



PARENT BULLETIN

June 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

OUR P&C - A CRUCIAL GROUP!

P&C's are an important group within any school and ours is no exception. The Elderslie High School P&C meets Tuesday Week 3 and Week 7 of each Term at 7pm in the library. This group is a vital component of our school community. Meetings promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, students and teaching staff into close cooperation. Each meeting agenda includes an update from the principal and deputy principals, Student Representative Council and a presentation from one of the schools teaching faculties. Through fundraising the P&C raises funds to support programs and purchasing of educational resources, for example, in 2016, the P&C purchased a "View From the 32nd Floor" for every Year 7 student as part of our Literacy initiative and this year the P&C have purchased a 90" TV located in the library.

I wanted to let our school community know how wonderful our very small but supportive P&C is and without them we would not have a parent voice contributing to school decisions and future directions. It does concern me however, that more parents are not attending the P&C meetings. P&C meetings are for parents and the community - a time where parents are given a school update and where they can contribute to key discussions and decision-making. I would like to encourage parents to attend our P&C meetings. So please join us on Tuesday 6 June 2017 and bring along any questions.

CYBERSAFETY

Elderslie High School continues to support our students to understand

the importance of safe practices when using the Internet and social media. A number of strategies the school has implemented include a social media policy; a mobile phone and Internet use policy that every student signs on enrolment; school police liaison officer talks; presentations by community organisations; positive behaviour for learning (PBL) lessons on mobile phone use and cyberbullying; year group meetings; and written information provided to students and parents.

It is clear that social media is a part of most of the lives of our students. If I had to guess about how many of our students used, some form of social media I would say well over 90% and probably a similar number would have a profile on a social networking site. Whilst there may be plenty of good things about social media there are also some dangers, as teenagers do not always make the best choices when it comes to posting something to a social media site, and often share more online than they should. It is also evident that what is "posted" on social media can lead to further problems.

I strongly encourage parents to work with us in supporting your child to use social media appropriately, especially since most activity on social media occurs outside school hours. Specifically we have informed students to:

- Not post photos or videos of themselves online,
- Not use their real names,
- Not reveal their birthdates or interests,
- Not post their school name, and

Upcoming Events

6 June	UOW Visit 1pm
6 June	P&C Meeting 7pm
6 June	Touch Football Open KO
7 June	Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening
7 June	Yr 8 Subject Selection Assem
8 June	U-Turn the Wheel Year 11
9 June	HSC Business Studies
13-15 Jun	CHS Lawn Bowls
14 June	Hockey KO Boys
14 June	Yr 11 Geography Excursion
15 June	SSW Cross Country
20 June	Dance Transition Rehearsal
20 June	Open Netball KO
20 June	G&T Workshops
22 June	Yr 10 Cheap Thrills Presents
22 June	Yr 8 STEM Showcase
23 June	Primary School GALA Day
26 June	Yr 7-12 Parent Teacher Night
27-28 Jun	Zone Athletics
29 June	NAIDOC Week Assembly
29 June	White Card Course
3 -17 July	School Holidays
18 July	Students Return
18 July	Trail HSC Starts
21 July	State Cross Country
25 July	Dance Transition Rehearsal
25 July	Vocal Transition Program

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- Not post the suburb where they live.

We continue to inform students that photos, videos, and comments made online usually can't be taken back once they are posted. Even after a teenager thinks that something has been deleted, it can be impossible to completely erase it from the Internet. Posting an inappropriate photo or comments can damage someone's reputation in ways that may cause problems in later years — such as when a potential employer does a background check.

Let's work together to keep our students safe when online.

ZONTA AWARD

Congratulations to Georgia Eggert, Year 12, who was successful in gaining the ZONTA Achievement Award for a Young Indigenous Woman, displaying leadership and initiative. Georgia was one of many nominees from across NSW and ACT and she was selected as the most outstanding Aboriginal student leader. Georgia will be presented with her award at a Zonta District 24 event later in the year.

NEW DEPT OF EDUCATION FINANCE SYSTEM TO COMMENCE IN JULY

In previous editions of the Parent Bulletin, we have provided families with information about our upcoming transition to a new finance system. Elderslie High School will go "live" in July so whilst we are not anticipating any major issues there may however be some unexpected delays or interruptions. We appreciate your support and understanding whilst we transition to this new platform.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SKOOLBAG APP

Approximately 80% of our community has downloaded our Skoolbag App. The app is one part of our commitment to improving communication between school and home. The facility allows parents to keep abreast of what is happening at the school and alerts are sent in relation to a number of events eg meeting reminders, excursion updates or publications distributed.

