



PARENT BULLETIN

JULY 2023

Upcoming Events

August 1	P & C Meeting 7pm
August 3	Year 8 Recognition Assembly
August 4	Year 7 Recognition Assembly Year 9 Recognition Assembly Year 10 Recognition Assembly

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3!

Student Successes

Just before the end of Term 2, I was thrilled to be able to attend the Seymour Centre in Sydney to watch our wonderful elective Year 10 Dance class who performed at the "In the Spotlight" Dance Festival. The Festival showcased the works of students from all over Sydney and our students did a magnificent job at a wonderful venue. A massive thank you to Mrs Grimston-Eason who choreographed the performance and provided our students with this opportunity of a lifetime.

Staffing Changes

As many parents may realise by now, Ms Martin our Deputy Principal for Years 9 and 12 is currently on long service leave. Mrs Christina Needham is currently relieving in Ms Martin's role.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Sam Ahmed as a new permanent teacher joining the Mathematics Faculty. Mr Ahmed is a very experienced teacher and will be an asset to our school.

This term, we also welcome back Ms Alicia Neil, our school's Student Support Officer. Ms Neil is returning from maternity leave on a part time basis and we look forward to the support she will be able to provide our students within the wellbeing space.

NAPLAN Results

We are expecting the arrival of Individual Student Reports from NAPLAN for students in Year 7 and 9 imminently. These results will then be dispatched to parents as soon as possible. In the last issue of Parent Bulletin, we provided an update on all the changes to NAPLAN for parents including the placement of student results against one of FOUR proficiency standards (Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs Additional Support). I have also included a Parent Information Sheet in this issue of Parent Bulletin to help guide families.

Sporting Opportunities

At Elderslie High School, we have a proud history of sporting success. This translates to a multitude of students competing an elite level including state and national level and even internationally. As a community, we understand how expensive these representative opportunities can be for families. Unfortunately, the school does not always have the capacity to fund raise on an individual level for each child who reaches these levels however there are some

community grants that families can apply for. If any parents would like to know more about this, please let me know.

Additionally, we offer a wide range of Knock Out Sports and other opportunities, many of which do require parent transportation. We understand that transporting your child to these opportunities is very hard for working parents, however it is not viable for us to always organise a bus or similar as the cost is just too extreme for a small group. We do try to accommodate parental requests for support but this is also not always possible. We thank all parents for your support with this tricky issue.

Parents & Citizens Association

Our next P&C Association meeting will be held in Week 3 on Tuesday, August 1 at 7pm. This time the meeting will be held in a face-to-face manner in the school library. The faculty presentation this month will be from Mathematics. We would love to see as many parents present as possible.

Parental Feedback on the NSW Department of Education's Draft Plan

The NSW Department of Education is developing a new plan for NSW public education. The Department wants to hear from our parents, carers, and community on this important work. The new plan for NSW public education outlines plans for the creation of an outstanding and equitable education system and uplift trust and pride in the teaching profession. It sets aspirations for every learner. Parents are invited to have their say on this important work. You can do this by visiting the Department's plan for NSW public education webpage at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/campaigns-and-initiatives/draft-plan-for-nsw-public-education.html>

On this page you will find an online engagement platform that can be used to share feedback on the plan. The platform has been designed for everyone to have their say on the plan. It will take about 10 minutes for you to share your feedback using this platform. The platform will be available until Friday 25 August 2023. All parents are encouraged to share their feedback during this period.

Kind regards,
Mrs Jenny Lawrence
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Mrs Elizabeth Siope & Mr Matthew Sambuco

Relieving DPs, Years 8 & 11

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope your children have had a happy and restful break and are ready to embark on another exciting term. As we dive into the second half of the year, we would like to extend our warmest gratitude for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.

Attendance Matters:

We are thrilled to share that we have seen a significant improvement in our students' attendance over the past year. There has been a 10% increase in the number of students attending school 90% or more of the time. Regular attendance allows students to fully engage with the curriculum, build strong relationships with their peers and teachers, and develop vital life skills that will serve them well in the future.

