



Eltham  
High School



**Community  
News**

TERM 4 / WEEK 11  
Tuesday, 15 December 2015

## \* DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 28 - Friday, 31 December:  
Blood Bank

2016

Tuesday, 2 February:  
Student Photo Day

Wednesday, 3 February:  
Year 7 Watermarc

Year 12 Pathways/Education Day @  
RMIT

Wednesday, 10 February:  
Year 7 Instrumental Evening

Friday, 12 February:  
Photo Catch -up Day

Sunday, 21 February:  
Working Bee

**End of Term 4**  
**Thursday, 17 December: 2.30pm**

**Term 1 2016**  
**Year 7, 11 & 12: Thursday, 28 January**  
**Whole School: Friday, 29 January**

## // PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Student Achievement

#### Year 12 Results:

Congratulations to all the Year 12 students on their results. My congratulations are extended also to the students who completed their final year of VCAL and are already working in their chosen pathway.

There was excitement amongst the class of 2015 as they received the long awaited outcomes of their efforts. I particularly congratulate **Kate Glynatsis** (Year 12, **Stewart House**) on achieving the top ATAR ranking amongst the cohort.

Generally students were happy with their results, but of course as always, amongst them are a few students who did work very hard and their effort was not rewarded in the ATAR ranking that they received. To these students I wish to say that you are not a number, there is more to you than this. You are vibrant, resilient and wonderful human beings who will achieve your dream if you do not give up. The staff at the school are here to support you to refocus and to reconsider your pathway and the strategy to get you to where you want to go. It may take a little longer but with continued hard work, commitment and persistence you will get there.

From speaking to the students, I know that they will be heading off in a range of different paths from Music studies through to Arts studies, Business, Science etc. I will report on these pathways in more detail early in 2016.

Irrespective of where they are going, I wish the class of 2015 all the very best with their future and hope that they have prosperous and fulfilling days ahead of them.

#### Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup:

I congratulate all the teams that participated in the Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup. It was a great effort from all involved. I thank all the coaches and the team managers. They have been phenomenal in supporting our young people to achieve their very best. I congratulate Greg Thomas for his leadership and thank him for his ongoing commitment to the program.

#### Carol's by Candlelight:

Congratulations to **Madeline Nelson** (Year 11, **Everard House**) who, as a member of the Australian Girls' Choir, has been selected into the Senior Leadership Team for 2016.

Madeline will perform at Carols by Candlelight at the Myer Music Bowl on Christmas Eve alongside the 'well known' greats of this event. All the very best to Madeline over these next two weeks and beyond as she continues to engage in the exciting opportunities offered to her through the choir.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2015

#### Wed 16

- EHS Community Choir Rehearsal (7.30pm - 9.00pm)
- School Council Meeting (7.00pm - 9.30pm)

#### Thurs 17

- End of Term 4: 2.30pm

#### Mon 28

- Blood Bank (Mon 28 - Fri 31)

### JANUARY 2016

#### Wed 27

- EHS Community Choir Rehearsal (7.30pm - 9.00pm)

#### Thurs 28

- Year 7, 11 & 12 Students

#### Fri 29

- Whole School

### FEBRUARY 2016

#### Tues 2

- Student Photo Day

#### Wed 3

- Year 7 Watermarc
- Year 12 Pathways/Education Day @ RMIT
- EHS Community Choir Rehearsal (7.30pm - 9.00pm)

#### Sun 7

- Black Saturday Anniversary

#### Wed 10

- Year 7 Instrumental Evening: 7.00pm

#### Fri 12

- Photo Catch-Up Day

#### Sun 21

- Working Bee

## Season's Greetings

Since this is the last edition of the Community Newsletter for 2015, I take this opportunity to wish all members of our community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

I wish to thank all the students for their ongoing commitment to our school and their learning. I thank the parents for your ongoing support and I thank the staff for their ongoing professionalism and for the care that they provide for all our students, both within the academic and extra-curricular arenas.

I thank the Eltham High School Council for the work it does in supporting the various programs and initiatives that run for the benefit of our students and their learning. I also thank the members of the School Council for their ongoing support of me in my role of Principal of this dynamic learning community.

Finally, I thank all members of our community for the fantastic support that you continue to provide to our school and I want to assure you that it is very much appreciated.