SCHOOL MUSICAL – SOUND OF MUSIC

I hope to see many of our students and families at our upcoming school musical performances. The musical involves many students (actors, dancers, singers, orchestra, and back stage crew) and I know that they would appreciate having a large audience when they are performing. So if you can spare the time I know you will enjoy the performance. The P&C will be serving refreshments on each evening.

M Fawcett, Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 7,9 & 11)

P&C Fundraising & Donations

As mentioned by Mrs Fawcett, our Parents and Citizens Association is a small but very committed group of parents who conduct a number of events throughout the year to raise funds for our school. Barbecues are commonly held at school Creative and Performing Arts Evenings and a Bunnings Barbecue is scheduled for Sunday, 18 June. If any parents are available to assist with these events, it would very much be appreciated.

Another way parents can help, especially if they are unable to attend, is by donating a box of soft drink cans for sale at barbecues. These can be dropped off to the school at any time and certainly assist to make our profit margin greater, meaning that more funds can be utilised within the school for programs that directly benefit the students. We would also love to know if there are any families out there who are connected with a bakery or butcher who might be willing to donate sausages or bread rolls. Please contact the school if you would like to help.

Uniform

The vast majority of our students wear our uniform with pride at all times. At Elderslie High School, student uniforms are checked daily during roll call and students are followed up if they are not wearing our uniform. As the weather gets colder, we appreciate all families can check if their children are well equipped with correct jumpers and jackets. Black, all leather shoes are also an essential component of our uniform and should not feature any white trimmings.

Year 11 Elevate Program

Did you know that Elderslie High School runs an extension program for Year 11 students? This program is held every Thursday at lunchtime in Room 21 and involves a range of staff who present pivotal workshops to support student study habits and insight into HSC success. The Elevate program is open to all Year 11 students and is just the sort of thing that can make a difference to students in their endeavours as seniors. We encourage all year 11 students to consider attending. The next few workshop themes are listed below.

Week 7 – Stress Management

Week 8 – Applying for Scholarships

Week 10 – Career Directions/Holiday Study Programs

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)

Year 8 and 10 Subject Selection

The school will be holding a Year 8 Subject Assembly and a Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Night on 7th June 2017. Students in both year groups will be issued with a subject selection booklet with information about each course offered and how to complete the online selection process.

Year 8 will receive their booklet during the Subject Assembly (held during the day at school). Year 8 parents are not required to attend the school, however, they will need to read the booklet with their child at home.

Year 10 will be issued with their booklet at the Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Night. It is expected that parents will attend the Year 10 into 11 evening with their child, as there is important information that needs to be communicated about the Higher School Certificate.

If students are unsure about subjects, they will need to speak to a teacher from the relevant faculty before completing their choices. It is essential that students print out their selections, have it signed by their parents and return it to the Student Admin office by 21st June 2017.

Mobile Phone Use

Every year we have our Police School Liaison Officer speak to students about the appropriate use of phones and a great deal of time is spent working with students to remind them when they have not used their phones responsibly.

Parents and students are reminded that sending or receiving child abuse material is a **crime**. Therefore, it is important that parents monitor their child's phone usage and support the school's policies. A parent information sheet was sent through the Skoolbag App in Week 5 of this term, please access this information and have a discussion with your child about responsible phone usage.

Parent Teacher Night

Teachers have been busily writing student reports over the last few weeks, Year 7-11 reports will be issued to students on Wednesday 21st June and the Parent Teacher Night for 7-12 is on Monday 26th June. Information on how to book appointments will be on the school website and distributed through the Skoolbag App from 13th June. All parents are welcome to come along and meet their child's teachers. It is also a good idea to have your child accompany you so that they can listen to the teacher's feedback about their academic progress.

Aboriginal Education

Recently, Mrs Jeffries and I met with some representatives from Western Sydney University to provide Year 8 indigenous students with the opportunity to join the Pathways to Dreaming Program. This program provides mentoring for students once a month and there is an excursion to the University every term. During the program students will have the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of culture as well as learning about further education beyond high school.