Year 11 Preliminary Studies:

For our Year 11 students, this term marks the final stage of their Preliminary Studies before they transition to the Higher School Certificate (HSC) year. We encourage all Year 11 students to proactively reach out to their teachers in the lead-up to their preliminary examinations if they require any additional support. Our teachers are here to assist and guide them through this critical time, ensuring they are well-prepared for their upcoming assessments.

Year 8 Subject Selection:

The time has come for our Year 8 students to consider the subjects they would like to study for Year 9. Your child will receive information regarding these selections in the coming weeks. This is an essential decision that sets the path for their educational journey. We encourage you to have open and meaningful discussions with your child about their interests, strengths, and goals. Here are some points to consider when selecting subjects:

- **Interest and Passion:** Encourage your child to choose subjects they are genuinely interested in and passionate about. A subject they enjoy will motivate them to excel and explore the topic further.
- **Future Aspirations:** Discuss your child's career aspirations and how certain subjects might align with their future goals. Choosing subjects that support their career path can be highly beneficial.
- **Teacher Guidance:** Encourage your child to speak with their current teachers about the subjects they are considering. Teachers can offer valuable insights into the content, workload, and expectations of each subject.
- **Avoid Peer Pressure:** Advise your child not to choose subjects based on what their friends are selecting. Each student's interests and abilities are unique, and it's crucial to choose subjects that align with their individual strengths and aspirations.

At our school, we strive to provide a well-rounded and supportive environment that fosters the growth of each student. Should you have any questions or need assistance with subject selection or any other matter, please don't hesitate to reach out to our teaching staff or school administration.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we can help each student achieve their fullest potential and become successful lifelong learners.

Mrs Siope and Mr Sambuco
Relieving Deputy Principals
Years 8 & 11

Mrs Christina Needham

Relieving DP, Years 9 and 12

I am excited to introduce myself as the relieving Deputy Principal for Year 9 and 12 over the next four weeks. As our students start Semester Two, I would like to take this opportunity to remind our learning community about the importance of school attendance, active engagement in learning opportunities and our school values of respect, responsible and reflective, essential for student growth and success.

Year 9

This term our Year 9 students will engage in a variety of wellbeing focussed initiatives. In Week 2, all students will have the opportunity to attend the 'Empower Power' presentation delivered in the school hall. This presentation will be delivered by Daniel Merza, who is a Leadership and Wellbeing Specialist and author of resilience focussed book 'Get the Monkeys Off Your Back'. This interactive presentation will cover the concepts of coping strategies, growth mindset, mental health and resilience. Our Year 9 students are encouraged to actively engage in this presentation and utilise the strategies provided to support them as young adults.

The Year 9 Advisory Team look forward to celebrating the achievement of our Year 9 cohort during Education Week with a Recognition Assembly. The assembly will take place on Friday, Week 3, at Period 1 (9 – 10am) and we would like to see as many families there as possible.

Year 12

Our Year 12 students have had an optimistic start to their final term at Elderslie High School. Following the completion of the Trial HSC period, our students have been receiving their examination results over the last few days. I encourage our students to use this period effectively, by reflecting on the content and skills where they have demonstrated strengths and areas for improvement in each of their subjects. In addition, students should continue to engage in a regular pattern of study by making use of the Edrolo platform and practising their examination technique by completing past papers in the lead up to the HSC period. These past papers accessible via the NESA website. [HSC exam papers | NSW Education Standards](#)

In Week 3 of this term, a panel consisting of the Year 12 Advisory Team, will meet with students who are at risk of not meeting HSC requirements in terms of attendance and not completing course work or assessment tasks. In the meetings, we will clearly communicate to the students any N-Warnings they have received, and we will go over the work that is required to be completed for the N-Warning to be cleared. In addition to this we will provide support by helping the students to plan their time effectively and organise additional assistance if it is needed. I will then contact all families of these students so that we can continue to work together so that the students at risk have every opportunity to meet HSC requirements.

The Year 12 Advisory Team and school community look forward to celebrating our Year 12 students this term. This will be an exciting and memorable time for our students, and I wish them a very positive, productive and purposeful term ahead.

