



Elmore Endeavour

Term 1 Week 9
28 March 2025

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Dear Families,

Is there really only 2 weeks of Term 1 to go? As you can see, we have some great activities scheduled for the next two weeks, with opportunities for you to come and join your child and celebrate what they have been doing.

This term we have had a blitz on attendance, with a big focus on explaining absences when your child is away from school. This has had a huge impact – thank you for helping us to explain when your child is away. We continue to aim for 100% explained absences. Remember there are several ways to do this – email, SENTRAL app, text message reply, and even an ‘old fashion’ handwritten note!

A big thank you to Mr Cheney who has organised our sporting carnivals this term – both the cross country and athletics. It’s always wonderful to see our children getting to participate in activities and challenging themselves outside of the classroom as well. Next week we have our first rugby league team compete, as well as touch football.

Our P&C AGM was held last week. Thankyou to all of our office bearers for taking on another year. We were also thankful for another contribution of \$3500 from our P&C to go towards the upkeep of our fixed equipment in the school. It’s wonderful to see the fundraising money going towards making the school even better for our kids to enjoy.

A reminder – parking around the school is extremely limited and there are several areas where you may receive a fine if you do not observe the road rules. This includes bus zones, kiss and ride and no parking areas. These fines are completely out of the school's control.

Luke Somerville
Principal

Upcoming Events	
Term 1 Week 10	
Infants Recognition Assembly	Wed 2/4
PSSA Knockout Touch Football	Wed 2/4
Under 10s Rugby League Gala Day	Thu 3/4
Debating Student Training Day	Fri 4/4
Primary Recognition Assembly	Fri 4/4
Term 1 Week 11	
Preschool Group A School Photos	Tue 8/4
Under 12s Rugby League Gala Day	Tue 8/4
Stage 3 UPP Leadership Training	Thu 10/4
Easter Hat Parade	Fri 11/4
Last Day Term 1	Fri 11/4
Term 1 Week 1	
Staff Development Day	Mon 28/4
Staff Development Day	Tue 29/4
Students Return	Wed 30/4

STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE



Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025

Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



SCAN TO PAY ONLINE





PAX Good Behaviour Game launches at EVPS!

The NSW Department of Education has introduced the internationally recognised PAX Good Behaviour Game (PAX GBG) for our students in Years K-6, families and school communities.

PAX means peace, productivity, health and happiness, and is what the PAX Good Behaviour Game helps create and strengthen in each classroom.

PAX GBG consists of proven behavioural strategies used daily by teachers with students. The 10 evidence-based and trauma informed strategies build self-regulation in children, strengthen peer networks, reduce impulsivity and teach prosocial decision-making in children. The 'peaceful' classroom environment supports learning, wellbeing, participation and confidence.

PAX GBG develops students who can be fully attentive and engaged in learning so teachers can use their time and resources to teach. Schools using PAX GBG report:

- Increased time for teaching and learning
- Increased attention to and completion of academic tasks
- Engaged learners
- Improved learning outcomes including reading scores
- Reduction in off-task and disruptive behaviours.

We have now introduced 2 new PAX strategies - PAX Quiet and PAX Voices.

Your child may talk about the teachers using harmonicas - this is our school-wide strategies to get students' attention safely and calmly. This is PAX Quiet.

PAX Voices reminds students about the level of voice to use for certain activities using a hand visual.

The PAX program complements the Elermore Vale Way, EV5 and Resilience Project to strengthen wellbeing practice in our school.

Stay tuned as we introduced each strategy across the year!

Thanks for your support

Mrs Harborne
Assistant Principal

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EASTER HAT PARADE

Join us for a family recess
picnic followed by our parade.

Bring a decorated hat from
home to wear!

**FRIDAY APRIL 11TH AT THE
BASKETBALL COURT**

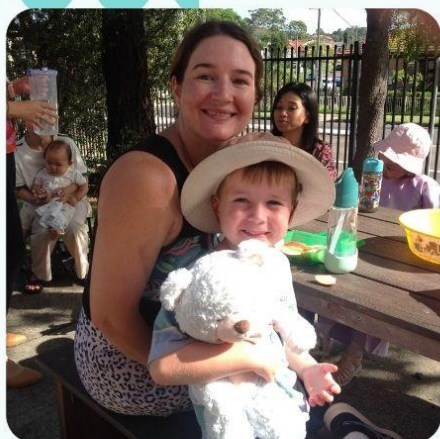
RECESS - 11:00AM
PARADE - 12:00PM

What's been happening at EVPS PRESCHOOL



Friendship Fiestas

We celebrated **Harmony Week** by having a **Friendship Fiesta!** It was so lovely to meet our families and celebrate the cultural diversity of our preschool. Did you know we have families from 11 different language backgrounds?



