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Elliston Area School

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Week 1, Term 1



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Dates to Remember

Aquatics Week

Monday 1st to Friday 5th
February

Open Afternoon

Tuesday 2nd February

Beach Day

Friday 5th February

Combined Swimming Carnival

Friday 12th February

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Friday 19th February

Combined Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd February

WCIAAC

Tuesday 9th March

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2021 school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and that the students are well rested and ready to settle back into the school routine. We look forward to hearing about the exciting events undertaken during the holidays.

Last week staff spent 3 days planning and preparing for the busy term. Everyone is very excited and looking forward to watching each child grow and flourish throughout the year.

Our goal for 2021 is to continue to provide a happy and engaging learning environment that is challenging with high expectations of all students and staff. We are also all looking to improve and refine our practice to become even better at everything we do. We will continue to build upon the solid foundation of high quality education and I am enthusiastic in leading our staff and students on a journey, as we continue to strive to fulfil the Department for Education's objective of World Class Education. It is an honour and a privilege to once again lead our school and I look forward to working closely with all families and the wider community.

Staffing

We are thrilled that Mrs O'Neil will continue in her role as the Curriculum Coordinator for 2021. I am certain that her expertise and experience will continue to enrich our teaching and learning programs throughout the year.

We have no new teaching staff for 2021, however we are extremely fortunate to have an experienced staff with excellent skills and abilities in a variety of areas.

2021 Staff

Principal	Chad Fleming
Curriculum Coordinator	Cynthia O'Neil
Reception/Year 1	Jo Penna, Stevie Romanowycz (Student Counsellor)
Year 2/3	Kate Jervis, Sheri Lapsley (R-9 Music)
Year 4/5 and Spanish	Maree Bourke
Primary NIT	Tracy Kenny
<i>Secondary School</i>	
Kristy Newton	Year 6-11 Science, Health and Physical Education, Home Economics.
Cynthia O'Neil	Year 6/7 Maths, Year 6-9 Business and Economics and Civics and Citizenship.
Rosie Romanowycz	6/7 Home Economics, Year 6-9 Digital Technology and Art
Ian Dudley	Year 6-11 English, History/Geography
Murray Adams	8/9/11 Maths, Primary NIT
Chad Fleming	Year 6-11 Design Technology

SSO Staff

Our wonderful School Support Officer team comprises of Julie Custance, Trisha Tomlinson, Kerry Williams, Jessica Jacobs, Sonia Ryan, Julie Tree and Fiona Dawe. This is an experienced team and we look forward to them continuing the excellent support they provide throughout our school.

New Receptions

This year we have 5 new and excited Reception students. Evander Tiller-Hird, Sage Nunan, Quinn Monaghan, Olive Monaghan and Milla Romanowycz, who will all be learning with Jo Penna and Stevie Romanowycz in the R/1 class this year. A very warm welcome to you all and your families to the Elliston Area School community.



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Our 2021 enrolments are 71 students from Reception to Year 11.

Student Teacher

This Term we welcome Miss Sian Ford who will be working as a student teacher in the 4/5 class. Miss Ford is from Port Lincoln and is in her 4th year at the University of Tasmania.

Elliston RSL Memorial Children's Centre Temporary Relocation

We are excited to welcome back the Elliston RSL Memorial Children's Centre to our school, who will continue their temporary relocation to our Science Lab during. There have been some fencing built to create a safe play area for the children with some additional infrastructure taking place over the next few weeks. We are extremely happy to accommodate the staff and children at our school with anticipation on a final decision of their current site.

Enrolment Packs

Each year we send home to all families a hard copy of the important information that details the day to day operations of the school. Please ensure you read all the available information, sign the appropriate forms and return to school by the end of this week. This is also an important opportunity to inform the school of any changes to your contact details.

Communication

At Elliston Area School we strongly encourage open dialogue between home and school. It is important that families are up to date with class routines, curriculum events and individual progress being made throughout the year. Parent/Caregiver and Teacher interviews are held at the End of Terms 1 and 3 with detailed written reports being sent home at the end of Terms 2 and 4. The secondary students receive mid semester updates at the end of Terms 1 and 3. Your child's teacher is always available to discuss their education. Please don't hesitate to contact them through a diary note or by ringing the school to arrange a time to meet (or an alternative means of communication outlined in the class newsletter). I am also always available to discuss your child's education. **Please find our school 'Raising a complaint' procedure attached to the enrolment information for 2021.** We look forward to continuing our positive relationships and communication with families about your child/ren's learning. Please keep an eye out for your child's classroom introductory letter from their teacher outlining class routines and expectations.