Mrs Needham
Relieving Deputy Principal
Years 9 & 12

Mrs Joanne Amos

DP, Years 7 & 10

Year 7

At the time of writing, our Year 7 students are looking forward to attending their camp at the YMCA Yarramundi, Richmond site. We know the students will enjoy the opportunities to challenge themselves in Archery, Giant Swing, Flying Fox, High Ropes and Orienteering while developing their problem solving and team working skills. In our next issue of the Parent Bulletin, we will be able to give you a more detailed account of their experiences.

Year 10

We held our Year 10 Subject Selection Evening at the end of Term 2. This evening was very well attended by our students and parents. We hope students were able to discuss their choices with the staff who attended and have made the best selections that will lead them towards the futures they want. The subject selection forms have now been submitted. Parents should ensure that their child has returned their choices sheet which has been signed by them to the front office.

School Uniform

Students are regularly reminded to wear the correct school uniform. With the cooler weather students need to dress to keep warm by wearing layers of the school uniform and under no circumstances are hoodies permitted. Our school policy if a student is out of uniform is to swap it with a piece of clothing from a clothing pool if a suitable item is available. Students are required to comply with this procedure, as it fosters a positive school

learning environment. If your child has grown out of their uniform, new items can be purchased from our school uniform shop or online.

Mrs Joanne Amos
Deputy Principal
Years 7 & 10

Senior Student Leadership News

The Senior Leadership Team would like to thank the students, parents, staff and wider community of Elderslie High School for their support and generosity towards their recent initiative. On Thursday 8th June, the school took part in the World's Greatest Shave initiative for the Leukaemia Foundation of Australia. Our blood is an amazing thing, but more than 135,000 people in Australia are living with devastating impact of blood cancer and it is one of the biggest causes of cancer death. The Leukaemia Foundation has a big goal to make sure zero lives are lost to blood cancer by 2035. The team decided to raise money via online donations and held a mufti day as well as a very successful bake sale on the day. A special mention goes to Issac Rix, Jesse Webber, Anthony Heather and Kristina Hanson (all from Year 8) who took part in raising donations and shaving their hair on the day. They were also joined by Mr Webb and Mr Mani who proved to be crowd favourites in front of a large audience. Collectively, the Senior Leadership Team raised a total of \$3843.60 with all funds being donated directly to the Leukaemia Foundation.

During Term 3, the team will assist in collaboration with other parts of the school towards the National Day of Action Against Bullying in Week 4. They have already commenced planning towards their big initiative of the term which will be for the Butterfly Foundation in Week 7 as well as a proposed Trivia night to help raise funds for Year 12 end of year events. Furthermore, we will soon commence the process during this term of voting and electing a new captaincy team for next year. The team will have a very busy Term 3 to look forward to!

Mr Atterton
Senior Leadership Coordinator



Welfare

The Butterfly Effect Program

At Elderslie High School, we strongly believe in empowering our students and equipping them with the necessary tools to navigate the challenges of adolescence. On the 9th of June Enlighten Education presented "The Butterfly Effect" program—a transformative initiative focusing on friendships, body image, and resilience focusing on our Year 7 girls.

During this crucial period of growth and self-discovery, young girls often face unique challenges. The Butterfly Effect program addressed these challenges by fostering a positive and supportive environment, promoting self-esteem, and encouraging personal growth. On the day, our students engaged in meaningful discussions and activities and learnt how to develop the resilience needed to navigate their teenage years with confidence. They participated in interactive workshops and group discussions and even did some journalling and meditation! The Year 7 girls thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Some of the girls' testimonials:

I loved this program SO MUCH. I learned there's NO need to body shame anyone or judge people. I can ignore the girl in my head and love who I am, and we can do that with teamwork!

Thank you for encouraging me to believe in myself - I loved the pledge and the promise that no girl gets left behind. The journal-making and writing notes to each other were my favourites - it helps us to be more positive towards each other.

My favourite part of today was making the pledge with all of Year 7. It was awesome learning that even though we are all different, we shouldn't change or hide our true selves because we can BE REAL and we are amazing, inside and out!

Mrs Garner
Supervisor of Girls





First Nations Education

Bush Tucker Garden

Clíodhna from the First Nations Youth Community Greening program at the Botanical Gardens popped in for a visit and assisted us in the garden. Students concreted posts into the ground to hold plant information signs. These signs were designed by the students will educate the school community about the purpose and role of the plants in First Nations culture. Did I think we would get 8 posts concreted in the ground in 45 minutes.....No.....but did we do it.....YES!!! The students worked brilliantly and a big thanks to Clíodhna. We are in the process of purchasing some new plant additions and signs for the garden. A big thanks to Bunnings Narellan for their donation of a \$50 gift voucher to assist with the purchases.