Mr Mani will be taking our students interested in Public Speaking to Parliament House again this year to participate in the Speak Up Competition which we won last year. Fingers crossed for a similar result and thanks to Mr Mani who assists students in writing their speeches and coordinates the excursions.

During Week 5 our senior students met with a representative from Western Sydney University to learn about alternative entry into university. All of our students will be sitting some tests in June as part of this process. At least two students who had not considered a university education are now considering courses for 2018.

Our annual NAIDOC week assembly will be held on Thursday 29th June. All parents are welcome to attend this assembly which will be followed by a morning tea. Further details about this will be distributed through the school website and Skoolbag App closer to the date.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) Message

The PBL Team have been working hard to develop engaging lessons for Term 2.

Term 2 lessons held during DEAR have/will cover the following areas:

- Week 3: Equality Day. This lesson took place in the lead up to the mufti day for Equality Day in week 4, in support of equality for all regardless of gender identity, cultural background, religious affiliation, etc.
- Week 6: Right Place Right Time. This lesson will encourage students to be at the right place at the right time, for example going to their next class promptly at the signal of the bell; remaining in-bounds during lunch and recess.
- Week 9: Positive By-Standing. This lesson will place some responsibility on students to encourage positive behaviour for their peers. This could include encouraging their peers to keep their phone in their bag, following teacher instruction, and not engaging in disruptive behaviour.

PBL lessons are designed to reiterate reflective, responsible, and respectful behaviour in order to promote a cohesive, safe and friendly environment in the school and wider community.

Ms H. Jan, PBL Communications Officer

Careers News

Congratulations to the 28 Year 12 students who gained their RSA qualifications this week.

Our third White Card course is running on Thursday 29 June at school. Please see me in Careers for a permission note and more details.

Twenty of our Year 10 students have been attending TAFE this term as part of a Youth Employment Strategy we have been fortunate enough to be included in. They are thoroughly enjoying the experience which has included hands on activities and a chance to learn in an adult learning environment.

All Year 10 students are in the process of being interviewed as part of their Subject Selection process and

preparation. The interviews will be followed by a visit from the University of Wollongong on Tuesday 6 June, Subject Selection Evening on 7 June and a Careers Day at school on Thursday 8 June.



Year 11 girls will participate in the second stage of their Careers program by attending an ENID (Empowerment of Girls) workshop on Monday 29 May.

Year 12 students are invited and encouraged to attend our Tuesday Career talks in the library at 12.15pm. On Tuesday 6 June representatives from the University of Wollongong will be visiting. On 20 June, representatives from Western Sydney University will be speaking. On 27 June students will be given information on Teaching scholarships and opportunities.

I hope to see your child in the Careers office soon.

B Mac Mahon & H Rouen (Careers); & R Whitfield (Teacher Senior Studies)

P&C NEWS

The P&C has a BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 18 June 2017 and we are looking for support by the way of donation of cartons of soft drink to help boost profits. Also, if anyone knows of a local butcher that is willing to support the BBQ with a donation of sausages it would be greatly appreciated.

The P&C works hard to fund projects for the benefit of all students with the most recent being the purchase of a high quality inter-active screen in the library. A big thank you to the families who have already generously donated – your support is a fantastic help.

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to the Elderslie High School students who have excelled in their sporting endeavours this month.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of the students who made up the EHS Zone Cross Country team that competed on 19 May 2017. Despite a wet day, many of our students came away with a top 8 finish and as a result have qualified for the regional carnival on 15 June.

12 years girls	3 rd Imogen Nies, 7 th Jessica Rostek and 9 th Jade Van Der Saag (reserve)
12 years boys	2 nd Jy Mammoliti
13 years girls	1 st Mackenzie Court, 2 nd Bianca Chauvin
13 years boys	7 th Mitchell Van Der Saag
14 years girls	1 st Erin Wooldridge 2 nd Shae Elguindy, 4 th Erin Bloor

14 years girls	5 th Tara Middeldorp 6 th Estelle Hollinshead 10 th Kiara Bloor (reserve)
14 years boys	3 rd Rikki Boys
15 years girls	1 st Ella Wooldridge 2 nd Ellie Baer-Tomlinson 3 rd Ahlana Sklenar
16 years girls	2 nd Jenna Mcguire 3 rd Aleksandria Ilic 10 th Casey Middeldorp (reserve)
17 years girls	1 st Natasha Burke and 2 nd Hannah Wright
18 years girls	1 st Gillian Kowalick
18 years boys	9 th Christian Bono (reserve)

We wish them the best of luck as they represent EHS and the Macarthur Zone at the regional carnival.

