February 8, 2016

Principal’s Report

Today is the annual Census day for schools. It was great to see everyone here again at this morning’s assembly. It is so important for students to attend everyday.

School card application forms are now available from the Front office. The Materials and Services charge can be paid from now on at the Front Office.

A big thank you to Steve Agars who has sunk a bore in the bottom corner of the yard, adjacent to the gates. Steve undertook this project before Christmas and we are very appreciative of his efforts.

Watch this space over the next few months as we begin to link the bore to use this ground water for watering our grassed areas and garden.

Reminder – Hats need to be worn in Term 1

Cancer Research shows that increased use of sun protection against sun exposure will help prevent skin cancer and melanoma at any age.

Elliston Area School can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths by encouraging all members of the community to take effective skin protection measures. The aims of the Hat Policy are to promote among students, staff and parents – caregivers:-

• Positive attitudes toward skin protection.
• Lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer
• Personal responsibility for and decision making about skin protection

Elliston Area School believes our students will gain protection from harmful UV rays by:-
• Wearing hats which protect the face, neck and ears, whenever they are outside for play at Recess and Lunch times, sport, outdoor excursions and learning activities. Hats will not be worn inside.
• Wearing broad-brimmed or school bucket hats. Baseball caps are not part of the school uniform and are not be to worn at school unless otherwise specified by the Principal in conjunction with special school community events - eg SRC casual clothes days. Plain navy beanies may be worn in Terms 2 and 3.
• Providing and having available at all times SPF 30+ broad spectrum Sunscreen for use by all the School Community members – staff, students, parents, caregivers, volunteers and visitors.
• Students without hats remaining in designated shade areas - “No hat, No play”
• Staff acting as role models when outdoors and on yard duty by wearing appropriate broad brimmed hats.
• Ensuring hats are worn at all times and sunscreen applied during aquatics, surf and beach related activities.

Last week we posted a photo of our new Receptions. Sincere apologies to Jennifer Wright and Kai Tesselaar as we mis-spelt or omitted their names.

Reminder – Governing Council meeting next Tuesday at 4.30pm.

DCSI Screening Checks (Police Checks)
Many of our parents and caregivers volunteer at our school to support their child’s learning. To make it easier for parents and caregivers to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures. Parents and caregivers who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening. Governing Council members who are parents or caregivers no longer require the screening either.

A screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include
assemblies, fundraisers, aquatic’s week or sports days.
Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour. Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

There will be an open afternoon from 3 – 4 tomorrow, Tuesday, 9th February for families to check out classrooms and hear about learning programmes and day to day organization. Class times for visits, information and mini presentations are as follows
3pm – 3.15pm R, 1 class with Jo Penna and Kate Jervis.
3.15pm to 3.30pm Year 2, 3 with Sheri Lapsley and Kate Jervis.
3.30pm – 3.45pm Year 4, 5 with Maree Bourke and Ian Dudley
3.45 pm – 4pm with the Year 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 Senior students in the Art Room for a presentation with Chad Fleming, Deidre Chapman and Kristy Newton.

Don’t forget Aquatics will take place next Week 3, starting Monday, February 15th. More information will be sent home this week.

A great week for learning with nice weather ahead. I hope to catch up with all of you tomorrow afternoon.

Cynthia O’Neil
Principal

PASSENGER TRANSPORT CARD ORDER FORM

Name ..................................................
Class .........................
$6.50 each (for orders received before 21st February 2016)
PLEASE ENCLOSE THIS SLIP WITH PAYMENT

NOTE: LATE ORDERS & REPLACEMENT CARDS - $10.00 EACH

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

For your information - There is a free app called Learning Potential, developed by the Federal Government with more than 160 hints and ideas for parents caregivers to help your children with their learning. It’s very popular, with over 110,000 downloads since its launch in August 2015. Additional content and functional improvements will continue this year. It is available for both Android and Apple devices. For more information visit www.learningpotential.gov.au

