Principal’s Report

Today is the first day of summer and the year has certainly flown by!

Last Tuesday, after the Country Cabinet meeting with the Premier, Jay Weatherill in Ceduna and Streaky Bay, we were fortunate to have the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development Geoffrey Brock – Member for Frome visit our school. Geoff toured classrooms and met with students who had the opportunity to ask questions. It is always a good experience for our students to have special visitors. Geoff was impressed with our school and his staff commented on the general school atmosphere as being very welcoming.

Gorn Tree and Ayesha Cobby with the South Australian Premier, Jay Weatherill

Thank you to those of you for taking time out to complete the Parent Opinion surveys. These surveys will be reported in our Annual Report and will also inform 2015 decision making.

Term 4, Week 8

To celebrate the successful 2014 school year, our Presentation Night will be held this Thursday, December 4th at 5.30pm here at school. I hope you can come along and see the showcase of class performances. This will be followed by a BBQ tea. Meat is supplied and we ask that families bring a salad or sweet to share please. Students can wear casual clothes.

Reminder that Governing Council is tomorrow Tuesday, 2nd December at 4.30pm.

Material and Services Charges
At tomorrow’s Governing Council meeting the proposed charges of the Materials and Services Fees are to be approved. Proposed fees are $226 for Reception to Year 7, and $299 for Years 8 to 12.

Please see the attached breakdown of the charges. We are proposing that the charges be the standard sum set by DECD which is the maximum legally recoverable amount for schools. If you wish to discuss this please feel free to contact me.

On Friday, R - 6 students will be travelling to Port Lincoln to attend the Port Lincoln High School performance of “101 Dalmations”.

Enjoy the week and I hope to see you on Thursday.

Cynthia O’Neil
Principal
**School Counsellor**

**PROGRAM ACHIEVE - Week 8**

Persistence
- I can do it
- Giving effort
- Working tough

**BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER**

‘Happy Birthday to you’

1<sup>st</sup> Ayesha Cobby
3<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca Wright
12<sup>th</sup> Curtis Kelly
14<sup>th</sup> Noah Fleming
15<sup>th</sup> Brock Nuske
18<sup>th</sup> Phoenyx Lapsley – Forrest
20<sup>th</sup> Indi Donovan
30<sup>th</sup> Copper Venning

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

The latest order for the ‘new’ school tops and hoodies has arrived. All sizes available.

Polo tops – size 6 – 14 - $25-00, S, M - $27-00
Hoodies – size 6 – 16 - $37-00, S, M - $39-00
Please see staff at the front office if you require any school tops for your child/children.

**SRC NEWS**

SRC had discussions about children less fortunate than ourselves. SRC would like students to bring in their old toys, action figures, books etc to take down to the salvation army for Christmas time. After contacting the Salvation Army in Port Lincoln they also mentioned that they run a Christmas toy appeal at K-Mart where toys can be donated. A “Hamper for Hope” campaign, where non-perishable food, eg rice, noodles, pasta etc can be donated to those in need at Christmas time. If any items are brought into the school I will ensure they are taken to the Pt Lincoln Salvation Army for this very worthy cause.

SRC voted to donate some funds raised to World Vision and will provide the following to a village in Kenya-

- 1 packet of fast growing Seeds eg rice, carrots or peas
- 1 chicken - provide families with a lasting source of protein and income
- 1 goat - provide families with a healthy source of calcium. The milk can be made into cheese or yoghurt or be sold for income.
- 2 pigs - they can breed pigs for sale. They also provide natural fertiliser for vegetable gardens.
- Repellent - treated mosquito net for a family. Ensure children and their families can sleep soundly, free from deadly malaria-ridden mozzies.
- Childhood immunisation - Infants can be protected from deadly diseases such as polio, tetanus and tuberculosis.

The students felt this will make a life changing difference to families in these remote areas. Thanks to all of the students who have helped support our fundraising efforts this year.