Important Dates

- April 8 - Preschool Group A Photo Day
- April 11 - Easter Hat Parade (Group A welcome (parents to stay with children))
- April 14 - April 29 - School Holidays
- Preschool returns Wednesday April 30

Reminders

Backpack Essentials: Please ensure your child has a water bottle, hat, and a change of clothes in their backpack daily.

Label Everything: Don't forget to label your child's belongings (backpacks, clothes, lunch boxes).

Healthy Food: We encourage sending healthy snacks like fruit, yoghurt, or cheese and crackers.

Good for kids




good for life



Screen-free fun

In a world full of screens, it's important to make time for real-life play! Swapping screen time for active, creative, or social activities helps kids develop problem-solving skills, build friendships, and improve their well-being.

Here are some screen-free ideas to try:



-  Make a splash – Go for a swim at the pool or beach with family.
-  Play together – Engage in activities that you know your child enjoys, for example: puzzles, building LEGO or cooking together are great for family fun.
-  Get moving – Dance, kick a ball in the backyard or go for a bike ride together.



Encouraging kids to enjoy screen-free activities helps them develop lifelong healthy habits. Plus, it's a great way to connect as a family!



Hunter New England
Local Health District

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 <https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



P&C News



Email: elmorevalepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/evpspandc/>

Our AGM was held on Tuesday, 18 March and our committee was voted in as follows:

President	Sarrah Sinclair
Vice President	Hayley Clarkson
Secretary	David Williams
Treasurer	Alison Williams
Fundraising Convenor	Sarrah Sinclair
Publicity Officer	Tania Moore

We also had 2 more parents who have volunteered to organise a Bunnings and Polling Day sausage sizzle. We welcome all ideas and help from all of our community members.

FUNDRAISING

 A poster for an Easter Raffle with a background of colorful, patterned Easter eggs. The text is in purple. In the top right corner, there is a logo with the word 'Your' in cursive and 'P&C' in a square box.

The P&C are running a
Easter Raffle
Any donation would
be greatly appreciated
and can be left at the
school office up until 10/4/25

Funds raised from this raffle will
go towards playground upgrades

Prize information and tickets can be
purchase online at the following link:
<https://www.raffletix.com.au?ref=w3494>

Paper copy with a QR code will be coming
home on Friday

The P&C greatly appreciate your support with our
fundraising



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PAX Quiet

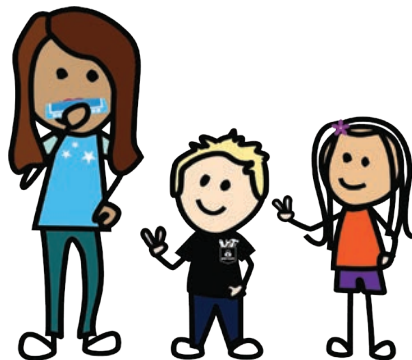
PAX Quiet is used to get students' attention safely and calmly. PAX Quiet helps children stop what they're doing and pay attention immediately. This keeps the teacher from having to raise their voice, or do things like clapping to get their attention.

Right away, **PAX Quiet** will help students...

- Stop what they're doing and focus on the adult faster.
- "Switch gears" into the next activity more quickly and effectively.
- Listen and follow directions more closely in school.

In the long run, **PAX Quiet** helps students...

- Use their own "brake pedal" to stop themselves before making impulsive decisions.
- Develop greater self-control in all aspects of their lives.



Here are some questions you can ask your child about using **PAX Quiet**:

1. When did your teacher use PAX Quiet today? What did they need to tell everyone?
2. What are you supposed to do when you hear the harmonica?
3. Why do you think your teacher likes PAX Quiet so much? Why do you think kids like PAX Quiet?



PAX Quiet does NOT mean "Get quiet".

PAX Quiet means "Everyone provide me with your attention. I have something important to tell you all."

PAX Quiet Story and Activity

Child: *"Guess what my teacher did today?"*

Adult at home: "What's that?"

Child: *"They played a harmonica in class!"*

Adult at home: "Oh, was this in music class?"

Child: *"No! They played the harmonica when it was time for us to line up."*

Adult at home: "What does the harmonica have to do with lining up?"

Child: *"Well, we were at centers and our teacher played the harmonica to get our attention."*

Adult at home: "That's a funny thing to do. What do you do when your teacher blows the harmonica?"

Child: *"Our teacher told us that when we hear the harmonica it means we need to press the brake pedal in our brain."*

Adult at home: "So, then what do you do?"

Child: *"When we hear the harmonica, we..."*

Instructions:

Fill in the blanks using the words.

Word Bank:

Eyes | Talking
PAX | Doing

Adult at home: "Wow that is really clever. How do you remember all that?"

Child: *"Our teacher put up a poster to remind us of the steps."*

Adult at home: "Very cool! Is there a name for it?"

