerous behaviour and have a better chance of graduating from high school. When students are absent for fewer days, their academic progress and reading skills often improve – even among those students who are struggling with their learning.

Habitual non-attendance: Where a student has 5 or more absences for any reason in a term (average of 12 days per fortnight)

Chronic non-attendance: Where a student is absent for 10 days or more in a term for any reason (average of 1 day per week).

EDPS EXPECTATIONS

The EDPS whole school expectations support and underpin the School values. These expectations are for staff, students, families and visitors to our school.

Movement

We use mindful movement by walking through the school safely, quietly and respectfully.

Communication

We communicate with friendly words and safe bodies.

Learning

We actively participate, embrace challenge and take pride in our learning.

Pride

We show pride towards ourselves, our school, all property and each other.

PARKING



When parking around the perimeter of the school please be aware of signage regarding restrictions. Local Councils do monitor schools and will allocate infringement notices when required.

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BELL TIMES

8:50am START OF SCHOOL DAY

8:50am – 9am Class Connection

9am – 9:50am lesson 1

**healthy snack time to be scheduled around
10:30am for all classes**

9:50am – 10:40am lesson 2

10:40am – 11:30am lesson 3

11:30am – 11:40am LUNCH EATING TIME

11:40am – 12:10pm LUNCH PLAY TIME

12:10pm – 1pm lesson 4

1pm – 1:50pm lesson 5

1:50pm – 2:10pm RECESS PLAY

2:10pm – 3pm lesson 6

3pm END OF SCHOOL DAY

PLAYFORD COMMUNITY NEW



The Healthy Food Co. provides low-cost nutritional food products and grocery items to the whole community at reasonable prices.

We are a volunteer run service and have been serving our community since 1996. We offer Easy Meal kits that feed a family of 4 for under \$14.50 per kit.

Healthy Food Co. is also on [Facebook](#), where you can watch videos, discover new recipes and engage with others in our thriving community.

CAUGHT BEING KIND AWARDS

Nick- Giving his friend his spare hat so he could play outside.

Delilah- for making a peer feel comfortable in the school yard by letting them play with her.

Huldana- for helping to tidy the Library during lunch play.

Mac- for giving a dysregulated peer his sensory toy to calm them.

Brooklyn- for helping a friend pick up their orange peel off the floor.

Ibadat- for finding money on the floor and returning it to the owner.

All other students who were given Caught Being Kind Awards earn a Spirit Point for their House Team



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World Kindness Day
Wed, 13 Nov 2024

WELLBEING TEAM



Marni Waiendi

Our Marni Waiendi facility engages with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and provides assistance, support and advocacy to increase the participation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in programs across the City of Playford. The facility also provides a culturally appropriate Aboriginal transitions centre to provide services to Indigenous community members with information and referrals to assist access to a range of mainstream and Indigenous specific services.

Contact Details and Location

For further information contact Marni Waiendi on [8256 0145](tel:82560145)

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EDPS VALUES

AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Values Awards for their classes.



EXPECTATIONS



DIVERSITY



PERSEVERANCE



SUPPORTIVE

Room 1 Harrison S & Marley

Room 2 Lillyanna & Delilah

Room 3 Stephano & Brooklyn

Room 8 Abigail J Mc & Cameron

Room 9 Aruma & Fenehance

Room 10 Kevin I & Elisha

Room 11 Pacaline & Bisimwa

Room 12 Amelia Rose &

Room 13 Vinicius & Dalia

Room 15 Jerry & Tallarah

Room 18 Basimise & Bailey

Room 19 Heath & Genesis

Room 20 Hosea & Corey

Room 21 Sara & Gloire

Room 22 Ethan & Ali Sina

Room 23 Divij & Micaela

Room 25 Seth & Matilda



Treatment

The two most common methods used for the treatment of head lice are chemical treatment and wet combing method:

Outbreaks can be minimised if parents and guardians regularly check children for head lice and follow the recommended treatment methods if active lice are found.

Responsibility

Parents and guardians are responsible for checking and treating children for head lice. Pre-schools, schools and child care centers are not. School and child care center staff are responsible for informing parents and guardians of cases or suspected cases of head lice.

Checking for head lice and nits

Check everyone in the household for head lice weekly, or daily during an outbreak. The wet combing technique is a reliable method of checking for head lice, as the conditioner makes lice easier to detect. If head lice are detected, start treatment using the preferred method. If only nits are found, chemical treatment is not required but wet combing may be done.

> Chemical treatments use pediculicides, which kill head lice and some nits.

> Wet combing involves saturating the hair and scalp with a conditioner to stun the lice, making it easier to comb the lice and nits out of the hair.

No treatment kills all nits, so the **hair must be retreated after 7 to 10 days** to kill any head lice that may have hatched from nits that survived the first treatment. Only use treatments made specifically for removing head lice. Do not use a hair dryer after applying a treatment, as the heat can destroy the active ingredient.



Please join our Elizabeth Downs Facebook page to stay up to date with school events such as excursion dates, SAPSASA, choir, class learning and updates about Buddy



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