## 2016 School Year

The 2016 School Year will begin in late January:

- Teachers will return on **Wednesday, 27 January**
- Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 students will return on **Thursday, 28 January**. (Year 10 students who are undertaking an enhancement subject are expected to be in attendance on the 28 January if they have a class on this day and only during the period of the class).
- The Whole School will be in attendance on **Friday, 29 January**.

I look forward to working with you all in 2016

All the best!

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**VINCENT SICARI, Principal**

**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: Wednesday  
Location: Room 142  
Time: Lunchtime

*Ashlea Oates*  
*English/Integration Studies Teacher*

**IT Support - Year 7**

Get to know your surface Pro 3

When: Wednesday  
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: Wednesday  
Location: Room 142  
Time: Lunchtime

*Ashlea Oates*  
*English/Integration Studies Teacher*

**// MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Morph Program and End of Term Picnic**

Year 8 students are currently participating in the Morph Program. This program embodies the skills and principles of Year 7 Inquiry Learning program into a unit of work specifically designed as our end of year program. This program runs from Monday, 7 December through to Wednesday, 16 December.

On Thursday, 17 December all Year 8 students will attend a picnic (with BBQ lunch provided) at Alistair Knox Park. Please be aware that attendance at these activities is not optional. **All Year 8 students are required to attend school until dismissal at 2.30pm on Thursday, 17 December.**

**Middle School Key Dates**

<b>YEAR 8</b>	
Monday, 7 December - Wednesday, 16 December	Year 8 Morph program
Wednesday, 16 December	All lockers emptied and locks to be removed
Thursday, 17 December	Middle School Picnic - last day for Year 8 students; finish 2.30pm
<b>YEAR 9</b>	
Monday, 7 December - Friday, 11 December	Year 9 Work Experience (week one)
Monday, 14 December - Friday 18, December	Work Experience (week two)

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**ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Leader**

**ELTHAM HS CLUBS**  
**WHY NOT GET INVOLVED!**

**Drama**

When: Tuesday (Junior)  
Thursday (Senior)  
Location: 111 Drama Space  
Time: 3.30pm – 5.00pm

*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

*Leanne Ipsen*  
*Debating Coordinator*

**Manga & Anime Club**

When: Thursday  
Location: Room 156  
Time: Lunchtime

*Ute Leiner*  
*Art*

**Photography, Visual Design & Creativity Club**

When: Thursday  
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*

// **CAREERS**

**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.

**General**

**Austin Health Placements 2016 (Year 10 - 12):**

Applications are now open for 2016 and the form can be accessed at <http://www.austin.org.au/HR/Workexperience/>.

The completed form needs to be returned to the Careers Office for processing. You will then go into the pool of applicants and the Banyule /Nillumbik Learning Network will coordinate allocation of places.

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**ROSS PRINGLE, Careers/Pathways**

// **EHS SWIM SQUAD**

**EHS Swim Squad Lap-a-thon: Christmas Wish Giving Tree**

Earlier this term, the EHS swim squad swam as many laps as they could in one hour to raise money to purchase presents that will be donated to the Nillumbik Shire Christmas Wish Giving Tree. They managed to raise around \$2400. 18 swim squad members then took a trip to the shops to buy the presents. There were 6 groups, and each one was given an age group to buy for and \$300 to spend in 40 minutes. The presents were then brought back to school and placed near the main office. They will soon be picked up to be combined with hampers from the Lions Club and distributed amongst less fortunate families to celebrate Christmas together. Thank you to all supporters and those who donated.



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**By Ella Dickinson, Year 8 Stewart House**

## // MUSICAL NOTES

The success of our program is largely due to the dedication and trust demonstrated by the students who have supported the ensemble directors throughout every rehearsal and performance. Our Music staff are highly skilled educators that have the ability to inspire our students to achieve far beyond what they believe is possible. I would like to thank all the Music staff whose expertise, care and commitment to the students is an inspiration to us all. I would also like to thank our Music Secretary, Jane Nicholson, for all of her work behind the scene to ensure that the administration of the program supports our staff and students.

Thank you to our students, the parents and the hardworking members of the Friends of Music for their assistance throughout the year. Thank you also to the school staff who put up their hands to assist at concerts, excursions, and of course our Music students. Through their commitment to the Music program our students learn how to play their instrument and be a member of a large ensemble, whilst juggling lessons and rehearsals during their school day, so that we can experience the pleasure and pride of listening to them perform to such an outstanding level of musicianship.

