Welcome back everyone to the 2014 school year. I hope you enjoyed the Australia Day celebrations on the weekend.

The holidays were a great time to catch up with family and friends and to celebrate the festive season. I spent the holidays here in Elliston and enjoyed being at the beach during the hot spells.

As I visited classes this morning, it was great to see all students looking fresh and relaxed and happy to be back at school - all having a range of stories and events to tell about their holidays. They all looked terrific in their school uniforms.

Staff will be vigilant around appropriate school wear and there are plenty of uniform items available for sale from the Front Office.

Reminder - broad brim or bucket hats need to be worn during play times and for all sporting activities throughout this term.

I would like to welcome the following students into the Elliston Area School community – Ashton Fleming, James Jervis, Cedar Richards, Carlo Romanowycz, Thomas Sampson, Lachlan Wandel as brand new Receptions. A special welcome back to Jason – Year 3 and Chloe Thompson – Year 7.

We are starting 2014 with 59 students from Reception to Year 9.

All students will receive new stationery today and during this week which needs to be clearly marked with their names. Students should use this new stationery as a motivation to keep their work as neat as possible and be organized with their equipment at all times.

I am pleased that we have all our staff back working as a cohesive team for positive educational outcomes for all our students. All our teaching staff have the appropriate diploma and or degree qualifications for registration as specified by the SA Teacher’s Registration Board. Congratulations to Chad Fleming who will continue on as our Australian Curriculum and IT Coordinator.

The following outlines the staff who will be supporting students across R – 9 in 2014.

**Reception, Year 1** - Jo Penna, Annie Williams  
**Year 2, 3** - Sheri Lapsley, Annie Williams  
**Year 4, 5, 6** - Maree Bourke, who will also be providing lessons in Spanish LOTE to all the Primary students and we welcome Ian Dudley, who will be their teacher on Fridays.

**Year 7, 8** Chad Fleming - Home Class teacher  
**Year 9** – Deidre Chapman – Home Class teacher

Chad Fleming, Deidre Chapman, Kristy Newton and I will be working with the Year 7 – 9 students covering English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Design and IT, Art, Food and Hospitality. As well, our staff will be working across all the year levels providing non instruction time - NIT for the other teachers’ release to programme and plan.

Stevie Romanowycz will be here for the first four weeks this term, providing support and release for staff.

**Support Staff** roles across the school -  
**Finance** Marie Clark  
**Front Office and Admin and WHS** Kerry Williams  
and we welcome back Julie Custance

**Library and Class Support** Dianne Penna  
**Special Education and Class Support** Trisha Tomlinson

**ICT** Rosie Romanowycz  
**Grounds** Julie Tree and Gary White  
**Bus drivers** Sherina - Caroline Gillett, Colton - Jo Haslam  
**Cleaner** Pim Tree

An invitation is extended to all community members to meet with the staff and students for an open hour on Tuesday, February 4th from 3pm to 4pm. More information will be sent home about special presentation times.

It would be great to see all families here as it is a wonderful opportunity for parents to visit your child’s new classroom, to meet teachers, check out the organizational structures and meet other staff.
Reminder - Our school aquatic’s programme will be held in Week 3 this term to further develop our student’s sea safety skills with a special family day planned for Friday.

Enjoy the short week ahead.

Cynthia O’Neil
Principal

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Children’s Centre News

- We welcome with open arms our new kindy kids for 2014, George Wilson, Ryder Ewers-Verge, Colin Dolphin, Delilah Grey and Amy Thompson. It was lovely to see them bound through the gates and into the kindy with smiles on their faces.
- We also welcome back to the kindy family, Teresa Hutchinson (ECW) and Julie Tree (Finance).
- Teresa is away for the first kindy day, but we are very excited to see Sonia here, working with the children. Thankyou for coming in today, Sonia.
- We thank all the families who fed and cared for the turtles over the long and hot summer break. Tannille, Harvey, Noah and Ash Fleming, Fiona, Cedar and Owen Richards, Tracy and Delilah Sampson and an extra special thanks to Jessie, Zara and Beau Jacobs who came in numerous times when spots couldn’t be filled!
- We also thank Fiona, Cedar, Owen, Kirah and Oska Richards for checking off all our library books and putting them back in the shelf. AND for scrubbing out the turtle enclosure and giving the turtles a good cleaning! A mammoth job well done!
- Without all of your help and support families, the centre and the pets couldn’t function as well as they do! Thank you!
- I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Anne Scammell for running the Children’s Centre for the final stages of last year. The work, time and effort she put into this centre is to be commended. She was able to give me an understanding of what is involved and has helped me immensely. We wish her all the best for 2014, and I am sure she will enjoy her break, spending time with the newest member of her family.
- Over the holidays, we have had some building take place. The existing blue pergola (no cover) was taken down (due to rotting wood and decay) and a new one erected with a roof! This is a larger undercover area which will be very useful in the summer and winter for outside play.
- Ms Rowena Fox, Regional Director, will be here on Friday 31st to meet with Teresa and myself.
- Please note: There will be NO Playgroup this Friday due to this meeting.
- Next Thursday, 6th February, I will be attending a Central Eyre Partnership meeting with the other directors/ principals from our zone.
- And finally, I wish to thank all those who has congratulated me on my new position at the Kindy. I know I have huge shoes to fill, and I will endeavor to do my absolute best, for the children, the families and the wider community.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Thank you.

Tracy Kenny
ELLISTON NETBALL CLUB AGM
Sunday, 9 February 2014
3.00pm, Netball Sheds

Champagne and nibbles provided!
Come & continue our celebration of the successful 2013 year for both the club & our Under 13’s, remark on the spectacular courts (again!) and acknowledge our 20 year premiership anniversary.

Hope to see everyone there in preparation for a fantastic 2014.

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