**WET AND WILD WEDNESDAY -10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

SRC would like kids to wear beach clothes and bring their water pistols to the Wet and Wild day. This will be an afternoon activity and will involve-

- Mega waterslide
- Water bomb fight
- Target throwing
- Water pistol fights
- Free supa dupas for all students

Students are looking forward to an afternoon of fun!

*Thanks Kristy*

**EAS SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The end of the year is fast approaching and we need to round up all students and teachers library resources. Could you please help us by returning any Library Books, Teachers Resources, Bulk Loan Readers, DVD’s for stocktaking, repairs and sorting into their correct boxes by no later than Wednesday of this week (3<sup>rd</sup> December).

Much appreciated and thanks for this.

Dianne / Kerry / Trisha.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**

Has finished for the 2014. Thanks to everyone for your support throughout the year.

**VACSWIM**

5-13<sup>th</sup> January 2015
Visit: www.vacswimsa.com.au
Enrol with Vacswim – enrol online
Stay updated: www.facebook.com/vacwsimsa
Contact us: 08 82002528
**FOR SALE**

2 Cream Aluminium Screen Doors  
With clear shield mesh  
2130 x 910mm approx. - $200 each  
Contact the school 86879167

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**Community News**

**UPHOLSTERY REPAIR**

Do you need any upholstery  
- Repaired  
- Recovered  
- Re Webbed  
I do anything from tractor seats, couches, boat seats, dining chair cushions.  
Give Ben Sheridan a call on 0419370236 to get it solved. Ben will be here over Christmas.

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**FOR SALE**

Pedro’s big steel Boat Trailer  
Best offer  
0428879229 - Pedro

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**ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB**

2015 Calendars are available for sale in the Information Centre and the Post Office. Price $15 each. Great Christmas presents for the family. Get in quick while there is still some available.

**THE CAMERA CLUB** will be holding their last meeting on Friday evening December 12th at Penna’s Beach House for our usual windup, all members welcome. Emails have been sent to all.

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**MID EYRE MEDICAL**

There will be no Doctor visiting Elliston on Friday 5th December.  
If you have an issue requiring urgent attention please present to Elliston Hospital.

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**Children’s Centre News**

* We had a lovely 2 day visit from our pre-kindergarten children on Tuesday and Thursday for Orientation. The ‘new’ and ‘old’ children had lots of fun playing together and getting to know the Centre and some routines. Thanks for coming kids!

* Thank you to Sonia and Mrs Scammell for helping us with these visits.

* We had 2 new baby visits on Tuesday, with baby Halle Carter and Chloe Ross coming in with their families to collect their new baby book and pack. The Kindy children love seeing the new babies and follow on from these visits by playing ‘mothers/fathers and babies’!

* This is our final week of the Christmas Cheer raffle. We will be drawing the winners out at our presentation afternoon this Thursday 4th Dec. Good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket! There are still plenty left, so let us know if you would like to buy a ticket! Fantastic prizes on offer!

* We have our Presentation Afternoon for the Kindy children moving on to school next year this Thursday at 2:30pm. This is a lovely way to tie up their time at Kindy.

* REMINDER! Playgroup this Friday from 10am to 12pm. You are all welcome to join this happy group!

_Tracy, Teresa and Sonia_
CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND 2014
RSL HALL CUMMINS
(next to the Butcher)

1st December - 31st December
ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION

OPENING TIMES:

Every Day 10am—5pm
(Share a special Story with one of our readers
every day at 4pm)

(Christmas Festival Night Dec 12 until 9pm)
Christmas Day 2 - 5pm

For Group or Evening bookings, or for bookings outside of opening hours please contact:
Grace Coombs 0408832127
Barry Boyce 0410876319
Carmel Wauchope 0488762610

Father Christmas will be visiting every day from
Mon 15th—Wed 24th Dec
10am – 12pm

Pram, Wheelchair and Walker access available
Your own photography permitted