Congratulations to all for an extremely successful year.

### **Year 7 (2016) – Instrumental Music Program Intention Form 2016**

Please return the expression of interest form, which was handed out to students on Orientation Day, by no later than Friday 29 January, 2016 (before Christmas would be appreciated). This indicates that you would like the opportunity to try a range of instruments and does not commit you to any fees associated. Once we have your expression of interest form we will have all of these students sit a timbre test so that we can suggest the instruments that would best suit your child. There will be a Year 7 Instrument Tryout Night on Wednesday 10 February, 2016. Full details will be provided in Term 1, 2016.

### **Second Hand Instrument Register**

If you are considering selling your instrument, we will be running a second hand instrument register. The second hand instrument register process is open now and will close on Wednesday 10 February, 2016. It costs \$10.00 to place your instrument on the register.

Please contact Jane in the Music Office and she will arrange for the appropriate instrumental teacher to assess the instrument and advise of any repairs that need to be undertaken and its second hand value. **All instruments must be serviced before they can be placed on the register. Please bring the instruments in for assessment during Term 4, 2015.**

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](mailto:nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

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**RICK PLUMMER, Music Director**

**PARENT  
INFORMATION**

**Compass Parent Portal**

Log into for Information on:

- Delay in Year 9 XT3 Laptop Collection
- Finalisation of Dell TX3 Lease & Laptop Options for Year 10 Students in 2016
- Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans Competition
- Laptop Options for the Year 12 Students in 2016
- 2016 Rock 2 Top
- Year 12 Jumpers: 2016

**School Term Dates**

**2015**

TERM 4:

Finishes: Thursday, 17 December:  
2.30pm

**2016**

TERM 1:

Starts:

Year 7, 11 & 12: Thursday, 28 January  
All School: Friday, 29 January

**// PARENT AND CARERS**

**Cashier: Last Day for Receipting 2015**

Please note the school cashier will be closed from 4.00pm on Thursday, 17 December 2015 and will reopen on Thursday, 28 January 2016.

Can families please finalise all outstanding 2015 payments prior to this time.

Please note that families can continue to use the school BPAY system at any time during the holiday period. If you do use this system please email [accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au) to advise how you would like your payment/s allocated.

**PAULA HOGAN, School Cashier**

**First Aid**

**Whooping Cough:**

Please be advised that one of our students has recently been diagnosed with Whooping Cough.

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a serious, contagious, respiratory infection caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*. The disease begins like a cold and then the characteristic cough develops. This cough may last up to three months, even after antibiotic treatment is completed and the person is no longer infectious.

Whooping cough begins with symptoms similar to those of a cold. These can rapidly progress to include:

- severe cough – occurs in bouts
- characteristic 'whooping' sound on inhalation
- vomiting at the end of a bout of coughing
- apnoea – the child stops breathing for periods of time and may go blue.

These symptoms may be associated with poor appetite, fatigue and dehydration. The person may appear normal between bouts of coughing. During the recovery, the cough gradually decreases, but can last up to three months.

Please see your GP where necessary.

**MARNIE WADSWORTH, First Aid Officer**

**Eltham High School Volleyball**

**Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup:**

Congratulations to all students that took part in this year's Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup. I would like to thank all the coaches and managers who spent many hours above and beyond the call of duty to allow students to take part in this event.

Special congratulations to our Year 7 teams, with all four teams playing off for a medal.

Final placing was as follows:

TEAMS	RESULTS
Under 14 Boys Division 1	Silver
Under 14 Girls Division 1	4th
Under 14 Boys Division 2	Bronze
Under 14 Girls Division 2	Bronze
Under 15 Boys Honours	8th
Under 15 Girls Honours	9th
Under 15 Boys Division 2	10th
Under 15 Girls Division 2	14th
Under 15 Girls Division 3	6th
Under 16 Boys Honours	8th
Under 16 Girls Honours	6th
U/16 Girls Division 3	11th
Under 17 Boys Division 2	10th
Open Boys Honours	7th
Open Girls Honours	12th

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](mailto:tho@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

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**GREG THOMAS, Volleyball/Elite Sports Coordinator**



## // STUDENT SERVICES

### **Pride March 2016**

Join Safe Schools Coalition Victoria and Minus18 as we bring together young people from all across the state for the annual Pride march. Pride is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate gender diversity and sexual diversity and to come together as a community to challenge discrimination. This year we're aiming to be the biggest and loudest contingent on the march!

