From the Principal’s desk...

We had a very successful week of aquatics. It was great to see the improvement in student’s skills over the week. Last Friday’s Beach day was a huge success and thank you to everyone who made time to come down to the beach. Thank you to Mick O’Neil for cooking the BBQ for our lunch.

A reminder that when you are taking photographs, films or digital images of your child’s participation in school events, please be mindful that these are for personal use only. Images taken of other students should not be placed on social media such as Facebook or You Tube. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Attached to the newsletter are copies of our updated Homework Policy and Elliston Area School Behaviour Development 2016. Please take time to read these important documents.

At last week’s Governing Council meeting a Student Free day for Tuesday, March 22nd was approved. I realize this may cause some disruption for families but staff are travelling to Kimba for a professional development day with other staff from our Central Eyre Partnership. The focus is Growth Mindsets with widely acclaimed presenter, James Anderson.

Thank you to our retiring Governing Council members — Cathy Hull, Fiona Dawe and Jenny Calderwood for the support you have provided to the school.

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will be held on Tuesday, March 15th at 4.30pm. I encourage all parents and caregivers to consider being part of the Governing Council and the governance of the school. We are looking for new members so attached to this newsletter is a nomination form. Please feel free to nominate or nominate some one else.

A request was made of the Governing Council to look into the extension of the current Sheringa/Bramfield bus run to include the Colton Road. It does not meet the DECD School Transport Policy Criteria, which states “each section of bus route must be viable on its own merits”. In this case an extension of around 75km plus per day is not viable within these terms.

The Material and Services Charge invoices will be sent home today. These can be paid at the front office as soon as possible.

I am a member of the Strategic Directions group for the Central Eyre Partnership. This is the leadership group and we have a meeting at Lock Area School tomorrow with our Education Director, Rowena Fox.

In preparation for Sports day next week, this Friday, February 26th we will be running the 1500 metres on the town oval at 9am. Next Monday, February 29th, we will be running the 800metres at 9am. Please feel free to come and watch these races.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Cynthia O’Neil
**Sporting Schools — Tennis**
At the tennis courts.
Thursday 3.30 to 4.30pm
Kindy age 4 – 11yrs
Please bring a hat and drink bottle.
Healthy snack provided

**SRC News**
Welcome back to 2016!
I would like to congratulate the following election of officers
Harvey Fleming - Chairperson
Seb Weetra - Vice Chairperson
Zali Newton - Secretary
Marli Ryan – Treasurer
The group are motivated and excited about the year. The school has a current whole school focus of “Growth Mindsets” and the SRC intend to reinforce this concept through our events and activities. Growth Mindsets is about taking on challenges and cultivating our intelligence. The SRC has the following roles in their class to reporting back to the Committee about; issues around the school that the students have fundraising ideas or fun activities the SRC could undertake community action that is important to the students that could be addressed at school. Fantastic learning that the students have really enjoyed.

Some upcoming events include
Crazy Hair day - Thursday 10th March
National No Bullying Day - Friday March 18th
I am looking forward to working with these students in 2016. Thanks Kristy

**Elliston RSL Memorial Children’s Centre News**

**Welcome BBQ**
THIS Wednesday, 24th February 2016
5.00pm – 7.00pm
All food supplied, please bring your own drinks.
ALL welcome

**Last week** at Kindy we created a Beach in a Bottle, using the treasures we found at the front beach. The children loved this activity and being able to actually see how their creation looked like “all the ocean is in there”

Teresa cooked Starfish Scones on Tuesday and these were a great hit as well. The favourite topping was vegemite, honey and peanut paste all together….

We were concentrating on the letter S and counting to five and recognising that we have five fingers on one hand, without having to count each finger individually.

**This week:**
Sonia has a gorgeous sea mural to paint and decorate with the children.
Teresa will be making Pufferfish Pizzas for lunch on Tuesday.
We will be concentrating on the letter P and continuing on with the recognition of 5.
On Thursday please send your children in ‘very’ old clothes if possible as we are going to be doing tennis ball painting, to create some curtains for play areas in the site. This will be amazing fun, but please no good clothes in case the paint is hard to remove.
After the ‘canvas’ is dry I will bring in my sewing machine to show the children how one works, and sew the curtains.