Elliston Area School is a NUT AWARE school

At Elliston Area School we are concerned about the safety and well-being of all students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school is an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented a variety of strategies and routines to help keep the risk of anaphylaxis to a minimum.

As you may know we have people at our school who live with the risk of an anaphylactic reaction to nuts. These people do a fantastic job at keeping themselves safe and we will continue to educate all our students on the importance of not sharing food with others and washing our hands and mouths after eating. This is a whole school approach as we continue to minimise risks while ensuring all students remain safe and healthy.

Aquatics Week

This year we are undertaking a trial of holding Aquatics Week in Week 2 (NEXT WEEK). Once again, we have Jenny Chesson (Instructor in Charge) from the Ceduna Far West Aquatics Centre and her experienced team of instructors. We are enormously grateful that the team is willing to travel to Elliston and deliver our aquatics program. The week will include a variety of beach and surf safety and survival information as well as providing our students with the opportunity to paddle board, kayak, windsurf, snorkel and surf. The majority of the program will take place at the front beach pontoon with a possible day at Walkers Rocks for surfing. Each class will attend the aquatic program with a finale Beach Day on Friday. Please find the Aquatic and Beach Day information in your enrolment pack.

Open Afternoon

On Tuesday the 2nd of February (next Tuesday) we will be holding an Open Afternoon from 3.25pm-4.00pm where parents/caregivers and family members will be invited, together with the students, to visit your child's classroom. Teachers will be available to answer any questions that have arisen from the 2021 class introduction letter and to have an informal chat. There will be no formal class presentation and please remember to sign in with your QR code and enact social distancing of 1.5m. (Covid-19 information later in the Newsletter)

Swimming Carnival

Once again this year we will be holding a combined Swimming Carnival with Lock Area School at the Lock Swimming Pool. This year's carnival will be held on **Friday the 12th of February** (Week 3). For this event to take place, we will require a significant amount of community support to transport students to and from Lock for the day. We also plan to hold swimming practice times at the front beach in preparation for the carnival. We look forward to keeping you informed of the finer details of the carnival and practice times as they come to hand. Participating in this event provides our students with the opportunity to compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival at Wudinna on Friday the 19th of February. Karcultaby and Miltaburra Area Schools hold a similar combined Carnival and between the four schools the fastest two times for each event will be picked in the combined schools Interschool team. Please keep a look out for further information.

Sports Day

I am very excited to announce that in Week 5 (**Tuesday February 23rd**) we will be holding a trial of a Combined Sports Day with Lock Area School at Elliston town oval. The event will include all track and field events with some alterations to our normal program. We also anticipate a new 300m running track. Further information regarding our Combined Sports Day will be made available in the coming weeks.

Digital School

Elliston Area School is committed to decreasing our environmental footprint. With this in mind it is important to remind families that the School Newsletter can be accessed via email, school stream or on our website. However, if you would like to receive a hard copy of your newsletter, please inform the school and we will be happy to accommodate. If you are a community member who pays for the newsletter service this will continue as normal, as well as having the option to receiving a digital copy at no cost. Please simply inform our front office staff. All other school communication to families will take place via email, such as camps and excursion information, special functions and celebrations days, etc. Once again we thank you for your support.

Detailed newsletters will be sent home in **Odd Weeks** of the Term with Community Notes and Celebrations of Learning arriving on **Even Weeks**.

Bush Fire Danger

Elliston Area School is a high fire danger school with a 'risk rating' of R1 – extreme to very high risk or R2 – high risk. This rating applies to all schools and preschools in designated bushfire-prone areas.

In the event that the CFS declares the West Coast District a **CATASTROPHIC** fire danger day, Elliston Area School will be **CLOSED** all day and no persons (including all staff and students) will be permitted on site. In addition, all school transport services including the Sheringa - Bramfield bus will be cancelled. If the CFS elevates an existing fire danger rating to catastrophic during the day, all schools, preschools and transport services will remain open and operate as normal unless otherwise advised.

