Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 3 to all our families and I hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday break.

Opening Times For Classrooms

All classrooms are open from 8:35am, providing students an opportunity to arrive on time, get organized for the day of learning and build friendships with other students. Students are asked to return library books, organise water bottles and fruit for the day, hand in readers, notes or lunch orders and generally be ready for learning when the bell sounds at 8:45am.

Parents and Caregivers are welcome and encouraged to visit classrooms in the morning, say hi to their child's teacher and listen to reading. It has been wonderful to see so many of you here in the mornings, albeit a little cold. It's a wonderful vibe across the school and a great start to Term 3.

Students and staff ask that parents and caregivers please wait outside of learning spaces (school buildings) until the bell has gone at 3:05pm. This supports with settling of children and ensures that corridors can be used as learning spaces. We thank you for your support with this.

Pupil Free Day - Monday 20th July 2015

On our Pupil Free Day recently, staff worked together on our Guided Reading program, deepening their understanding of the process of reading and exploring the strategies that students require to increase reading comprehension.

Kind Regards
Dan Jarrad - School Principal

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CHILD’S HEALTHCARE PLAN

With the winter weather bringing colds and viruses we are noticing more students needing to use their Asthma puffers. If you have not updated your child’s Health Care plan for 2015, please make an appointment with your child’s Doctor and bring in the completed form to the Front Office.

1. Work with EGPS, class teachers and Miss Vlass to develop perseverance, conscientiousness, self-control, curiosity by completing the Homework activities.

2. Instead of praising your kid for his grades or for being “smart,” praise him for being tenacious and determined. Focusing on those qualities of “stick-to-it-ness” may help kids succeed more than praise for particular achievements. If your child falls down when learning to ride a bike, praise his efforts at getting back up and trying again and again, rather than only praising when he learns to ride fast on his own.

3. Allow your child to get frustrated. Parents hate to see their kids struggle. But learning from challenges (as well as failure) is the key to making the connection for kids that true achievement doesn’t come easily.

4. Focus family discussions on effort rather than grades or innate skill. Be a role model for your child of “grittiness”. Try new things and talk about how difficult they are and how they don’t come easily to you. Talk about your own goals — running a half-marathon, cleaning the house — and explain how you set smaller goals to achieve them. Share your own struggles and how you got past them.

5. Most of all, remind your children every day that failure is not something to be afraid of.

At Elizabeth Grove Primary we are a 'GRIT' School.
We follow our dreams and never give up!!!!
Welcome back for term 3! The staff and educators of the Children’s Centre are very excited to be looking at the planning stages of an upgrade to our outdoor area this term. When we look at how children play, explore and learn we find there are many elements we need to incorporate into this planning process. From sensory, to climbing and quiet areas or areas where the children can run and jump and dig, we need to find a way to combine all of this into the learning environment. If you have any ideas, or you or someone you know has expertise in an area such as building or landscaping please come in and speak to an Educator.

We will continue our focus on play in the natural environment this term. In term 2 we have introduced some logs and wood stumps for the children to climb on and use their imaginations to explore. At times these logs have been a bus, a boat, a car park and a playground. We have also explored them as a natural home for insect life.

Have you seen our worm farm? It can be found out the front of the Preschool near the blue lounge. We have been feeding our worms fruit and vegetable scraps and making sure there is plenty of water in the containers the legs sit in to feed into the farm. We are learning that worms help our gardens stay healthy and our vegetables grow.

INFORMATION SESSION
Are you passionate about food and good health? Are you keen to volunteer in your community? You could be a Community Foodie!

What is a “Foodie”? • Community Foodies are local people who have had training in important nutrition messages • Community Foodies support local people and community groups in many different ways to make healthy food choices (eg. Hands-on cooking, supermarket tours, edible gardens)

What will be covered? • What it means to be a Foodie • What activities you may do as a Foodie • ‘A year in the life of a Foodie’ training, which will start in September 2015 • Ongoing support for Foodies & how Foodies can fit into our life • Your chance to ask questions or raise issues

When: Tuesday 18th August 2015, 10 - 11:30am
Where: Morella Community Centre
90 Kings Road, Parafield Gardens
RSVP: To Sophie (Metro Coordinator) on sophie.palyga@ucwb.org.au or 0409 091 647 by Tuesday 11th August

For more information on Community Foodies, visit www.communityfoodies.com

Term 3 Commonwealth Banking
Hundreds of amazing prizes to be won

Make 3 or more deposits during Term 3 and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. You can also complete a money mission on-line to double your chance of winning a prize. You can start your Money Mission at any time, but you’ll need to make sure you’ve made three School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3 to double your chance of winning. To complete your Money Mission or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal

70 iPad Minis to be won
125 Beats By Dr. Dre Headphones
200 Booktopia Gift Certificates