Principal’s Report

Last week, we had a very successful Aquatics week. The inclement weather on Friday did not dampen the enthusiasm of our students for our beach day activities on the Front Beach. We managed to get through the programme and only abandoned the Team Challenges to return to school to warm up and have the Sausage Sizzle. Thanks heaps to Mick O’Neil for cooking the BBQ.

Gorn Tree    Jade Ryan
Megan Tree   Luke Hutchinson
Harvey Fleming  Marli Ryan
Adam Hull    Jacob Newton

It is important that students have the opportunity to be part of our decision making process and through Student Voice, can provide us with valuable feedback about our school.

This Wednesday, we have a visit from our new **Secondary Australian Curriculum Implementation Officer, Dr Allen Campbell**. Allen will be familiarizing himself with our wonderful school and meeting with staff. We will be looking at how best he can support the development of the Australian Curriculum for our senior students with staff.

Wednesday is a busy day as we also have **Jason from the Department of Transport** visiting re the **Colton Bus service review**. There are only four students currently using the service.

At last week’s Governing Council meeting, in line with DECD regulations, the following dates were approved for student free days -
- 7th March
- 26th May – Central Eyre AC T and D
- 18th August – Central Eyre AC T and D
- 17th November

A date has yet to be set for a school closure.

I would like to thank **Michelle Nuske** for her dedication and commitment to supporting Elliston Area School in her role as Chairperson of the Governing Council. Michelle is stepping aside due to the recent fire on the family farm.

I would also like to thank **Anthony Ryan** for his support of Governing Council over the last two years.

The **Governing Council AGM is set for Tuesday 18th March at 4.30 pm**. We are seeking new members so please give this some consideration and nominate. The Governing Council is an opportunity for you to be more involved in your child’s education and have more knowledge about the Elliston Area School structure, management and operation.

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers as Student Representatives for their classes for the Student Representative Council.- SRC.
Jo Penna and Trisha Tomlinson will be visiting Port Lincoln Junior Primary this Wednesday for classroom observations.

Stevie Romanowycz finishes up on Thursday as she begins her maternity leave. I take this opportunity to thank Stevie for all her hard work. We wish Todd and Stevie all the best.

9.15am Friday - 1500m race will be run at the town oval and the 800m will be run on Monday at 9.15am.

Don’t forget Thursday, 27th February - Elliston Area School Sports Day.

I hope you enjoy the week ahead.

Cynthia O’Neil
Principal

WANTED
2 bags of fresh oats for rabbit baiting program at the school.

2014 DIARY DATES
Thursday, 27th February - Sports Day.
7th March Student Free Day
11th April End of first term
26th May – Central Eyre AC T and D
18th August – Central Eyre AC T and D
17th November Student Free Day

School Counsellor

Program Achieve
Week 4
Confidence
- Accepting myself
- Taking risks
- Being independent
- I can do it

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

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
Thursday from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Athletics practice at school oval. Please bring drink and hat. Healthy snack provided.

BOOK CLUB NEWS
Issue 1 has been given out. Orders need to be back by the 19th Feb.
Thanks Kerry

Is your son or daughter taking up the Challenge in 2014??
If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, gets them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or the school contact person before: Friday 5 September.
The Challenge is to read 12 books in total.
- Reception to Year 7: 8 of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website and 4 of their own choice and these can include class novels and research texts.
- Years 8 and 9: students read 4 books from the Challenge lists and 8 of their own choice and these can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their studies.
- Years 10 to 12: students read 12 books of their own choice, and these can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their studies.

Student reading records are available from your child’s teacher, from the school contact person, who is usually someone in the school library (ask your child’s teacher) or download from the website.
Your son/daughter can also Rate a Read, reviewing the books that they are reading and send this in to us. We award a winner every month with a book prize and their first name and school are entered on our website. Also, we have a student blog section for both primary and secondary students to post and share thoughts about the Challenge and books that they are reading – encourage your son/daughter to have a go!
We have updated the website to address: students, teachers and staff and the brand new families page. Check it out for some great ideas!
Don’t forget the GreatStart website, developed to support families with ideas and activities to help make the most of everyday learning and events, especially important in the first five years of their life:
‘We know families are busy so we have ideas for activities that you are already doing, ideas that may be new and will only take a few minutes and others that will take longer. We have also included extra information for you if want to learn more about the literacy and numeracy that your child will be developing and how this will link to learning in later life.
We will continue to add new ideas and activities, including ideas to connect to particular events or occasions. We are also keen to hear from you on the site; how you went, what worked or other ideas that we can share with other families.’ Enjoy the Challenge!
Hello All.

