Principal’s Report

Last Friday, we celebrated and acknowledged the very important role our teachers and staff have in our communities on World Teachers’ Day – ‘Teaching... the profession that creates all others.’ “On Friday 30 October, we celebrate World Teachers’ Day. You are invited to get involved and say ‘thank you’ to a wonderful teacher at your school/pre-school. Visit the DECD website, download the ‘say thanks’ activity, colour and decorate the attached ‘owl’, write a message on the back about how your teacher has made a difference in your life and present it to them on World Teachers’ Day.”

Bullying and Harassment
Recently, we have had an instance of bullying which as we all know is offensive and hurts those involved. As a school, all harassment issues are followed up as there are protocols that we follow. Students do receive various consequences for inappropriate behaviour choices. Counselling opportunities are provided to support all our students to develop strategies to make positive and responsible choices around their behaviour towards others. This information is confidential and between the parties involved.
Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the Elliston Area School Behaviour Code.

Bushfires Action Plans
The Fire Ban season is now in force across our West Coast District. As a family, take time to check and discuss your Bushfire Action Plan for your home.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS ACROSS THE FIRE BAN DISTRICT
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 the Sheringa - Bramfield school bus cancelled.
Where possible, the Education Director will distribute information about the potential for closure on the day before the forecast period.
Staff should prepare to advise all parents and care givers about the closure and cancellation of bus routes by telephone and by follow-up written notification.
The Education Director will confirm decision by the Chief Executive to close Elliston Area School and cancel school bus routes within the Fire Ban District for a period as determined by emergency services. Staff will contact all parents and school bus operators, by telephone, to inform them of the decision. A letter will be provided with key messages to parents and care givers.

• The letter will provide parents and caregivers with an emergency hotline telephone number and a web address to obtain closure and reopening details about Elliston Area School.

• Parents and care givers will also be reminded to listen to local ABC radio or check CFS website for further warnings and advice messages.

REMINDER - Students need to have a hat at school every day. Red cards will be given to students who don’t have a hat.

On Wednesday, we have Amy Jolly and Susan Holland, our Disability Support Officers supporting our staff and working with some students. On Thursday night, we have the R, 1 class Sleepover which is exciting.
Next Wednesday, November 11th, is Remembrance Day and marks the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Kristy Newton and the Year 7, 8, 9, 10 classes will be organizing this ceremony. We will be assembling at the Elliston War Memorial at 10.30 am. All community members and visitors are welcome.

As part of our External Review, we have updated some of our policies. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Parent Caregivers guide to raising a Concern or Complaint.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Cynthia O’Neil
Principal

2015 DIARY DATES
13th November Streaky Bay Formal
11th November Remembrance day
24th November Student free day
3rd December Presentation night
10th December End of school year (Thurs.)

SPORTING SCHOOLS / ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS
At the tennis courts.
Thursday 3.30 to 4.30pm at the school
Kindy age 4 – 11yrs
Please bring a hat and drink bottle.
Healthy snack provided

T20 Cricket
Last Wednesday students in Years 4/5/6 and 7 travelled to Lock to play in a round robin T20 Cricket competition. They played 4 fun games of modified cricket. It was a great day with students improving their batting, bowling and fielding skills and meeting some new friends. Congratulations to Cleve Area School who won the boys competition and Kimba Area School who won the girls competition and are off to Adelaide to compete in the next step of the competition. We look forward to participating in the competition again next year!

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER
3rd Dakota Kelly
9th Demi Scott
9th Trent Wright
10th Carlo Romanowycz
16th Marli Ryan
21st Chloe Thompson
22nd Jade Tesselaar
25th Brodie Callaghan

SPIRIT AWARDS
School Team Points
FLINDERS 790
PEARSONS 720

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

School Counsellor
Children’s Centre News

* Our focus book this term is ‘There was an old lady who swallowed a mozzie’. It’s a lot of fun making mozzies, echidnas and snakes. We are also reading Dreaming Stories about them. This week we will try a rosella and maybe a dingo.

