# ELIMBAH STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

6th October 2026, Term 4 – Week 1

## *Message from the Principal*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for what will be a busy and fun filled final term of the year.

Term 4 is an exciting transition time at Elimbah SS as we continue the process of welcoming our 2027 Prep students via our 'Step into Prep' program and facilitate opportunities for our Year 6 students to experience secondary school life. For those families who have a child who will be prep age in 2027, I encourage you to pick up an enrolment form from the school office. Should your child be heading off to high school next year, now is the time to contact your chosen secondary school to ensure you and your child have the advantage of accessing all available transition processes.

One of the reasons Elimbah SS remains a school of choice in our community is due to our strong focus on high expectations including our children embracing our values we are safe, we are respectful and we are learners at all times.

Our families play an important role in supporting high standards and I encourage all parents and carers to support your children to:

**Live our school values:**

- ✓ We are safe
- ✓ We are respectful
- ✓ We are learners

**Just be kind:**

- ✓ Say no to bullying
- ✓ Be an upstander

**Be part of our school team:**

- ✓ Wear our uniform proudly
- ✓ Come to school everyday
- ✓ Every minute counts

**We are here to learn:**

- ✓ Know your learning goals
- ✓ Know your next steps
- ✓ Know what success looks like

This term is the first time in many years that our year five students have been invited to attend a camp. The camp will act as an extra opportunity for students to display leadership qualities that can identify them as potential school leaders in 2027.

Along with camps, there are many other opportunities for extra-curricular activities this team, especially for our year six cohort who are off to high school next year. It would be very timely to remind your wonderful children of the school's expectations of their behaviour, to ensure that their invitations to events such as camps and discos are not withdrawn.

**Uniform reminders**

One of the ways in which we retain high standards is by ensuring all our children wear our school uniform at all times. Last term, we saw a number of non-uniform items begin to creep into the school and therefore I share the following reminders for all families regarding our uniform policy:

**Socks** - Neutral coloured plain socks

**Shoes** - Shoes should be predominantly neutral in colour (white, black or brown) and have only minimal other colours on them. Sandshoe style shoes or black leather school shoes are appropriate. All boots including Hightop boots or boots with heels are not acceptable.

**Hair** - Coloured or dyed hair should be of natural colour. Hair styles should be neat and conservative.

**Jewellery** - Students may wear a watch and small sleeper or stud earrings. A medical bracelet or medical necklace is also acceptable. Make-up and fingernail polish are not permitted. Religious or cultural medallions on a small necklace/chain are acceptable if they are tucked inside the school shirt.

For further information please see the Student Dress Code attached.

**Mobile phones and smart watches**

All families are reminded that mobile phones of all types (including smart watches) require a mobile phone contract and are to be checked into the school office of a morning and collected of an afternoon. Mobile phone contracts are available from the school office.

Have a lovely term.

Brendan.

## *Messages from the Deputy Principal now Mrs Jamie Sims*

As we move into Term 4, there is lots happening across Elimbah State School. It is an exciting and important time of the year as students continue their learning, celebrate their achievements and prepare for the year ahead. We would like to share some important reminders and upcoming events with our families.

**Everyday Counts – Attendance Matters**
Regular school attendance is one of the most important ways families can support their child's learning and wellbeing. **Every day at school matters.**
When students attend school consistently, they have greater opportunities to engage in learning, develop friendships, participate in classroom activities and build strong connections with their teachers and peers. Missing school regularly can make it more difficult for students to keep up with learning and maintain these important connections. Thank you for working with us to ensure our students have every opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

**PBL Celebrations – Celebrating Positive Behaviour**
Our **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)** approach continues to be an important part of explicitly teaching and reinforcing positive behaviour across our school.

As part of our PBL approach we use bus tickets to recognise students for demonstrating our expected behaviours. Students can save and spend their bus tickets through their class menu, which is negotiated with their class teacher each term. This provides students with an opportunity to make choices, work towards goals and experience the positive outcomes of their efforts.
Have you asked your child what they have spent their bus tickets on? Or perhaps what they are saving up for?

**Class Consideration Forms – Planning for 2027**
Term 4 marks the beginning of our planning for **class construction for 2027**. Creating classes is a complex process that our teaching and leadership teams spend considerable time and thought developing. While we cannot always accommodate every request, we carefully consider the information provided by families. Parents and carers who would like to provide information for consideration may collect a Class Consideration Form from the school office. Completed forms must be returned to the office by Friday, 30 October (Week 4). *Please note that late Class Consideration Forms may not be considered.*

We request this information each year, so previous requests cannot automatically be carried forward or assumed to apply for the following year.