To start off the year in the Year 4, 5, 6 science class, we are studying life cycles, food webs and local biodiversity. As part of this we would like to create a large scale “Elliston area biodiversity map” on our wall, where over the course of the year we will be adding data collected both by the 4, 5, 6 class members ourselves and any other interested community participants. We are aiming to create a visual record of the many weird and wonderful native species that call our area home, and what we are asking is that anyone who sees an interesting, seldom seen animal of any kind, lets us know the following brief information:

Species: what the animal is. Any common name will do.

Rough Description: length, colour, shape, size etc if you don’t know what it is.

Location: roughly where you saw it. GPS not needed, but name of road, park, farm, beach etc would be great.

Time of Day:

Number of animals:

Status: live animal, dead washed up on the beach, road kill etc

Behaviour when seen: if it was alive, what it was doing when you came across it.

Of course, any photos would be great, and we have plenty of guide books available to help identify creatures if needed. What we definitely don’t need is anything captured for our sakes, or anything injured/killed in the process. And please keep away from anything with sharp teeth!

Other than that, let us know what you see out there when you’re out and about in the great outdoors. From Venus Bay to Lake Hamilton, Polda to Pearson Island. Budgerigars to Killer Whales and Legless Lizards to Western Pygmy Possums, if it’s unique and unusual we’d love to hear about it.

Thanks.

Ian Dudley and the 4, 5, 6 class

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**Children’s Centre News**

- A reminder to Kindy children that kindy will run Tuesday, **Wednesday** and Thursday this week.
- A HUGE thank you goes out to all those who have offered their help with the Centre. Larissa and Kiarni Carter, Michelle Nuske and Ian, Jay and Talarra Dudley have offered to help, as well as the families of the kindy. It is very much appreciated!
- On Thursday, we had CFS Captain Dean Stevens and CFS members Frank Kenny and Joanne Stevens visit with the truck. We had extra visitors with Family Day Care Children joining in. The children loved seeing the firefighters dress in their uniform and enjoyed playing in the truck, squirting water and learning about fire safety. Thank you for visiting!
- Parent interviews will begin this week and run throughout weeks 4/5 and 6.
- **Don’t forget** playgroup this Friday 7th February from 10-12pm. **Everyone** most welcome to attend with a $2 charge.

Thank you.
*Tracy Kenny*

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**Community News**

**JUNIOR TRAINEE SHOP ASSISTANT**
Elliston Supermarket - Position Available.
Permanent Part Time/ Full Time.
Enquire at Shop or Ring Shop 86879008 or Jenice 0427207025
Applications Close 28th February

**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.

**MEET and GREET OUR NEW DOCTORS**
We welcome you to join us for a meet and greet of our new Doctors.
This will be taking place on Wednesday the 19th of Feb at the Community Health Centre meeting room.
**Time: 12.30-2.30pm**
For catering purposes any person wishing to attend the community BBQ, please RSVP by contacting the Elliston hospital by 12pm Friday the 14th of February on ph: 8687 9001
HARVEST REPORT FARMER MEETINGS
MARCH 2014
These meetings are a time for sharing the research that Minnipa Agriculture Centre is involved in and how this can be applied to the local area.
A valuable opportunity for farmers and researchers to exchanging ideas and maintain relevant research.
This year includes the National Variety Trial update, Rhizo fungicide demonstrations, Grain and Graze:- lamb survival, options for grazing crops
Crop sequencing reducing grass weeds in cereal crops, Nitrous oxide, and a new Farming Systems project.
Come along and show your support to MAC and your local farming community,
All welcome
Elliston March 6th --- At the Elliston Golf Club with lunch to follow in the Elliston Hotel
For more Information contact Nigel May
Minnipa Ag Centre
Linden Masters 0401122172 or Naomi Scholz 86806233

HOUSE FOR RENT
4 Bedroom, 2 Bathrooms
Within walking distance to everything
PH 0428288835

MISSING
3 metre concrete screed, used at Men’s Shed.
Please ring 0428879291 or return to Dave Allchurch . Thank

ELLISTON COMMUNITY HEALTH

PHYSIOTHERAPY
Monday 17th Feb
Monday 3rd Mar

PODIATRY, SPEECH,
DIABETIC ADVISER
Tuesday 25th Feb
Tuesday 25th Mar

RURAL WOMEN’S GP
Thursday 13th Mar

Please note this is Dr Frearson’s last visit to Elliston

HEARING
Monday 17th Feb

COMMUNITY COUNSELLOR
Every Thursday

FIRST AID COURSE
Anyone interested in doing a First Aid Course
Cost $185 pp
Date to be confirmed
Ring Jess or Robyn to register
For appointments phone 8687 9012

COLTS CRICKET NEWS
On Saturday on a morning more suited to Footy weatherwise the boys travelled to Wudinna and enjoyed a comfortable win. Wudinna batted first and were well held to 85 runs. Wickets to Cooper, Matty and Guy. Ree, Gorn and Luke all bowled well. With such a wet out field runs were slow but the lads easily reached Wudinna’s total with 4 wickets in hand. Best with the bat was Guy Hutcho, supported by brother Luke and Matty Reeves. Big thanks to Hutch, Tom Wadz and Audine Tree for transport and scoring.
Next Saturday we travel to Minnipa for our last game. A win puts us into the Grand Final which is a great effort.
Reeves

ELLISTON FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS
Preseason training
Begins Thursday the 20th of February.
Its only 8 weeks until the season begins
Training for 1 night a week for 3 weeks then Tuesdays and Thursdays until game day
Look forward to seeing you all there!