#### **Sunday 31st January 2016**

**Meet from 1pm** (for a 2pm march) at the corner of Fitzroy Street and Lakeside Drive, St Kilda

FREE t-shirts will be available for students and young people joining our group – come early to avoid disappointment!

For further information please contact Roz from Safe Schools Coalition Victoria on [r.ward@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:r.ward@latrobe.edu.au) or (03) 9479 8738.

Can't wait to see you there.



**Roz Ward**

**Manager and Co-founder**

**Safe Schools Coalition Victoria**

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## Community Announcements

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### ***Food For Families Appeal 'Tis the Season to be Giving'***

We live in such a wonderful giving community with many schools, individual groups and clubs collecting for various appeals leading up to Christmas !

We're calling on you to help families in need in by filling a collection box with donations of non-perishable food and toiletries in the lead-up to Christmas.

Give a little. Change a lot.

Your donations go directly to individuals and families experiencing crisis, providing nutritious food and household essentials at Christmas time and all through 2016.

Vicki Ward MP Member for Eltham has opened her electorate office doors to become a drop off point for the following appeals; Wesley Food for families appeal, Diamond Valley Foodshare and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

The goods can be dropped off at the Vicki Ward Electorate Office at 718 Main Road Eltham between 9-5pm Monday to Friday and 9-12 on Saturdays.

For any other details regarding the appeals visit:

<https://wesley.org.au/home/food-for-families-appeal/you-can-make-a-difference-for-families-in-need/>

<https://www.givenow.com.au/diamondvalleyfoodshare>

# Community Announcements

<h2>FREE YOUTH WORKSHOPS</h2> <p>At Shop 48, The Mall, West Heidelberg Thursday's 3:30-5pm</p>		
<p><b>DREAM OUT LOUD</b> Make your own beautiful dream catcher or make a statement with a vision board to take home with you.</p> <hr/> <p>26/11</p>	<p><b>JETS PRESENTS ELECTRONIC MUSIC WITHOUT COMPUTERS</b> Come and try Jets' awesome electronic instruments at Shop 48.</p> <hr/> <p>03/12</p>	
<p><b>JETS PRESENTS ELECTRONIC MUSIC WITHOUT COMPUTERS</b> Come and try Jets' awesome electronic instruments at Shop 48.</p> <hr/> <p>10/12</p>		<p><b>COLOUR ME</b> We will be doing henna, makeup &amp; colour matching and mindful colouring.</p> <hr/> <p>17/12</p>
	<p><b>CREATED BY ME</b> Learn how to make your own beads to create gorgeous jewellery you can take home.</p> <hr/> <p>21/01</p>	<p><b>GIRLS ONLY</b> Come down and have a chat about girls stuff, there will be free activities to try also.</p> <hr/> <p>28/01</p>

For more info call Banyule Youth Service on 9457 9855.





# Connect, Grow, Eat, Enjoy!



Sign up to be a grower and celebrate the summer harvest at the Home Harvest Feast on 28 February 2016.



We are looking for volunteers to grow and supply the produce for this harvest feast.

No matter your level of experience or how green your fingers are, everyone is invited to take part and get growing and plenty of advice and support will be provided to all.

In return for your efforts, you will get to enjoy the fruits of your labour at the Home Harvest Feast, where trained chefs will turn the harvest into a feast of culinary delight!

## **Interested? Of course you are!**

Sign up as a grower and find out more about Harvest Month at [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/homeharvest](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/homeharvest)



# Community Announcements



## BreakThrough: Ice Education for Families

"Too many families are dealing with the devastating effects of ice. This innovative education program will provide them with the knowledge and skills to look after themselves and support their loved ones through treatment."

Minister for Mental Health, Martin Foley

Turning Point, Self Help Addiction Resource Centre (SHARC) and The Bouverie Centre are pleased to announce the rollout of their Ice Education program, BreakThrough, which will be delivered to more than 1000 Victorians before July 2016.

The first workshops begin this week so for information on workshops in your area and the registration process visit <http://eepurl.com/bGLR8r>

Please contact Turning Point for further information at [www.turningpoint.org.au/education/breakthrough](http://www.turningpoint.org.au/education/breakthrough) or call 1800 ICE ADVICE, Family Drug Helpline 1300 660 068

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