**Student Leadership – 2027**
Our current Year 5 students have received information about the Student Leadership opportunities available in 2027. Students interested in nominating for a student leadership position will be able to access nomination forms from **Monday of Week 2**. Student leadership provides students with wonderful opportunities to develop confidence, communication, responsibility and a strong sense of service to their school community. We encourage our Year 5 students to consider how they can contribute to making Elimbah State School an even better place for everyone.

**Important Term 4 Events**
There are several significant events coming up in Term 4. Please mark the following dates in your calendars.

**Excellence Assembly – Wednesday, 9 December**
Our Excellence Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 9 December at 9:15am. This is a formal assembly for students in Years 3–5, where we celebrate and recognise academic and sporting achievements.
The award criteria have been provided to families for your information, and we encourage parents and carers to take some time to read through these.
Families will be contacted by phone if their child is receiving an award.

**Whole School Christmas Concert – Wednesday 9th December**
Our Whole School Christmas Concert will be held from 2:00pm on the 9th December 2026. Each class will present a class performance, providing a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their creativity and celebrate together as a school community.

**Year 6 Graduation – Thursday, 10th December**
Our Year 6 Graduation will be held on Thursday, 10th December at 9:15am. Following the graduation ceremony, our Year 6 students will enjoy a special celebration at Bounce, following their graduation cake.
On the afternoon, our school community will come together to farewell our Year 6 students with our traditional Clap Out. This is always a special and memorable occasion as we celebrate our graduating students and wish them well as they begin their secondary school journey.

Term 4 is always a busy and exciting time at Elimbah State School. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with our families to support our students to be safe, be respectful and be learners, while celebrating their achievements and preparing them for the year ahead. Thank you for your continued support of our school and, most importantly, for helping us ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn, belong and thrive every day.

# Curriculum Corner

**English Learning – Term 4**

In Term 4, our English learning has a strong focus on imaginative and narrative texts. From Prep through to Year 6, students will explore engaging stories and novels, learning how authors develop characters, settings, events and ideas and use language to engage their readers. Our focus texts include *Peggy*, *Tashi*, *Matilda*, *Rowan of Rin*, *The Callers* and *The Wild Robot*, with Prep students exploring and creating retells. As students progress through the year levels, they will build increasingly sophisticated skills in reading comprehension, discussing and analysing texts, and creating their own imaginative writing. Across all classrooms, students will make strong connections between reading and writing—using the techniques they notice in quality texts to inspire and improve their own work.

**How can families help at home?**

Reading together and talking about books is one of the best ways to support this learning. Ask your child about the characters, setting, problem and important events, or encourage older students to explain why a character acted in a particular way, how the author created tension or mood, and what message or idea the story might communicate. When reading or watching stories together, notice interesting words, descriptions and author techniques and talk about the effect they have. Most importantly, encourage regular reading for enjoyment and conversations about stories—these everyday experiences help strengthen the comprehension, vocabulary and storytelling skills students are developing at school.

**Mathematics Learning – Term 4**

In Term 4, students across Prep to Year 6 will continue to develop their number sense, mathematical fluency, problem-solving and reasoning skills through explicit teaching, hands-on learning and opportunities to apply mathematics in meaningful contexts. Students will build on their understanding of number and operations, measurement, space, statistics and probability, with the complexity of concepts and problems increasing across the year levels. A strong focus will be placed on choosing efficient strategies, explaining mathematical thinking and making connections between concepts, helping students develop confidence and flexibility as mathematicians.

**How can families help at home?**

Maths is everywhere! Encourage your child to use maths in everyday situations such as shopping, cooking, telling the time, measuring, playing games, planning journeys or comparing prices. Practising number facts and mental calculations in short, regular bursts can also help build fluency. Most importantly, ask questions such as *"How did you work that out?"*, *"Is there another way?"* or *"Does your answer make sense?"* to encourage your child to explain their thinking rather than simply finding the answer.

# Book Club ISSUE 7

**Coming home soon…**

Books are gifts that can be enjoyed again and again! Whether it's reading in the sunshine, taking a favourite story on a holiday road trip, or curling up with a book during a quiet moment, the summer holidays are a wonderful time to enjoy reading.