Another wonderful week ahead, enjoy your time with your little ones, and don’t forget the AGM is next Monday, 29th February at 9.30am in the Kindy. Our first Bus Lunch is Thursday 10th March, so this needs to be organised at this meeting.

Playgroup is every Friday at 10am till 12.30. All families welcome.

This is a terrific opportunity to allow your children the time to become used to the centre at their own pace.

**AGM—Elliston RSL Memorial Children’s Centre Monday, 29th February, 2016 @ 9.30am**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**Annie, Teresa, Sonia, Julie, Larissa and Zali**

**Elliston Phone Books**
Do you need to make changes to the local phone books.
Contact Julie Tree 0428870403 or
Info Centre 86879200
Changes need to be in by 11th March 2016

**Community News**

**Rooster Jumpers**
With the football/netball season fast approaching we are looking to put in a jumper order for 2016.
If you are after a specific size please text Monica or Kristy to order 0428446157 or 0437424051.
We will also be ordering extra jumpers.
The order will be placed on Friday 26th February.

**Netball News**
It was great to see so many girls attend the AGM on Thursday night.
We had a few big decisions to make, one of them being that a majority of girls voted for the club to acquire new uniforms for the 2016 season. Our next step is to send out A-line designs to choose from - this will be coming soon once we have sourced them.

Unfortunately we had no willing volunteers for a few of our club positions…namely the coaching!! **We are on the lookout for B, C, U15’s & U13’s coaches.** If you are interested please give me a call - I would love to hear from you.

We are still looking for volunteers for the wedding on Easter Saturday 26th March and also Ash and Splatcos on 11th June. Please give me a call if you are willing to help…..every dollar helps our club and a perfect opportunity that may bring down the cost of the uniforms.

As the season is fast approaching, 1st game being on 16th April we have decided that we will start off with a **fitness night this Wednesday 24th Feb at 5.30pm.** We are aiming for our first training night to be around 17th March but will let you know closer to the date.

Cheers
Monica
0428 446 157

**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.

**The Beaches Hair Salon**
Therese Hutchens will be in Elliston on
25th /26th February
9th/10th/11th March
Please call Therese on 0478057918 to make an appointment. Bookings are essential!
**Women’s Health**
Female G.P. Gail Hitch will consulting on the following days 29th Feb, 21st March.
Book early! Phone 86879110.

**Elliston Surgery Times**
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-5pm

**Elliston Community Health**
To make an appointment call 86879110.

**PHYSIOTHERAPY**
Monday 7th March
Monday 21st March

**SPEECH, DEITITIAN, OT**
Friday 4th March

**COMMUNITY COUNSELLOR**
Every Thursday

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

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

**Avon**
Anyone interested in having a look at the catalogue and/or placing an order please contact me
Ph: 86879178 or 0428 879178
Thanks Julie

**Elliston Sports Centre**
AGM
Wednesday 24th February at Sports Centre 7.30pm
Everyone Welcome

**SA Dental Service**
Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.
*Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.*
Please call now for an appointment.
Port Lincoln Dental Clinic
Phone: 8682 1248

**The Sheringa Cricket Challenge**
The Sheringa Cricket Challenge is on March 19th at the SCG. See Facebook for more information.
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.

**Community Grants Program**
**Round 2 Grant Funding**
Council is now seeking applications from community organisations, groups and individuals for projects to be funded under the Second Round of its Community Grants Program.
All applications will be assessed against the criteria and conditions set out in the Community Grants Policy and considered at Council's April Ordinary Meeting. Applications must be submitted before 5:00pm Friday April 1st 2016. Any application not submitted within the given time frame will not be considered for this round of funding and the applicant will be advised to resubmit the application, if it is still relevant, to the next financial year's rounds of funding.

Applications are to be addressed to:
Community Grants Program
District Council of Elliston
PO Box 46, ELLISTON SA

Or emailed to: dce@elliston.sa.gov.au The policy and application form are available upon request during ordinary business hours at the Council Office, 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston or at www.elliston.sa.gov.au.

For further information, copies of the policy and application form or for assistance submitting your application, please contact the office:
Telephone: 8687 9177
Email: dce@elliston.sa.gov.au

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