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Dates to Remember

Combined Swimming
Carnival @ Lock
Friday 10th February

Aquatics Week
13th - 17th February
Beach Day
17th February

Interschool Swimming
Carnival @ Wudinna
Friday 24th February

EAS Sports Day
Wednesday 1st March

WCIAC
Thursday 9th March

WASSAC
Tuesday 28th March

Easter Long Weekend
Thursday 6th April –
Monday 10th April

Last Day Term 1
Friday 14th April

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2023 school year.

We were delighted today to welcome back all students and hear the joy that comes from excited happy children in the classrooms and school yard. Although most students look like they have had growth spurts over the holidays, it was pleasing to see them all looking smart in their school uniforms.

New Receptions.

A special welcome to our **NEW** Reception students, Jarrah McLeod and Lockie Barkway. A warm welcome also to the Barkway family.

New Students

It is also with enormous pleasure that we welcome a number of new students. Eddie Phillips in Year 1, Bai Moyle, Year 4, Sienna Moyle, Year 8 and Celest Hill, Year 11. A warm welcome to you all and your families. We also have Jess (Year 2) and Sam (Year 6) Pickett starting in the next few weeks.

Staffing

As mentioned last year, we are thrilled to welcome two new teachers to our staff, Ms Annette Hill and Mr Simon Baccanello. We look forward to the wealth of knowledge and expertise they both bring to our school.

Mrs Newton will continue her role of Curriculum and Literacy Coordinator for 2023 and we are excited to have Stevie Romanowycz accept the role of Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT). This will be part of Mrs Rom's Wellbeing Coordinator role which encompasses Student Councillor and Special Educator. We also look forward to Stevie teaching Health to our Primary classes.

Although we have had some small changes, we are extremely fortunate to have an experienced teaching staff with excellent skills and abilities in a variety of areas.



Eddie Phillips, Jarrah McLeod, Lockie Barkway



Sienna Moyle, Celeste Hill, Bai Moyle



Simon Baccanello, Annette Hill

2023 Elliston Area School Staff

Principal	Chad Fleming	
Curriculum Coordinator	Kristy Newton	
Reception/Year 1	Tannille Fleming, Stevie Romanowycz (Wellbeing Coordinator)	
Year 2/3	Jo Penna, Kate Jarvis, Murray Adams	
Year 4/5	Maree Bourke (LOTE Spanish), Murray Adams	
Secondary School	Kristy Newton	Year 7-9 Science and Health
		Year 11 Community Studies and Research Project
	Simon Baccanello	Year 7-9 Maths, Year 4-8 Science and HPE
	Rosie Romanowycz	Year 7-9 Home Economics and Art
		Year R-9 Digital Technology
	Annette Hill	Year 7-9 English and HASS
Chad Fleming	Year 7-9 Design Technology	

Our wonderful School Support Officer team comprises of Julie Custance, Trisha Tomlinson, Kerry Williams, Jessica Jacobs, Sonia Ryan, Julie Tree and Fiona Dawe. We are also excited to welcome Tracy Sampson to our SSO Team. Tracy will be working in the R/1 and 4/5/6 classes in the coming weeks. We look forward to them continuing the excellent support they provide throughout our school.

Gates

Could I please ask our school community to ensure that when you enter and leave the school that we close the gates and check that they are latched. This will assist in keeping all students safe. Many thanks.

Digital Communication Between Home and 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 the 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 receive a digital copy at no cost. Please simply inform our front office staff of your preference.

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

All other school communication to families will take place via email.

During Term 1 we will be transitioning to the NEW Education Management System. We look forward to communicating further details over the coming weeks.

Once again we thank you for your support.

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 people (including all staff and students) will be permitted on site. In addition, all school transport services including the Sheringa – Mt Wedge bus will be cancelled. If the CFS elevates an existing fire danger rating to catastrophic during the day, the school will be in contact with families.

Once again, it is vitally important that we have all families' up to date email addresses and mobile phone numbers in the event we need to contact families with emergency information.

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 require further information please don't hesitate to contact the school.

On High and Extreme fire ban days the school will monitor CFS advice and weather forecasts and decisions around camps and excursions will be evaluated on a case by case basis in line with our risk assessment policy.

Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Cooperation, Honesty

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.

Mobile Phone Policy

As you may have heard in the media, the Department for Education is introducing a new Mobile Phone Policy for Secondary Students. Elliston Area School's current Secondary student use of: Mobile Phones and Personal Devices policy, located on our school website, indicates that all mobile phones that are brought to school must be switched off or muted and the devices are to be stored in school bags at the beginning of the school day. We are currently reviewing this policy and are looking to make any necessary adjustments during Term 1.

Governing Council

We have a Governing Council Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday the 14th of February (Tuesday Week 3) at 5.00pm. This will be in preparation for our AGM on the 21st of March 2023.

In 2023 we are looking for new Governing Council members to join our team. If you would like to join the Governing Council or would like to nominate someone to have a positive impact on how our school operates, please don't hesitate to contact me with your intention or nominations. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

This is a lot of information to process in one Newsletter and if you require further details, please don't hesitate to contact me.

As we adjust back into the school routines, please have a wonderful Week 1.

Kind Regards
Chad Fleming
Principal.

Condolences



The Elliston School Community would like to offer our condolences to staff member, Sonia Ryan and Family on your recent loss.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.



Term 1 Dates 2023

Week 2 Combined Swimming Carnival with Lock Area School Friday 10th of February

Week 3 Aquatics Week with Beach Day on Friday 17th of February

Week 4 Interschool Swimming Carnival at Wudinna Pool, Friday 24th of February

Week 5 Sports Day, Wednesday 1st of March

Week 6 WCIAC, Thursday 9th of March

Week 7, March Long Weekend, NAPLAN begins

Week 8, NAPLAN continues

Week 9, WASSAC Ceduna, Tuesday 28th March

Week 10, Easter Early Dismissal, Thursday 6th of April

Week 11, Last week of Term 1 2023, Early Dismissal, Friday 14th of April

What an extremely exciting and busy Term 1 we have in store.



School News



January Birthdays

11th Ava Carter
19th Delilah Grey

February Birthdays

2nd Otis Pryor
4th Dalby Stringer
6th Talara Dudley
17th Kruz Pickett
20th Lachlan Wandel
24th Grant Wright

Active After School

Swimming – Front Beach

Thursday from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

5 – 11 years of age.

Please bring a water bottle, Towel, Rashie/Wetsuit.

School Bus Service

A reminder to our bus families that our Yellow School Bus is booked in for mandatory maintenance inspections, servicing and repairs in Port Lincoln on Friday 3rd February. Could families please make alternative arrangements to have their children picked up from school for the afternoon run. Many thanks.

Community News

Community Health Nurse

Jess Bascomb - Registered Nurse

Available to all community members for non-emergency care.

Bloods, wounds, suture removal, and much more

Working - Monday Tuesday Thursday and Friday

Call the Elliston Health Centre for an appointment 86879012

The family of David Scott would like to advise that his funeral is being held Friday the 3rd @ 1:00pm at Bramfield Cemetery. With the Elliston Golf club to follow.

The family would appreciate if you could bring a plate.

Bar facilities are available.



BETTER MAN PROJECT



Are you concerned about your relationship?

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www.saferfamilies.org.au/betterman

**Simply check out our healthy relationships
website and complete 4 short surveys over 6
months**



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