* There has been a lot of interest in Karen’s Memorial garden – the children have discovered little caterpillars on the yellow button flowers and have had fun collecting them and looking at them through the magnifying glasses.

* The children are enjoying the new laptops, especially the Paint program and ‘new’ maths programs. We thank Vicki Mundy from DECD who put in a huge effort to set up all four laptops with the curriculum programs and make the laptops work with the kindy WIFI.

* There will be a few visitors this week: Amy, Susan and Francis from Port Lincoln and Larry Higgins from Whyalla.

* Orientation to kindy begins this week with a meeting for families on Thursday afternoon.

* Congratulations to Danny and Neonie Read on the birth of Dale last month.

* Congratulations to Toni and Elliott on the birth of Sage a couple of weeks ago.

* Playgroup this Friday from 10am – 12:30pm. Fruit Time/Morning tea will be about 11:15am. Families are asked to bring a piece of fruit for their children and join the group on the carpet for a couple of songs and a story. All welcome!

Anne, Sonia, Julie

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Community News

KIDS CLUB
Kids Club is on again at the Sports Centre after school today until 4.30pm
Thanks Ingrid

MASSAGE ON THE ESPLANADE
Now open for bookings of relaxation and remedial massage. Come along and treat yourself and rid yourself of all those aches and pains. Cheap rates for pensioners.
Call Tanya Tesselaar on 0428827528

PHYSIOTHERAPY
Monday 2nd Nov

PODIATRY, SPEECH, DIETITIAN

COMMUNITY COUNSELLOR
Every Thursday

HEARING
If you need a hearing appointment please contact Robyn as we have Eyre Hearing coming to Elliston Dates to be confirmed

COMMUNITY NURSE
Elliston – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Wudinna – Monday and Thursday
For appointments phone Robyn on 8687 9012

CWA NEWS
Next Meeting CWA will be held on Thursday, 12th November. Meet at the CWA room at 10.30am. Our venue may need to be altered. It is International Day and the Country for Study is Canada. Everyone welcome.

ABORIGINAL SUPPORT SERVICES
Aboriginal Family Support Services is urgently seeking Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Carers. We are currently using strategies to get the much needed support of the locals in the Port Lincoln Community and surrounding areas.
Out-of-home care refers to the care of children and young people up to 18 years who are unable to live with their families (often due to child abuse and neglect).
Lee Sutcliffe
Family Based Care Support Worker
Aboriginal Family Support Services Inc.

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CLEANER WANTED
The Elliston RSL Memorial Children’s Centre is looking for a cleaner for 1 hour per week. All equipment is supplied.
Please contact Anne Scammell with your expression of interest.
Phone: 86879113 Fax: 86879281
Mobile: 0418 423 664
Media release
SA Health

30 October 2015

Let’s keep Elliston’s ambo service local

With only seven members for several years the dedicated and experienced Elliston volunteer ambus have provided Elliston with round-the-clock ambulance service.

But they need your help to keep the ambulance service local. Without a few more team members on board, ambulances may have to start coming from a nearby town when there’s no one to fill the roster.

Why not come along to a training night and see what ambulance volunteering is about—there’s no obligation, and you’re bound to learn a thing or two! It’s also a great opportunity to meet the friendly team.

Interested in learning lifelong skills, enriching your life and doing something that matters?

Call: Chris Morgan 0428 822 031

Ambulance volunteer Ella Jurek has been learning lifesaving skills for about five months and says she’s gained leadership skills too.
Elliston Cliff Top
Fun Run/Walk
November 14th 2015

3km walk, 6km walk/run, 11km run
Events kick off at 8.30am, get there early!
Starting and finishing at the Anxious Bay boat ramp.

Get your entry forms from the Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre & on our website!

Categories for all fitness levels
Kids welcome to enter with parent’s permission.

For more Information contact the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre
on 08 86879200. Or go to our website www.elliston.com.au
And don't forget to like our facebook page www.facebook/ellistonfunrun.