Children’s Centre News

- Tomorrow is Shrove Tuesday, so we will be cooking pancakes with the children. I am sure they will love this as they really enjoyed making playdough last week with Sonia.
- This week we hope to have some water play with the warmer weather predicted. Please send in spare clothes for your child each day, just in case we are able to make the most of the sunshine.
- Also please send in a 250ml or 500ml clean, round, empty water bottle for a sea creation for week 3.
- I hope to have a short excursion to the front beach this week or next to discover treasures for our sea creation.
- Welcome back to Teresa this week, and thank you to Sonia for your expertise and fun times last week.
- Please note that the welcome barbecue I had planned for this Wednesday will have to be cancelled due to family commitments. I apologise for any inconvenience.
- If anyone has small clean boxes for construction we would love to use them at the Kindy.
- Don’t forget our times for Term 1 are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.45 – 3.15.
  Annie, Teresa, Sonia, Julie, Larissa and Zali
**YAC NEWS**

Happy New Year YAC gang! Welcome to 2016 we have some exciting things happening this year and I’m very excited to catch up with you all to hear how your summer went.

Meeting dates for this term are as follows. New members aged between 12 and 25 are more than welcome to attend, just turn up after school, snacks will be provided. We are always looking for new ideas so don’t be scared to come along.

We are lucky to be invited to the “Youth Cultural Festival” in Streaky Bay this Youth Week so save the date its shaping up to be a brilliant day. I will be requiring transport to bring the Elliston youth to Streaky Bay so if parents are willing to help please contact me. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

YAC meeting dates
 Monday 8th February – Community services building (informal catch up food provided)
 Tuesday 1st March – Community services building (tie dying workshop food provided)
 Tuesday 22nd March – Community services building (Youth Week preparation food provided)
 Other important dates
 Monday 18th April – Youth Cultural Festival Streaky Bay (Youth Week Celebration for people aged between 12 and 25)

Looking forward to seeing you all. For more information on YAC and their activities feel free to contact me.

Sharni Cupples
Youth Development Officer
Mid West Health Streaky Bay
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**NETBALL CLUBS PENDING WEDDINGS**

Hi all, we have a couple of weddings that we have been asked to waitress and prepare salads. The first is the 27th February. We need approximately 10 people throughout the day. It will include making salads and waitressing for the night.
Easter Saturday 26th March is the second wedding that we need approximately 6 people to waitress.
If you are available and wouldn’t mind helping the Netball Club to raise money for the coming season, please give me a call ASAP on 0428 446 157. I would love to hear from Minis and junior mums as much as playing juniors and adults.

**NETBALL AGM**

Another season is upon us….which means another year of volunteers are needed to help us get our netballers - little and big - through to the ultimate prize…..the flags!!!
Last year was a huge success for our little club and this year we strive to do the same again.

Please meet at the Hotel, Thursday 18th February, 5pm

Your support and volunteering is what we are needing and your show of face at the AGM would be awesome. Look forward to seeing you there.
Cheers Monica

**ELLISTON CWA**

Next meeting will be on Thurs 11th February at 10.30am. All welcome. Details Jenny 86879393 or Vicki 86879094

**ELLISTON HOTEL 2nd BIRTHDAY**

The Rumbelow family will be celebrating their second year in the Elliston Hotel with an additional Happy Hour on Thurs 18th February 6pm-7pm.

**THE SHERINGA CRICKET CHALLENGE**

The Sheringa Cricket Challenge is on March 19th at the SCG. See Facebook for more information.
[www.facebook.com/sheringacricketchallenge](http://www.facebook.com/sheringacricketchallenge)

**WANTED TO BUY**

Toddler Stroller preferably with big seat and or fold back seat. Needed for an elderly dog.
Phone or text Maree Bourke 0488115787.

**AYURVEDIC MASSAGE**

Available every day at new location, 7 Waterloo Bay Drive. A pamper package now available which includes foot spa, facial, and massage all with quality essential oils of your personal choice. Book now and treat yourselves ladies.
Tanya Tesselaar 0428 827528.
WOMANS HEALTH
Female G.P. Gail Hitch will consulting on the following days 8th Feb, 29th Feb, 21st March.
Book early! Phone 86879110.

ELLISTON SURGERY TIMES
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-5pm
To make an appointment call 86879110.

PHYSIOTHERAPY
Monday 15th Feb
Monday 29th Feb

SPEECH, DEITITIAN, OT, PODIATRY

COMMUNITY COUNSELLOR
Every Thursday

HEARING
Having trouble hearing, need your hearing checked
Contact Robyn and we will arrange an appointment.

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

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