Attendance Workshop

Students participated in a workshop with Aboriginal Community Attendance Liaison Officer, Tony. Each student had a chat about their attendance and set some goals to work on!! They then did some art, which turned out amazing!! And of course, there had to be food! So, we finished off with some pizza!!! Each family were emailed a letter regarding their child's attendance. Big thanks to Tony for spending the day with us!!!

Year 7 and 8 UWS Campus Visit

Ms Vake took Year 7 and 8 students to UWS Campbelltown Campus for a Pathways to Dreaming Day. Students participated in a variety of science-based

workshops. They made things like slime and putty!!! There behaviour was exceptional! Big thanks to Ms Vake for supervising the students!

NAIDOC Week

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2023 is For Our Elders. Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones. Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. They cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them to. They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world. We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, they have set the many courses we follow. The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward today. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people.

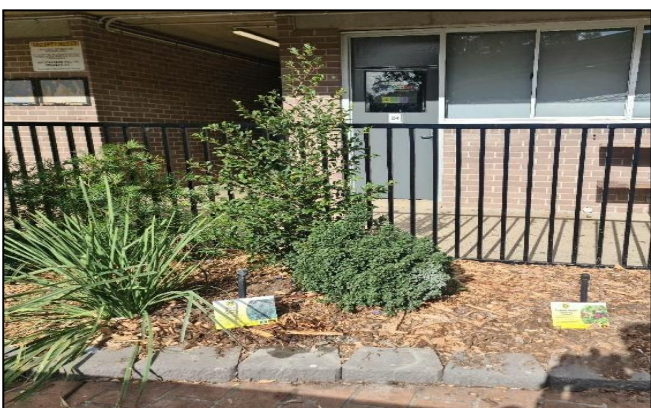
It is their influence and through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us - without us. We pay our respects to the Elders we've lost and to those who continue fighting for us across all our Nations and we pay homage to them.

EHS will be hosting NAIDOC Week during Week 5. We have lots of awesome activities planned to celebrate and learn about First Nations culture.

Zoe Crossingham

First Nations Co-ordinator





Careers

Our school is proud to be part of a Careers NSW Pilot program which gives our students and parents access to a variety of careers resources and the opportunity to participate in Careers workshops or book online Careers counselling sessions. You can access these through the following link –

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/careers-nsw>

Year 12

Teach NSW Scholarships are now open and close on August 25th 2023. Please find more information here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teach-nsw/get-paid-to-study>

University of Wollongong Early Entry closes on Friday August 11th.

<https://www.uow.edu.au/early-admission/>

General Information

Last term we were able to take Year 10 students to the University of Sydney and the Fast Forward students spent a day at Western Sydney University.

We had visits from many universities, My Gateway, ADF and we attended the Camden Careers Expo as well as the Macarthur Careers Expo. This term we have UNSW visiting Year 11 and Careers NSW will be delivering Career Exploration workshops to our Year 10 students.

Some of our students will be participating in the YES program at TAFE this term and others will be attending a School to Work Transition program run by MWLP.

TVET for our current Year 10 students will open on Monday 31st July and interested students need to see me for an EOI form.

The next White Card (Safety) course will be running in Term 4. Please put your name down in the Careers office if you are interested in participating.

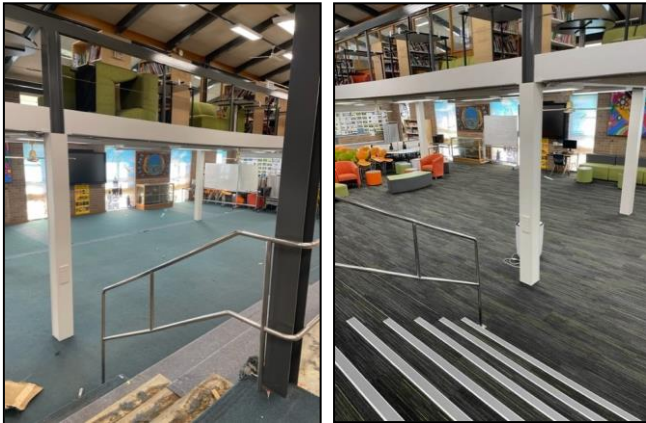
Don't forget to have a look at our Careers website at eldersliehighcareers.com for lots of Careers information and post school options.

