It was great to see everyone settle back into the routines of school last week. Teaching and learning activities are well underway and class routines are now established.

OOPS. A special welcome to the following students into the Elliston Area School community – Jade Tesselaar and Finn Nunan as brand new Receptions.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students – Brittany Scholes Watson and Eloise Freeburn who achieved their SACE in 2013. The girls worked hard and received excellent ATAR points for tertiary study. Brittany has been accepted into her first choice of university course.

Staff extend an invitation to all family and community members to meet with them and students for an open hour tomorrow, Tuesday, February 4th from 3pm to 4pm. Class times for visits, information and mini presentations are as follows -
3pm – 3.15pm R, 1 class with Jo Penna and Annie Williams.
3.15pm to 3.30pm Year 2, 3 with Sheri Lapsley and Annie Williams
3.30pm – 3.45pm Year 4, 5, 6 with Maree Bourke and Ian Dudley
3.45 pm – 4pm with the Year 7, 8, 9 senior students in the Art Room for a presentation with Chad Fleming, Deidre Chapman and Kristy Newton.

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.

Next week is Aquatics week at the Front Beach. The programme will be coming home soon. Parents and family friends are welcome to come along to watch student’s lessons. There will be a Beach day on Friday, February 14th. More information will follow this week.

I met with Rowena Fox, Regional Director for our Central Eyre Partnership last Friday, as part of the 2014 school visit programme. Topics discussed included the Site Improvement Plan Priorities, Performance Development Process and Challenges, Numeracy and Literacy Strategy, NAPLAN results, Performance Development Plans and the Local ECD Partnerships. Rowena was very impressed with our school and students during the tour of our classes.

Elliston Area School is a High Risk 2 school and as a result all camps, excursions for students and training and development activities for staff will be cancelled on total fire ban days. If the Bureau of Meteorology and the Country Fire Service issue a forecast of catastrophic (Code Red) bushfire weather conditions within the Fire Ban District, the Elliston Area School will be closed and school bus routes cancelled. Parents are reminded to listen to local ABC radio or check CFS website for further warnings and advice messages.

On Thursday, I will be attending a Central Eyre Partnership meeting at Lock Area School with other leaders from Cummins, Cowell, Ungarra, Tumby Bay, Port Neill, Cleve, Kimba, Wudinna and Lock Schools and Preschools.

It is going to be a warm week ahead so try to stay cool.

Cynthia O’Neil
Principal

Don’t forget - Governing Council, Tuesday, February 11th at 4.30pm
2014 DIARY DATES

5th Feb  Bushfire Assembly 1.40pm with Therese Pedler
10-13th Feb  Aquatics Week
14th Feb  Beach Day
11th April  End of first term

School Counsellor

Program Achieve
Week 2
Organisation
- Being Ready
- Setting goals
- Planning my time

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

19th Matthew Reeves
19th Kimberly Dolphin
20th Lachlan Wandel
24th Benjamin Wandel
25th Tyreece Watkins
26th Charlie Sampson

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
Will start this week on Thursday 6th February from 3.30 – 4.30pm.
Athletics practice at school oval.
Please bring drink and hat.
Healthy snack provided.

