Cooperation…….Responsibility…….Caring…….Respect…….Honesty

February 24, 2014  Term 1, Week 5

Principal’s Report

This Thursday is our Sports day which will be held on the Sports Centre oval from 9am onwards. I hope all families can come along and join in this sporty and fun day. If you can make it, we will need help with some judging and the tabloid events for the various age groups. The timetable for the day is attached.

For over ten years Jo and Craig Haslam have been responsible for and driven the Colton bus run, day in day out, regardless of the weather. This week, Jo and Craig will finish driving on Wednesday morning. On behalf of the Elliston Area School community, I would like to sincerely thank Jo and Craig for their commitment to providing this daily service for our students. All the very best.

SRC MEMBERS 2014
The Year 4, 5, 6 SRC representatives for 2014 are Marli Ryan and Sebastian Weetra.

Next week on Monday and Tuesday March 3rd and 4th, all South Australian Principals and Directors will be attending an ECD Local Partnerships Collective Action - Leadership, Culture and authentic Accountability conference at the Convention Centre in Adelaide. I will be participating in this massive educational event.

STUDENT PERSONAL DATA
Last Friday, students were given envelopes to bring home containing important information in relation to your child/children. So we can update our records, we ask that you check the information listed and make amendments where necessary e.g phone numbers, emergency contact. Once verified and signed, please return to the school.

Next week, there will be an assembly on Wednesday March 5th, hosted by the Year 9 class at 10am. All family and community members are welcome to attend.

Reminder :- Friday, March 7th Student Free Day
Staff will be working on the Australian Curriculum with our new facilitator, Tania Sweeney, on formative assessment.

I hope you enjoy the week ahead.

Cynthia O’Neil
Principal

Reminder:- West Coast Interschool Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, March 12th at Ceduna.

School Counsellor

Program Achieve
Week 5
Resilience
- Positive self-talk
- Controlling behaviour
- ‘Bouncing back to work and play

Annual General Meeting for Governing Council will be held in Week 8 on Tuesday 18th March at 4.30pm. All welcome.

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

LOST
Has anyone picked up a wetsuit labeled “B” or “BW” belonging to Lachlan Wandel? It went missing Friday after the Beach Day. Please return to the school if you have accidently picked it up. Thanks Jo Penna

SCHOOL LUNCH REMINDER
If you are sending sandwiches for toasting or food to be heated up, please make sure your child’s name is written on the container or paper bag. Thanks
WANTED
Does anyone have a small circular exercise trampoline that they are not using, and could lend us?
We are also looking for things to go in a home corner, eg. old telephones, toys, tea sets etc.
Thanks Mrs. Penna and the R/1 class

2014 DIARY DATES
27th February - Sports Day.
5th March - 10am Assembly
7th March - Student Free Day
18th March - 4.30pm – AGM for Governing Council
11th April - End of first term
26th May – SFD - Central Eyre AC T and D
18th August – SFD - Central Eyre AC T and D
17th November - Student Free Day

SA EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS – share celebrate reward
Nominations are now open – to nominate an employee at your school, preschool or corporate office go to www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards
Nominations close on 10th April 2014 at 5.00pm

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY
24th Benjamin Wandel
25th Tyreece Watkins
26th Charlie Sampson

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL will be cancelled for this week, due to Sportsday

Children’s Centre News

- We had a lovely week last week doing lots of learning and play outside. The shaving foam painting and big box play was a huge mess and success!
- We continue to have parent conversations (interviews) this week.
- Last Wednesday, after comprising a shopping list, we went to the shop to buy the ingredients needed to make bacon toasts. The children loved preparing and cooking the scrumptious toasts and loved eating them even more on our picnic!
- We also went to the post office to post some letters. We got to stamp the letters and Tracy and Mandy showed us where the letters go. Thanks for having us visit!
- We are very excited to have the R/1 class from the school come to visit us tomorrow.

We look forward to playing with you and showing off our new shade area!
- We have Tamara (DECD speech path) visiting Tuesday also.
- Reminder! We have our AGM this Wednesday 26th at the Centre from 1-3pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Wanted! 1 or 2 bales of pea straw for our garden. Please call the Centre on 86879113 if you can help!
- Don’t forget playgroup this Friday 7th February from 10-12pm. Everyone most welcome to attend with a $2 charge.

Thank you.
Tracy Kenny

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

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 for 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 on March 6th - at the Elliston Golf Club with lunch to follow in the Elliston Hotel
For more Information contact Nigel May or Minnipa Ag Centre - Linden Masters 0401122172 or Naomi Scholz 86806233

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

ELLISTON FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS
Preseason training begins Thursday the 20th of February.
Its only 8 weeks until the season begins. Training for one 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

**Physiotherapy**
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.

**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**
The boys played Kyancutta on Saturday in a must win game to play off in the Grand Final.
Batting first, we made 96 runs with Ree, Cooper, Matty and Gorn all contributing well.
Kyancutta had a mid order batting collapse in the run chase and Elliston looked like winning easily. A last wicket partnership saw a revival and once again it went right down to the wire, with Elliston winning by just 3 runs as the last wicket fell on the last ball of the day.
We now play off in the Grand Final next Sunday at Minnipa. A great effort, if successful it will be our third premiership in a row. Big thanks to MV for transport.
Good luck boys!
Reevso

**Are you having difficulties paying**
your school fees or managing other expenses?
If so a financial counsellor can help you:

- Options to manage living expenses including school fees, arrears and other debts
- Options for your overall financial position

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Thanks for your attention.

NB Anyone wishing to advertise in the newsletter please make sure you have newsletter in your subject line before sending your email. **This will help make sorting easier when compiling newsletter, otherwise there is always a chance that it will get over looked with all the other emails I receive during the week.**

Please use arial font 11, black only.

Thanking you all in anticipation

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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!!
HIGH BALL CATCH
4-9PM
GUESS THE JELLY BEANS