

## From the Principal

A warm welcome back to school for term 4! After discussions with students about returning to school, although a few were sad the holidays had finished, the majority looked forward to beginning a busy term and were all excited to see their friends and teachers on Monday.

My name is Janet O'Shannessy and I am delighted to be joining the Eltham school community as Principal. Thank you to everyone who has already made me feel extremely welcome. It was lovely to meet some parents at the P & C meeting last night and I look forward to meeting everyone in the near future. Please call in and introduce yourself anytime you are in the school. I will be teaching the 5/6 class for the remainder of the year and we have had a fantastic start to the term and are looking forward to working together.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom who fulfilled the position of Acting principal last term and did a brilliant job! I am very thankful to have him working with and supporting me to ensure a smooth transition in to the position.



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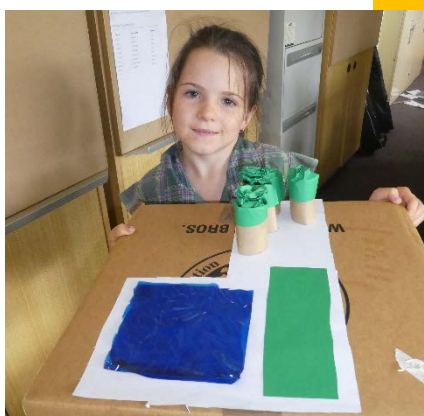
"Helping Each Other Grow"

Term 4 – Week 1

Thursday 18 October 2018



**Big Bad Wolf**



Next Friday 26 October, students will travel to Lismore to attend a performance Big Bad Wolf performed by Windmill theatre Co. The Big Bad Wolf is the most misunderstood character in fairy tale history. This hilarious, table-turning tale is sure to have audiences captivated.

## Reminders

**Big Bad Wolf** - Notes & payments due 24 October

**Scripture Notes** - Due back now please

**Book Club Orders** - Issue 7 orders due back 2 November

**Canteen Commences** - Monday 22 October at recess

## Birthdays

Annie 22 October

## Term 4 Calendar

### Week 1

Monday 22 October	Kindergarten Orientation Alstonville HS Transition
Thursday 25 October	NORPA Theatre Big Bad Wolf workshop
Friday 26 October	Big Bad Wolf performance

### Week 2

Monday 29 October	Kindergarten Orientation
Tuesday 30 October	Alstonville HS Transition
Friday 2 November	Rugby Clinic: K- 6

### Executive Visitors

We had two important visitors to our school this morning, Mr Frank Potter (Executive Director, School Performance) and Mr Dave Harvey (Director, Educational Leadership, Lismore Network). It was exciting for us to have them call in for a visit and a walk through our school. Mr Potter came to thank Tom personally for his work in the school last term, to congratulate me on being appointed here and had many delightful things to say about our school and the students.

### Staff Changes

Helen will work four days per week this term and Pat will replace her every Friday. Pat will continue to teach the 5/6 class during Term 4 in my absence, to maintain consistency for the class. Whilst I will be in school and on class for the majority of the term, there are occasions where I will be required to attend professional learning and network meetings.

We would like to congratulate Donelle on her new appointment of Development Officer, Primary. She will be in this position until 19 July 2019. Welcome Maureen who will be relieving in her absence.



### Kindergarten Information Evening

Our Kindergarten Information Evening session was held last night and we welcomed parents to our school to listen to information about their child beginning school next year. Thank you to Tom for your organisation of the evening. We look forward to our Kindergarten Transition days already planned for this term. I will be teaching the Kindergarten orientation program and Tom will be teaching the 5/6 class during that time.

### 2/3/4 News

Years 2, 3 and 4 begun using the *Seesaw* app towards the end of last term to record, reflect on and share our learning. This has followed on from the success K/1 has had using the app. A personal QR code has been sent home this week to allow you access to your child's digital journal. These QR codes provide access to only your child's digital journal and should be kept secure. Up to 10 devices can be linked to their profile, so if you would like to share class work with the extended family this is possible. If you have already created a parent account because you have a child in K/1, you can add more children to the same account. If you have any issues with using this app, please contact me at school.

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### New Students

We would like to welcome the DeGail family who enrolled at school this week. Jett is in year 1 and his brother Kaden in Year 3. We hope they settle in quickly, make many friends and enjoy their time at Eltham Public School.

### NORPA Workshop

Next Thursday, 25 October, we are lucky to have a free Drama Workshop at our school. An actor from Big Bad Wolf and a Performing Arts Director from NORPA will be working with students across Stages 1 and 2. What a great opportunity for our kids!



## Canteen Term 2

A huge thank you to Janet Herington and our school leaders who volunteer their time to ensure we have a canteen at school!

## Community Notices – Eltham Film Night

'BREATH' will be screening at Eltham Hall on Saturday, 20 October. Based on Tim Winton's award-winning novel of the same name, Simon Baker's feature film 'BREATH' follows two teenage boys growing up in a remote corner of the Western Australian coast. Rated M. Meal & Movie (\$25) at 6pm or movie only (\$10) at 7:15pm. Bookings can be made by calling 6629 1131 or at <https://eltham.org.au> All funds raised go to Eltham Railway Cottage.

## Pediculosis (Head Lice)

We encourage parents to inspect their children's hair at the beginning of each term. This can help to reduce outbreaks or further spreading of head lice at school. As we are all aware, these are extremely contagious. Signs your child may be affected can be scratching his / her head excessively or signs of live eggs (nits) close to hair roots. If you notice any signs, please treat your child's hair, or contact your pharmacy for further advice regarding treatment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