You can also look at jobjump.com.au to access lots of Careers information. Our school password to access it is hedgehog.



Library News

Welcome back to Term 3, everyone! Term 2 was a crazy time, with the library closed a lot for exams, painting, and carpet replacement. I know many of our students use the library space as a haven or to study during their breaks and I wish to thank them for their patience during these disruptions. The good news is our library is now looking lovely, or as one student put it, "super fresh!"



We've only got a few weeks left until the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes up for the year. The challenge closes on the 18th August, which is Friday Week 5. Your children may have been busy reading but have simply forgotten to log the books they've finished. If they're not sure how to add their books to their account, they can see the library staff for assistance. Otherwise, students can update their records here:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

Congratulations to the five students who have successfully completed the challenge by reading 20 books this year. This is an amazing achievement and they should be proud of their hard work!

- Ruby K (Year 7)
- Sienna L (Year 7)
- Audrey M (Year 7)
- Jordan M (Year 7)

If students are looking for a last-minute book to get their Premier's Reading Challenge numbers up, we have loads of free ebooks and audiobooks available via our online library. New titles are added every month, so check it out: <https://eldersliehs.eplatform.co/>

We're also getting loads of new releases delivered each week, so keep an eye on the displays in the library! If anyone has suggestions for books they'd like to see in our library, they can request them using the form at the library front desk.

I'd also love to recognise our Top 10 borrowers so far this year, who together have read a combined 393 books:

- Keanu R (Year 9)
- Annabelle K (Year 7)
- Harrison D (Year 8)
- Jordan M (Year 7)
- Nathan MF (Year 8)
- Lilas CS (Year 7)
- Jasmine S (Year 7)
- Supriya T (Year 10)
- Poonam C (Year 12)
- Audrey M (Year 7)

The library is also hosting several social clubs, such as the Dungeons and Dragons Club each Friday, and the Nintendo Switch Club at lunch on Monday-Thursday. If your child is bored during their breaks or looking to make new friends, they are more than welcome to come along to the library during their breaks to participate in these activities!

D Lysaught
Teacher Librarian

Agriculture News

There is a lot of activity at the Ag Plot this term with plenty happening on the farm and lots of extra-curricular events. The sheep have just started to lamb which is always an exciting time of the year and provides an excellent opportunity for our students to develop their skills in a range of practical activities. We are also expecting the arrival of some goat kids later in the term.

The Cattle Team have been busy preparing the Murray Grey steer for the Greater Sydney Schools Cattle Competition which will be held in mid August. They have calculated a feeding regime and are monitoring and recording its progress as well as undergoing some rigorous parading training. It is always good to watch the more experienced students guiding the new recruits. We also have two younger calves which students are preparing for Penrith Show and which will provide some livestock handling opportunities for our year 7 students.

The Alpaca Team have been busy gaining practical experience working with our mentor stud, Storybook Alpacas, and doing some parading at various alpaca shows. They will be competing in parade events at the National Alpaca Show and the Charles Ledger Show this term.

A large number of students from all years are involved in preparing for Penrith Show on the 26th and 27th of August. The Schools' Competition at Penrith Show is a major event on our calendar with 18 schools competing. We will be doing a display on an agricultural enterprise as well as presenting our calf, alpacas, goats and poultry for judging.

Students will also have the opportunity to compete in alpaca showmanship, cattle parading, fleece and poultry judging and the Rural Olympics competitions.

M Atkinson and S Last
Agriculture Teachers

Year 8 Tech Mandatory

Year 8 Technology Mandatory 8 have worked hard in Semester One by constructing the timber component of their docking stations. In this project students gained confidence and skills while using tools such as handsaws, mallets, chisels, hammer and nails, rule, woodworking glue, and disk sander. It was wonderful to see so many solutions to constraints as students came up with their own solutions to problems. Students also learnt about the importance of safety in the woodwork room and theory on project management. 8TM8 are to be congratulated overall for their maturity, enthusiasm and commitment to learning in both practical and theory lessons. Well done Year 8!