Children’s Centre News

- Thank you families for being prompt at dropping off and collecting your children.
- A quick reminder to Kindy children that kindy will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.
- We had some very hot weather for our first week back. Our new shade structure came in very handy for waterplay.
- The Children’s Centre Newsletter has been circulated with information regarding the Centre. Attached was a parent help survey. This was extended to all families with children who use the Children’s Centre this year. As we only have 5 children at the Centre, it is really up to us all to try and help out where and when we can. This in the future may mean helping with fundraising too. The opportunity doesn’t stop with families of young children. Grandparents and community members are also welcome to help. The Children’s centre is used by all young children and families, therefore money raised and help offered assists us all. Please contact me at the Children’s Centre if you are willing to lend a hand or if you have any brilliant fundraising ideas. If you have completed the survey and are happy to help, feel free to drop it into the Centre Tues, Wed or Thursday. A huge THANK YOU in advance.
- During the holidays, we had Sandy Patterson make a stain glass hanging in memory of Mrs Agars. This was funded by the DECD office in Port Lincoln. The hanging looks absolutely beautiful and captures Mrs Agars to a tee, incorporating her favourite colours and loves; pink and blue, fairies, flowers, frogs and butterflies. A huge thankyou to Sandy for completing this for the Children’s Centre. All are welcome to have a look at this and remember Mrs Agars.
- This Thursday, 6th February, I will be attending a Central Eyre Partnership meeting with the other directors/ principals from our zone. Kindy will still run as normal and the children will be lucky because Mrs Rom will be in!
- Pam Stanley (Early Childhood Leader) will be visiting the Children’s Centre on Monday the 3rd February.
- Don’t forget playgroup this Friday 7th February from 10-12pm. Everyone most welcome to attend with a $2 charge.

Thank you.
Tracy Kenny

WANTED
CLEANER
A Cleaner needed at the Elliston Children’s Centre
For 1 hour per week.
All cleaning products and equipment supplied.
Please contact Tracy Kenny with your expression of interest.
Thank You.
Children’s Centre 86879113
Mobile: 0428 198 235
MISSING
3 metre concrete screed, used at Men’s Shed. Please ring 0428879291 or return to Dave Allchurch. Thank you

ELLISTON NETBALL CLUB AGM
Sunday, 9 February 2014
3.00pm, Netball Sheds
Champagne and nibbles provided!
Come and continue our celebration of the successful 2013 year for both the club and 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.

FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP
Help needed for the Australian Salmon Fishing Championship Committee
If you are interested in fishing, the annual Elliston Salmon Competition is about to get up and running and needs your help. There is a meeting at the Information Centre at 7pm on Wednesday, February 5th. All those interested are most welcome so please come along.

THANKYOU THANKYOU
The Nosworthy and Nuske Families would like to thank everyone involved in fighting the fire on their properties. We also thank those who offered ongoing support over the last few weeks. A heartfelt thanks to you all.

PORT LINCOLN TENNIS ASSOCIATION
Junior Aged Tennis Tournament – Feb 23rd 2014
$500 in cash prizes
For more information please contact Julie Polkinghome on 86834233 or email paulpolk@bigpond.net.au
Entries close 20/2/2014

FOR SALE
9 XBOX 360 GAMES!
Games are:
The Simpsons
The Hulk
Topspin tennis 2
Basketball NBA2K8
Ice Hockey NHL2K8
Banjo Kazooie Nuts and bolts
Soccer Fifa09
Tony Hawk Ride plus gaming skateboard
Car racing PGR
$200 for the lot ONO
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SAINT PATRICKS DAY THEME

SHERINGA CRICKET CHALLENGE 2014

Date: March 15, 2014
Time: 10am til late, match from 11am
Venue: Sheringa Cricket Ground (SCG)
BBQ lunch, tea and bar from 12pm
No entry fee!

PLEASE NO BYO ESKY! THIS IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT EVENT. There are no EFTPOS facilities at the SCG so bring plenty of cash!

It’s that time again! Time to put on the whites, the zinc, and the hat ready to kick up some dust at the bi-annual Sheringa Vs Elliston Cricket Challenge!

Pack up the family, throw in the bathers for the kids to have a swim in the shaded pool, and bring your A game!

There will be games for the kids, and for the kids at heart, plus a prize for the person to catch a six while wearing a Sheringa Cricket Challenge singlet.

All funds raised will stay in the community.

BUCKING BULL  
BOOT THROW  
3-LEGGED RACE

IRON GUT  
JOSHY WILLO!!  
4-9PM

HIGH BALL CATCH  
GUESS THE JELLY BEANS