OTHER SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

HOCKEY

Madison Logue has successfully gained selection in the SSW Open Girls Hockey Team to compete at the CHS carnival. Daniel O’Daly has qualified for the CHS Open Boys Hockey team and will also be umpiring the PSSA Hockey Championships.



TAE KWON DO

Gabriella De Nuntiis won gold in the 15 years girls Tae Kwon Do at the NSW State Championships. She also won a silver medal at the 2017 Taekwondo Open New Zealand tournament.

NETBALL

Courtney Jones and Jaime McMurdo have qualified for the SSW Open Girls Netball team.

LAWN BOWLS

Josh Lord, Brianna Smith and Rebekah Lord have all qualified for the NSW CHS Lawn Bowls Championships.

CANOEING

Maddison Lewis competed in the Freestyle Canoeing National Championships and selections for the Australian World Championships. She placed 1st in the junior women’s event. She is the Australian Junior Champion for Freestyle Canoeing, a national medallist in the Canoe Slalom and the state champion for the Down River K1, Flatwater K1 Sprints. She also received a silver medal in the C1 Flatwater, Down River Sprints, C1 and K1 Whitewater Canoe Slalom. From these excellent results, Maddison has qualified to compete in Argentina in November. We wish her all the best for this event.

BASKETBALL

Jack Armstrong has qualified for the SSW Open Boys Basketball Team.

Well done to all of our talented sportsmen and sportswomen at Elderslie High School.

Miss Duroy (PDHPE Teacher)

Parent-Family survey - Elderslie High School, Term 2 2017

Follow this link to access the survey:
Goo.gl/VW6F4Z

You're invited to take part in a survey about your child's school's approach to mental health and wellbeing.

This survey has been issued by the school leadership team, which is gathering parent and family opinions as part of the school's involvement with MindMatters, a mental health initiative for secondary schools. Your responses will help inform the school's future work on mental health.

This survey contains 28 questions and will take about 10 minutes to complete. Your responses won't identify you and will be confidential.

Got more questions? The MindMatters website has more information about this survey, or you can speak to the school leadership team.





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Concession/student	\$15.00	FRI 2nd JUNE
		SAT 3rd JUNE

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For more information.
<http://www.elderslie-schools.nsw.edu.au/>

PROPOSED CALENDAR – More detailed Calendar events can be found on our school website

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7A	5 June	6 June Musical Clean up after school UOW Visit 1pm P & C Meeting 7pm Touch Football KO Open Boys and Girls	7 June Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening Year8 Subject Selection Assembly School to Tafe Program	8 June U-Turn the Wheel Year 11 Tafe Taster Day	9 June HSC Business Studies Conference
8B	12 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	13 June Year 11/12 Catch up Vaccinations CHS Lawn Bowls	14 June Year 11 Geography Excursion School to Tafe Program CHS Lawn Bowls Hockey Boys KO	15 June SSW Cross Country CHS Lawn Bowls	16 June
9A	19 June	20 June Dance Transition Rehearsal Open Netball KO G&T Work Shop	21 June School to Tafe Program	22 June Year 10 Cheap Thrills Presentation Year 8 STEM Showcase	23 June Primary School GALA Day
10B	26 June Year 7-12 Parent Teacher Night	27 June Zone Athletics	28 June Zone Athletics	29 June NAIDOC Week Assembly White Card Course	30 June
School Holidays 3 July – 17 July					
1A	17 July Staff Development Day	18 July Students Returns Commencement of Year 12 Assessment Period for Trial HSC	19 July Trail HSC	20 July Trial HSC	21 July State Cross Country Trial HSC
2B	24 July Trial HSC	25 July Trial HSC Dance Transition Rehear Vocal Transition Program	26 July Trial HSC	27 July Trial HSC	28 July Trial HSC

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P & C MEETINGS 2017

ALL parents of students and interested members of the Elderslie community are invited to these meetings.

Our Next Meeting for 2017 will be
6 June in the Library at 7pm

6 June
1 August
29 August
24 October
21 November



BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 18 June 2017
See P&C News on page 4 for more details