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
Chad

ELLISTON COMMUNITY HEALTH
FOOT CARE CLINIC
The Community Health Nurse has started a foot care clinic for those in the community who are unable to cut their nails independently. A podiatry review is required first then appointments with Jess can be made, for further details call the Elliston Health Centre.

VOLUNTEERS AND CERTIFICATE 3 IN HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE
Mid-West Health are always looking for volunteers to do transport, delivery for meals on wheels as well as keen persons interested in doing a Certificate 3 in Home and Community Care and/or willing to do home cleaning for the elderly. Phone the Elliston Health Centre for further details.

HEART FOUNDATION WALKING
STROLLERS
Tuesdays at 9.00 am
In Trudinga Park during school terms.
After Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5pm
Meet at the post office

EASY MOVES EXERCISES
Fridays at 2.00 pm
In the Community Health Centre.

DANCE FITNESS
Fridays at 4.00 pm
In the Community Health Centre.
TAI CHI
Saturdays at 10.00 am
In the Elliston Hall

Jessica Duncan
Community Health Nurse
Email: jessica.duncan@health.sa.gov.au

THANKYOU
There are simply no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy you have extended to our family during this time of our loss in the passing of Colin. We are deeply grateful to family, friends and community.
Bev, Colleen, Caroline and families

FOOTY TIPS
Yes it is that time of year again, doesn't it come around quickly!
I will be running the footy tips again for this year, so if you would like to enter the tipping competition please sign up at the Hotel or call me on 0447094056. Hopefully we have the same, or more entrants for this year. More tipsters means that there is more prize money up for grabs. Last year that was about $1800 in prize money given out. The last day to register is on the 13th March, as the first round and game begins on the 14th March on the Friday night. Once again the cost will be $50 to enter.
Cheers, Rosie

EVENTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Application are now open for grants from an SA Tourism Commission Program which provides financial and marketing support for events and festivals in regional South Australia occurring after July 2014. Applications close 5pm Thursday 27 March 2014.

EVENTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA is the major events division of the South Australian Tourism Commission and aims to attract, develop and support special events in South Australia to generate economic and social benefits for the State and promote the image and profile of Adelaide and South Australia to the rest of the country and the world.
Events South Australia manages a yearly grants program called the "Regional Events and Festivals Program".
The program supports marketing activities of regional events that promote the local region and South Australia as a tourism destination.
No maximum amount per event has been set for funding applications through this program, however applicants must provide a marketing plan and budget to outline how funds will be used if successful.

A portion of the overall program budget will be dedicated to the Community Events Development Fund which supports new, smaller or community-based tourism events or projects.
A maximum of $5,000 per event is set for events funded through the Community Event Development Fund.

Application close 5pm Thursday 27 March.

Enquiries: Chloe Burges, Business Development Assistant, Email: chloe.burges@tourism.sa.com
phone: 08 8463 4650
Please feel free to forward this onto anyone you think may be interested.

Regards,
Sophie Dayman
Administration Officer
District Council of Elliston
PO Box 46

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS-
Prices for the newsletter this year
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Thanks for your attention.

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Please use arial font 11 black only
Thanking you all in anticipation

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Disclaimer:
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Breaking Through The Barriers

Put you first and open the discussions to mental health!

Friday 4th April 2014 6:30pm
Kimba Gateway Hotel
3 Course Meal - $35 per person
18 and Over

Come and hear guest speakers, share experiences, door prizes, raffles, have fun, catch up with friends and as a community start talking about mental health!

Featuring Chantelle Newberry Olympic Diver Gold Medalist and Depression Sufferer

Tickets on sale at Kimba Community Library and Kimba Council or contact Chloe 0429409314. Ticket sales close March 19

Entertainment by Cameron Scott

Fundraisers prior to the event include: Trading Table 13th February, Raffle and Sale of “Healthy Eating Cookbook”

A women’s health night

Mental Health and Wellbeing Event Group
Meagan Lienert, Chelsea Woolford, Therese Francis, Eloise Lambell, Jane Jericho, Chloe Hanan, Courtney Wohling, and Kirsty Gregory.
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
Willo!!
4-9PM

Guess the Jelly Beans