Mrs Morris
TAS/Textiles and Design



Creating Chances

International Women's Day Soccer Tournament

On Friday the 9th of June a selection of Year 8 and 9 students attended the 'Creating Chances' excursion to the Western Sydney Wanderers Football Stadium in Parramatta. This event hosted 10 different schools from around Sydney who competed in a friendly round robin tournament of soccer in celebration of International Women's Day. Our students had the opportunity to hear from a few special guests including some female members of the Australian Women's National Football team as well as see the Women's World Cup trophy.

The tournament was an exhilarating experience for everyone involved, filled with intense matches and many memorable moments. Our school fielded 3 teams of talented athletes who displayed incredible team work and support for every player from Elderslie High School. A commendable mention goes out to our top goal scorer for our school, Kristian Grozanovski (Year 9) who was also recently selected for the Australian Soccer Team to attend in a world tournament in Spain during the end of June!

Congratulations to all the remarkable students who participated in the Creating Chances Soccer excursion and we hope our school is presented with the opportunity to attend again in the future.

Mrs. Castillo (Year 9 Advisor)

Sport

SSW Cross Country Advancers

Congratulations to the following students who have advanced to NSW CHS Cross Country Championships:

Ella Johnson – 15 years Girls
Caitlyn Brazier – 16 years Girls
Emma Young – 16 years Girls
Savannah Nenadic – 18 years Girls

Caitlyn Brazier

Caitlyn placed first in the Under 17's Girls at the 2023 Aus Cycling Marathon National Championships held in Wagga on the 28th May. Caitlyn rode approximately 50kms in just over 2 and a half hours, winning by a 9 second lead.

Caitlyn was selected to participate in the Aus cycling Gravel National Championships 2023 in Tasmania in June. She rode over 50kms and came 1st!

Her achievements over the past 2 years have been recognised by Roxsolt, an Australian Women's cycling team, and she has been offered a junior development position for 2023.

Opens Girls Netball

The Opens Girls Netball Team has been competing in the Sydney South West Knockout Competition over the past 2 terms. The girls had tremendous success and won by 50 goals against most opposition schools. Unfortunately, we lost to Westfields High School in the final. The team will go through to the NSWCHS Competition in Wollongong later this term.

Opens Boys Baseball

The Boys Baseball team played the SSW final against Mt Annan High School in Week 7 and they lost 4-3. The team was Connor Bell, Matt Trynchy, Dylan Trynchy, Wil Daley, Hayden Cross, Aaron Prodromou, Jordan Barnes, Beau Bramsteadt, Rhys Harmer and Jeremy White.

It was a close game. Mt Annan took an early lead and the boys dug in deep to try and make a comeback but just fell short. Connor's pitching was excellent and Aaron was on fire in the field and with the bat.

The boys baseball side is going to NSWCHS Competition in Week 6 in Newcastle.

Opens Girls Softball

EHS Open Girls Softball is going to Newcastle to compete in the NSWCHS Competition.

Opens Boys Hockey

The Opens Boys knockout hockey team defeated Westfields to become the SSW Champions. We will now be entering the CHS knockout stage. Well done to the team members; Kye Sutherland, Aiden Kemp, Zeek Finey, Caleb Morgan, Brayden Sutherland, Jasper Browne, Elijah Pico, Campbell Osborne, Bailey Nichols, William Daley, Harrison Nichols and Benjamin Osborne.

NSWSSW Hockey Representatives

The following students were selected in the SSW Opens Hockey Team: Kye Sutherland, Brayden Sutherland, Amanda Condon, Arianna King, and Zaria Rose Lang. The boys came home with a silver medal from the NSW CHS Championships and the girls came 4th.

Zone Athletics

Elderslie High School came 3rd overall at the Zone Athletics. Great work by all students who represented Elderslie High School. A special mention to Charlotte Davis who received Age Champion for 12 Year Girls, Dennis Pereira and Jackson Domanski who received Age Champion for 14 Year Boys and Aaron Prodromou who received Age Champion for 16 Year Boys.