This term, Book Club has some extra festive treats for families. By building a Wishlist and placing an order, families can earn up to three FREE books, plus receive a $5 discount code to use on Issue 8. It's a great opportunity to stock up on exciting new reads and keep children enjoying books throughout the holidays.

🎄 Don't forget to check out the Christmas Search & Find activity on the back page of the catalogue too! Children can hunt for hidden festive treasures as they explore all the books on offer.

**Christmas Colouring Competition**

Andrew Powell MP – Member for Glasshouse is running his children's Christmas colouring competition again, giving students a chance to have their artwork featured on the cover of his Christmas newsletter, win cash prizes and a pizza party for their class.

Please see attached for a copy of the entry form, ***parent consent is required for students to participate.*** Printed copies of the entry form are available in the school office.

Entries must be submitted to the school office by **Wednesday October 21st** to ensure they are received by Andrew Powell prior to the closing date.

# HoSES Huddle

sdavi370@eq.edu.au

**Letters of Observation & completion of Questionnaires**

Please communicate all requests for Letters of Observation and completion of questionnaires to your child's class teacher and her to ensure these are completed in a timely manner. Please allow 1-2 weeks for these to be returned. If you are requesting they be forwarded to external agencies please ensure you have signed a Consent to Share Information or have a current consent on file.

**Tailoring Transitions**
To support all students in transitioning to 2027 our school processes will be reflective of what was enacted at the end of 2025. Additionally, the Support Team will begin identifying and planning for a more tailored approach for individual students from the beginning of Term 4. Whilst students will be unaware of their 2027 teacher or classroom until the end of the term, they will be orientated to new areas and possible new routines.

**Attendance BINGO**
It was wonderful for ALL classes to experience a win in the last week of Term 3 and enjoy a 'free dress' day on the last day of term. Please continue to support your child each day to ensure your child's class has the best opportunity to spin the wheel each week. Whilst this initiative is assisting with maintaining our attendance rate at or above 92% which is to be celebrated, we would like to focus on decreasing late arrival and early departure data with every student arriving on time and staying for the full school day. All classes will be able to tick this box off whenever this is achieved which will also increase opportunity to spin the wheel. Of course, we understand your child may have scheduled appointments and please be assured if it is a regular appointment this will not impact their class game card.

**Day for Daniel**
This year our school community will be participating in a Walk to School Day to support the Day for Daniel initiative. Our staff will be walking from the Elimbah Train Station on October 30th, and we invite you to join us. We ask you all wear red and accompany your child on the walk in support of our efforts to raise awareness of child safety.
Meet at ESS train station – norther grassy end at 8.10 for an 8.20 departure.
On the day students will be able to wear red, and the student council will collect a gold coin donation which will be forwarded to the foundation. All students will participate in a child safety lesson on the day to build awareness.
If you further wish to support the foundation please do so using the link [danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-Daniel](danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-Daniel).

## *Messages from Mrs Eden*

Earlier this term in Week 4, our Year 6 Instrumental Music students represented Elimbah SS at the Metropolitan North Region IMPed Workshop Day. Students travelled to Watson Park at Dakabin and joined over 100 Band students from across the region for a wonderful day of music making, learning brand new pieces with different conductors, and finally performing with the Strings students in a concert for parents.

Thank you to families for supporting our IM students with their home Practice Wars Challenge during the year. Congratulations to Alicia (yr4) who is our first Champion, reaching 'Jedi Grand Master' level with amazing consistency in her home practice. Keep filling out your practice sheets and remember to bring them to your lesson on Thursdays.

## *Notices*

THE 2026
SWIMMING
PROGRAM
Learn
Build
Grow
For students in
Prep, All Year 1, 2A and 2B
will commence on
Monday, 19 October
and continue daily through to
Friday, 23 October.
Please return Payment and permission
by the 14th October 2026.

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS
DRESS UP AS
TEACHERS DAY!
27TH
OF
NOVEMBER
LEARN
GROW
TOGETHER
SUPPORT
ENCOURAGE
INSPIRE
ALL STAFF,
TEACHER AIDES, GROUNDSMAN,
CLEANERS, ADMINISTRATION,
LEADERSHIP ... AND MORE!
NO GOLD COIN
REQUIRED!