Child: *"Yeah! It's called PAX Quiet."*

Adult at home: "Can you show me what you do for PAX Quiet?"

(Child demonstrates what they do.)

Adult at home: "You are very good at that. Is this another way to be a PAX Leader?"

Child: *"Yes, it sure is. You're catching on!"*





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PAX Voices

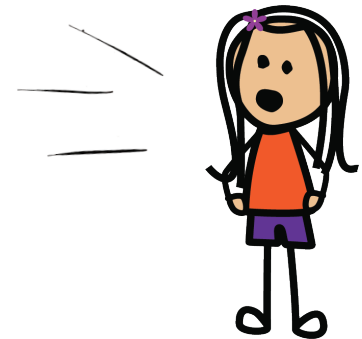
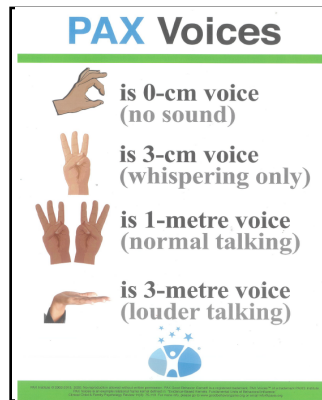
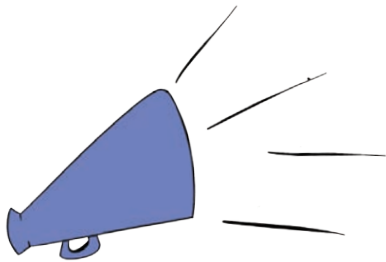
PAX Voices are used to keep voices at an appropriate level in different settings. PAX Voices help students assess and match their own voices for every activity. PAX Voices allow students to predict appropriate volume while allowing the teacher to offer non-harsh guidance.

Right away, **PAX Voices** will help students...

- Use appropriate voices for different settings.
- Require less guidance and corrective feedback.
- Respond more appropriately and quickly to adult feedback.

In the long run, **PAX Voices** helps students...

- Recognise appropriate behavior for different settings.
- Assess unfamiliar activities without a great deal of feedback needed.



Here are some questions you can ask your child about using **PAX Voices**:

1. When did you have to use PAX Voices today? Which one did you need to use?
2. What are some other times you think you could use PAX Voices throughout the day?
3. What are some times we use PAX Voices outside of school?



PAX Voices regulate sound/voice levels.

PAX Quiet provides immediate focus on you.

PAX Voices Story and Activity

Story Setup: While sitting at a table, the child is showing the adult at home their newest art project. All of a sudden, a loud “AHHHHH!!!” came from the other room.

Adult at home: “I’m sorry, I didn’t hear what you call this art project.”

Child: “Well, that’s because the person in the other room was using a 3 metre voice.”

Adult at home: “A 3 metre voice? I have never heard of a 3 metre voice”

Child: “Today at school, our teacher taught us about PAX Voices. A 3 metre voice is when we can be loud, like at recess or lunch.”

Adult at home: “Oh, I get it. What voice are you using right now?”

Child: “I’m using a 1 metre voice because you are sitting next to me.”

Adult at home: “That makes sense. Are there other PAX Voices you use in school?”

Child: “Yes, my teacher has a poster that looks just like this in our classroom!”

Instructions:

Look at each of these school activities. Write which voice level is appropriate for that activity.

_____ Voice

Taking a test



_____ Voice

Presenting to the class



_____ Voice

Working in pairs



_____ Voice

Lunch Conversations



PAX Voices



is 0-cm voice
(no sound)



is 3-cm voice
(whispering only)



is 1-metre voice
(normal talking)












is 3-metre voice
(louder talking)





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BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 09 APR

M 14 APR	T 15 APR	W 16 APR	T 17 APR	F 18 APR
HOLIDAY HUSTLE Start the holidays off right!	EGG-STRAVIGANZA Egg-citing Easter fun!	CREATIVE CORNER TOONWORLD CARTOONING Imagine, create, and play!	ICONIC NERD Pokemon and Saber Wars	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
				
Klub Max  Daily Total \$79	Klub Max  Daily Total \$79	Klub Discovery  Daily Total \$92	Klub Discovery  Daily Total \$92	

BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 16 APR

M 21 APR	T 22 APR	W 23 APR	T 24 APR	F 25 APR
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	WHEELIE WORLD Roll into adventure!	CREATIVE CORNER TOONWORLD MODEL MAKING	SCIENCE SPECTACLE Mini Mechanics Workshop Science meets excitement!	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
				
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BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 23 APR

M 28
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AUTUMN AWESOMENESS

Celebrate the
colours of
Autumn!

T 29
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MOVIE MANIA

Lights,
camera,
fun!



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