Zone Athletics Advancers

Congratulations to the following students who have advanced to compete at the SSW Athletics Championships: Charlotte Davis, Lauren Kubisch, Kathy Gramelis, Caitlyn Brazier, Danelle Van Der Merwe, Zaiah Williams, Izabel Williams, Makayla Crick, Joshua Ratu, Jackson Domanski, Aaron Prodromou, Ryan Houldin, Dennis Pereira, Cooper Moir, Simon Pereira and Connor Bell.

CAPA Update

HSC CAPA Evening is on Wednesday, 2nd August 2023 in the School Hall from 5.45 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the door on the evening. Tickets are \$7.00 for all. Cash only! Please come along and support our talented HSC CAPA students.

Congratulations to **Caitlin Kubisch, Year 12** on her selection for the Greater Western Sydney Drama Ensemble. Caitlin performed as part of the *Lights Up Drama Festival*. Well done, Caitlin!



Congratulations to **Kimberley Smith, Year 10** on her selection to the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company. Kimberley will have the opportunity to work closely with choreographers from the internationally renowned Bangarra Dance Theatre and to perform a repertoire for the State *Dance Festival* and *Schools Spectacular*.



On Tuesday, 20th June 2023 the **Year 10 Dance class** went to the Seymour Centre to perform as part of the ***In The Spotlight Dance Festival***. The girls' routine was choreographed by Ms Grimston-Eason and the girls danced beautifully on the night. Well done to all, we are very proud of your achievements.

Congratulations to **Ella Smith, Year 10** who has been identified to participate in an extension program with Bangarra Dance Theatre



Congratulations to **Tahlia Balmer and Lucy Egan, Year 9** and **Caleb Whitehead, Year 10** on the selection of their artwork to be displayed at the Department of Education Campbelltown District Office. The artworks will definitely brighten up the office

At the end of last term, some of our talented Year 10 and 11 Music students were invited to perform at the **VETsteddFOOD** held at Oran Park. The students had a great time performing and socialising with members of the public who attended the event that day. **Congratulations** to Kathy Gramelis, Noah Douglas, Leah Mizyed, Elliot Ronald, Angelina Buakao, Kaylee Wakefield, Mia Benson and Jessica Furnari.





On Thursday 15th June 2023 our Year 11 and 12 Drama classes went to Mt Annan High School to compete in their Annual **Theatresports Challenge**. There were teams from Mt Annan, Camden and Elderslie High Schools. Congratulations to our Year 12 Team who were the winners on the night. Libby Linton, Bree Barlow and Caitlin Kubisch were fearless in the competition. Congratulations to our Year 11 Team who came second on the evening. Elliot Ronald, Jasmine Bonello, Tyler Lloyd and Jasper Browne created some very funny moments throughout the evening. Thank you to Ms Russell, from Mt Annan High School, for inviting us to attend. Everyone had a fantastic evening!



The CAPA Faculty are very excited to announce that we have been offered eight places in **Schools Spectacular 2023** Combined Dance. We are extremely proud of our selection and are looking forward to participating in the event. In coming weeks we will be approaching our dancers to see who would like to participate in this amazing opportunity. Congratulations to Kaliska Nenadic, Year 10 on her selection as a Featured Dancer in the Girls Hip Hop Ensemble and the Tap Ensemble for *Schools Spectacular*. Congratulations to Savannah Nenadic, Year 12 on her selection as a Featured Dancer in the Contemporary Ensemble, Jazz/Musical Theatre Ensemble and Tap Ensemble for *Schools Spectacular*.

Congratulations to all of the members of our **Event Management Team** who received their new badges from Mrs Lawrence, at the School Assembly at the end of Term 2. We appreciate all the work you do to support our school events.

CAPA Faculty

NSW Education Standards Authority

NAPLAN 2023 results: Information for parents and carers



What's changing?

From 2023, proficiency standards replace the previous reporting of student NAPLAN results that used numerical bands and the national minimum standard.

What are proficiency standards?

Proficiency standards describe what students are expected to know and should be able to do in literacy and numeracy at the time of NAPLAN.

There is a proficiency standard for each test area within each year level.