To ensure that all families are up to date with Department for Education Policies, I encourage you to read the BUSHFIRE AND YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL brochure which can be accessed [here](#).

If you have further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

COVID-19

The threat of Covid-19 remains in our community and it is important that everyone is aware of the latest protocols. We need to continue to remain flexible and prepared that on any given day our school may close and off site learning may be enacted. It is important that students and families are well prepared.

Department for Education COVID-19 information

The following activities can resume/continue providing government health advice and physical distancing requirements are strictly followed:

- parents, volunteers, departmental support and other service providers may enter school and preschool grounds
- school assemblies, graduations and concerts
- all intrastate camps and excursions (SA Health approval is not currently required)
- all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions
- inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities
- school formals, socials and discos
- playgroups and occasional care
- professional learning activities.

Requirements that remain in place

- **It's important that students and staff stay home if they are unwell.**
- Adults, including parents must continue to physical distance wherever possible, including at school pick up and drop off or when attending school assemblies and concerts.
- All overseas travel remains on hold.
- Schools are advised against booking interstate camps due to the changing nature of border restrictions.
- The current increased cleaning at all sites will continue.

QR codes

SA Health has a plan to gradually rollout the COVID SAfe Check-in system across the state.

As such, the implementation and use of QR codes will be staggered in all South Australian schools and preschools, with codes being made available to **Elliston Area School from Monday February 1st 2021:**

- All adults (including staff and parents) entering the site must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the paper recording log template.
- Children and students (including adult students) do not need to check-in.
- Please note the COVID SAfe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and doesn't replace our normal visitor sign-in process. All guests should continue to sign in at the front office on arrival.

I appreciate that this is a great deal of information for our Week 1 Newsletter and please feel free to contact me to discuss any information further.

As we settle into our Term 1 routines, I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Chad Fleming
Principal

School News

Lunch Time Toasties

Just a friendly reminder to families that Toasties can be sent to school to be heated for student lunches. Please ensure that sandwiches to be toasted are in paper bags (NOT PLASTIC) and clearly labelled. Toasties are the only foods permitted to be heated up for school lunches. Thank you for your support.

Hats

A reminder that this term students are expected to wear **broad brimmed hats** during outdoor activities such as PE and at play times.

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January Birthdays

16th Harrison Tiller
19th Delilah Grey
24th Jason Thompson
27th Nyah Dudley

February Birthdays

2nd Otis Pryor
6th Talara Dudley
17th Kruze Pickett
19th Kimberly Dolphin
20th Lachlan Wandel
24th Benjamin Wandel
24th Grant Wright

Community News

Newsletter article – Consultation on the Draft Suicide Prevention Bill

Many South Australians have been affected by suicide and the consequences can be devastating, complex and long-lasting for families and communities.

Suicide is the leading cause of death for South Australians aged 15 to 44, is the third leading cause of premature death, and has the third highest rate of years of life lost for all conditions.

The [draft Suicide Prevention Bill](#) proposes to establish measures to reduce suicide in South Australia. It will promote a whole of community focus on suicide, underpinned by sustained engagement with the community, government and non-government agencies, and services and community organisations such as Suicide Prevention Networks.

The purpose of the Bill is to have a legislative mechanism that aims to reduce the incidence of deaths by suicide and suicide attempts in this State. It proposes to do so through a number of measures, including:

- Establishing a Suicide Prevention Council to oversee suicide prevention and postvention (activities and programs to support people bereaved by suicide) and prepare a State Suicide Prevention Plan.
- Requiring certain agencies to have suicide prevention plans which respond to not only their employees but also their consumers.
- Establishing the capacity to declare certain means or methods of suicide as a controlled lethal means.
- Establishing a suicide register to provide more timely information that will assist in a targeted approach to suicide prevention initiatives.

You are invited to provide feedback on the [draft Bill](#). You can provide a written submission or complete the short community survey which is available at: yoursay.sa.gov.au. There will also be two public webinar consultations with interested stakeholders. Details are available on the [YourSay website](#).

Consultation closes **COB Friday 12 February 2021**.

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