Principal’s Report

All the best to the Year 2, 3 class and Jo Penna, Chad Fleming and Marie Clark, who are heading to Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln for their class camp on Monday and Tuesday. Later in the week, the Year 4, 5, 6 class with Marree Bourke, Trisha Tomlinson and Damien Cobby are off to Whyalla for three days.

Don’t forget the Student Free Day coming up on Monday 18th November.

Last week the 2013 NAPLAN results were sent home to parents and caregivers. The results were very pleasing overall and most students achieved at their expected ability levels. Staff have unpacked the data and are incorporating aspects from the tests into their daily teaching and learning activities. More information about our student results will be available in this year’s Annual Report.

We have lots of seedlings left over from the Wool Show. If you would like some carrots, tomatoes, beans, cabbages, dill and others, please contact the Front Office. The plants are free and need to go in the ground now.

Our annual Presentation Night will be celebrated on Thursday, December 5th at 5.30pm. This night will showcase our 2013 year of learning and students will give various performances as part of the programme. All families and community members are welcome. This will be followed by a BBQ tea. Please put this date in your diary.

In 2014, the new DECD policy of ‘Same First Day’ will start for our new receptions with 6 students starting in the single intake on January 28th. If students are 5 or turn 5 before May 1st, they will start school on the first day of Term 1 and there will be no other intakes throughout the year. This is a great move as new Reception students will start school together and will provide a more stable learning environment for our Receptions.

This week is the start of the very important Kindy to school transition programme for these children. The ‘Kindy kids’ have had several visits and will now start the formal programme of visits where time spent at school will increase to a full day in preparation for their 2014 start.

An outcome from last week’s Work, Health and Safety training, is our duty to exercise due diligence to ensure we meet our work health and safety obligations under the 2012 Act. Elliston Area School will be proactive in ensuring that we are a safe school at all times for our staff, our students, our families and community members. This is nothing new for us as we work to eliminate or minimize hazards, health and safety risks associated with our work as educators every day. We will continue to make sure we have appropriate processes in place to respond to any incidents, hazards, or risks. The training reinforced that we comply with duties under the WHS Act which I’m quite confident we do appropriately.

Next Monday is Remembrance Day, November 11th. At 11am at the War Memorial, adjacent to the RSL in the middle of town, Elliston Area School will be holding a Memorial service to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of more than 102,000 Australian servicemen and women, who gave their lives in wars, conflicts and peace operations. This year, the Remembrance Day focusses on the Korean War in 1953 where 330 Australians lost their lives in this conflict. All community members are welcome to come along and be part of this service and pause for a minute’s silence to remember the fallen who gave their lives for freedom.

I’ll be attending an Eyre and Western Aboriginal Education working party meeting at Wudinna on Thursday.

A busy week ahead.

Cynthia O’Neil
Principal
Children’s Centre News

- Happy birthday to Carlo who turns 5 on the weekend.
- The children are enjoying putting together a display for ‘There was an old lady who swallowed a fly’. They have painted the title and made the old lady with a patchwork skirt and a very pointy nose.
- A big thankyou to Rhiannon Tree for putting all our library books (nearly 1,000) onto a spread sheet for us so we have a digital record.
- The children are looking forward to visiting the R/1 class again this week.
- Transition visits will start in Week 5 for the whole group.
- New resource sheets for playgroup are in the parent library: Talking Together, Belonging together, Reading Together and Looking Together. The latter is particularly good for developing language.
- Playgroup sessions will be held as usual on Wednesday 9:30am – 11am and Friday 10am-12 noon. You are all welcome.

Anne Teresa Sonia

Community News

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
Elliston Hotel - Tuesday 5th November
$25 per person – 3 course meal
Seats are still available for bookings.
- 11.30am start
- Best Hat Competition
- Princess Within Jewellery on display
- Fashion Parade by Tracy Sampson
- Sweeps - $1, $2, $5 and $10
All Welcome

COURTS COMMITTEE
The courts are great and tennis time is approaching. To help collect some funds to keep the nets, the lights and the courts in good condition and to start building funds for future resurfacing, it would be great if people who wanted to use the courts could pay a small social fee of $20.00 per family to cover this. Please pay Jo Penna asap and enjoy your tennis. We are hoping to get some racquets and balls placed at either the IT centre or the caravan park for tourists and other interested people to hire. More news of this to come.
Thanks. Jo.

GREAT FLINDERS JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Sunday 24th November 2013, 8.00 am at the Cummins Courts
Entries to be in by 5 pm Thursday 21st November, Cost $4.00 per event.(limit of 3 events per player)
AGES - 10/U Boys and Girls Singles and Doubles, 12/U Boys and Girls Singles and Doubles, 14/U Boys and Girls Singles and Doubles, 16/U Boys and Girls Singles and Doubles,
(On 31st December)
Please leave details including date of birth and contact number with Kate Murnane on 0429 795443 or murnane@activ8.net.au or Kym Broad 0427 629 950 or mbr89101@bigpond.net.au
ELLISTON COUNTRY WOMEN’S ASSOC.
Next Meeting will be held this Thursday, 7th November at 10.30am. NB a week earlier than usual. All ladies welcome to come along to the CWA rooms on Memorial Drive. We will have a craft session afterwards, so bring some lunch and craft to do. If you haven’t got any craft on the go at the minute, we will have something for you to look at and perhaps try. Or you can just join us for a Cuppa!
Details Vicki on 8687 9094.

CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY
Proposed Street Party to celebrate Christmas in Elliston on Friday, 13th December. If you have any ideas or suggestions contact Kristy, Caroline or Ryano

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