Students' results are measured against 4 levels of proficiency:

- **Exceeding:** The student's result exceeded expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** The student's result met challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** The student's result indicated that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** The student's result indicated that they did not achieve the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.



Has there been a change in what NAPLAN assesses?

No, there has not been a change in what NAPLAN assesses. NAPLAN continues to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Detailed information on the knowledge and skills being measured in each NAPLAN assessment is available at www.nap.edu.au

Your child's teacher can provide more information into how your child's NAPLAN result relates to their other school-based assessments and classroom learning, and any additional support your child might need.

Why has the reporting changed?

Proficiency standards provide clearer information about a student's NAPLAN achievement based on reasonable expectations of what students should be achieving at the time of testing.

The standards will allow you and your child's teachers to easily identify areas of strength, as well as any areas that may need more support.

How do I know if my child is meeting expectations?

A result in the *Exceeding* or *Strong* level means your child has met and/or exceeded expectations for their current stage of schooling.

A result in the *Developing* or *Needs additional support* level means your child has not yet demonstrated they are meeting expectations for their year level at the time of testing.

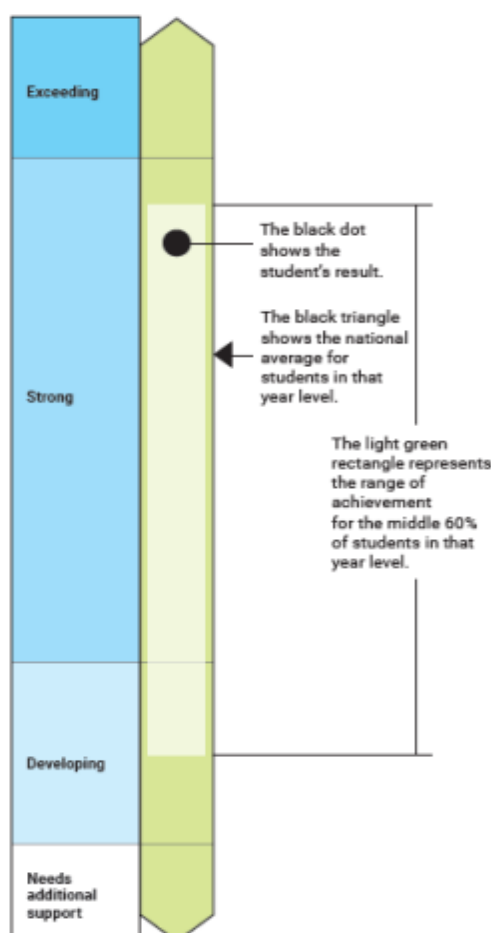
The results are simple to interpret and will allow you to easily identify areas where your child may require additional support.

How will proficiency standards appear on individual student reports (ISRs)?

The report shows 4 levels of proficiency - *Exceeding, Strong, Developing* and *Needs additional support*.

A student's result is shown as a black dot on an achievement scale for each assessment area, which shows increasing levels of knowledge, understanding and skills demonstrated in the assessments.

The new report continues to show each student's achievement against the national average (black triangle) and the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students in their year level (light green rectangle).



What skills are expected at each proficiency level?

Proficiency levels are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for your child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based on what has been taught in previous years of schooling.

Page 4 of the ISR includes a summary of the skills expected at each level of proficiency.

Detailed proficiency level descriptions are available at www.nap.edu.au

Can I check my child's progress against previous NAPLAN reports?

Results from 2023 cannot be directly compared with results from 2008 to 2022 as:

- all schools now complete NAPLAN online
- the tests are held earlier in the year
- a new measurement scale that is more suited to the online tests has been introduced.

Questions?

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Your child's teacher can provide insight into how your child's NAPLAN result relates to their other school-based assessments and classroom learning, and any additional support your child might require.

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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	July 31	August 1 P & C Meeting 7pm – School Library	August 2	August 3 Year 8 Recognition Assembly (10am)	August 4 Year 7 Recognition Assembly (2pm) Year 9 Recognition Assembly (9am) Year 10 Recognition Assembly (11.30am)
4	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11
5	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18

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P & C MEETINGS 2023

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

Our next meeting for 2023 will be:

Tuesday, 1st August 2023

7pm

School Library