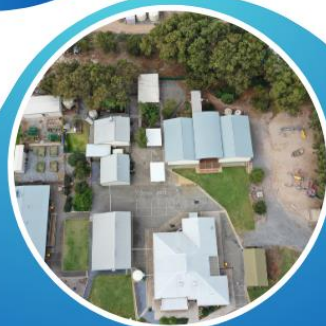


## NEWSLETTER

29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.  
Term 1, Week 1

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# Principal's Report

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2024 school year.

It was a great welcome the students back to school this morning, with everyone looking smart in their school uniforms and ready to build relationships with their class mates as well as, begin to develop their 2024 school routines.

Mr Adams will be on leave for the first 2 weeks of Term 1, as a school community we are extremely grateful that he is healing well and regaining his strength, ready to return to teaching our students soon.

At this morning's assembly we discussed a number of topics including our playground which unfortunately has been removed over the holidays due to its safety. However, I was excited to announce that we are working through the process of planning a new playground and we look forward to including the students throughout the design process.

We also spoke about how our attitude towards learning, tackling challenges and performing at our best, can often be contagious. We discussed how our actions and positive enthusiasm can often influence and impact others in an encouraging way. Our actions and our words can often be contagious and we challenged the students to think about ways to lead by example to create a positive and contagious attitude towards everything we do.

### Welcome New Students

We are excited to welcome five new reception students for 2024. Rocco Bascomb, Zoe Phillips, Poppy Barkway, Billie Pickett and Finn Sommerville. We also extend a warm welcome to the Sommerville family to our school community.

Welcome also to Chaz Harrowfield the elder brother of Sienna and Bai Moyle. Chaz is a year 10 and has come from Murray Bridge High School. We also welcome back Layla and Elke Kenny and Kiana Brown.

### Staffing

There have been some adjustments in our staffing for the beginning of the 2024.

Jo Penna will be on LSL for the first 4 weeks of Term 1 and Jay Dudley will be working full time in the 3/4 class during this period. We also have Tracy Kenny covering some primary classes for the first 4 weeks and Mrs O'Neil relieving in secondary Maths.

Congratulations to Mr Tyson McDougall who won the Grounds Person position for 2024. Tyson will be a wonderful asset to our school and we look forward to the strength he brings to the role.

We are also excited to have Larissa Carter and Laura Bowman join our SSO team for the beginning of 2024, with both working in our junior primary classes. A warm welcome to you both.



## 2024 Elliston Area School Staff

Principal	Chad Fleming	
Curriculum Coordinator	Kristy Newton	
Reception/Year 1	Tannille Fleming,	
Year 2/3	Stevie Romanowycz (Wellbeing Coordinator), Kate Jervis	
Year 3/4	Jo Penna, Jay Dudley	
Year 5/6	Maree Bourke (LOTE Spanish)	
Secondary School	Kristy Newton	Year 7-10 Science and Health
		Year 11 Community Studies and Research Project
	Murray Adams	Year 7-10 Maths, Year 5/6 HASS
	Rosie Romanowycz	Year 7-10 Home Economics and Art, Primary NIT
		Year R-10 Digital Technology
	Ian Dudley	Year 7-10 English and 7/8 HASS
	Chad Fleming	Year 7-10 Design Technology

Our wonderful School Support Officer team comprises of Julie Custance, Trisha Tomlinson, Jessica Jacobs, Sonia Ryan, Larissa Carter, Laura Bowman, Julie Tree and Fiona Dawe. We look forward to them continuing the excellent support they provide throughout our school.

## Aquatics

This term our Aquatics program has been adjusted from our normal operations. We are yet to finalise the finer details however, we are planning for our R-4 students to attend swimming lessons over 2 days in a local swimming pool (Lock or Cummins) with our upper primary and secondary students attending 1 day at the pool. We are also looking to run an Aquatics Camp in Penong, where our students will access the Far West Aquatics team's expertise at the Blue Lake towards the end of Term 1. We look forward to communicating with you once the final decisions have been made.

## School Communication

Elliston Area School is committed to decreasing our environmental footprint and would like to remind families that the school communication, including the Newsletters, camps and excursion information and consent forms, special functions and celebration days, will be sent home via email broadcast. **It is vital that families regularly check their emails to keep informed of school business.** Detailed newsletters will be published in odd weeks of the Term with Community Notes and Celebrations of Learning arriving on even weeks. The Newsletter will also be available on our school website. 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 receive a digital copy at no cost. Please simply inform our front office staff.

## Discussions with Staff

As a school we pride ourselves on quality communication between home and school. We enjoy discussing the positive learning taking place and appreciate the opportunity to outline goals for progress.

If you would like to have a discussion with a staff member at our school, please feel free to contact them to arrange a suitable time to meet. Please refrain from entering the school or classrooms if upset or in an angry state. We have a clear and concise Raising a Complaint with the Department for Education Policy, which includes contacting the staff members involved and arranging a suitable time to meet, followed by allowing a sufficient amount of time for the issue to be resolved. If you feel your concern is not being met, please contact the Principal.

Our staff are always available to discuss your child's learning and believe that open dialogue is the key to a positive parent/carer relationship.

## Bush Fire Danger

Elliston Area School is a high fire danger school with a 'risk rating' of 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.

### 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.

### Governing Council

We have a Governing Council Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February (Tuesday Week 3) at 5.30pm. This will be in preparation for our AGM on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

In 2024 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.

Please have a spectacular Week 1.

Kind Regards

Chad Fleming

Principal

## School News



### January Birthdays

9<sup>th</sup> Jarrah McLeod

11<sup>th</sup> Ava Carter

19<sup>th</sup> Delilah Grey

### February Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Otis Pryor

4<sup>th</sup> Dalby Stringer

6<sup>th</sup> Talara Dudley

9<sup>th</sup> Jessica Pickett

17<sup>th</sup> Kruze Pickett

24<sup>th</sup> Grant Wright

### SRC Canteen

#### STARTING IN WEEK 2

Pies	\$3.50	Large Spring Rolls	\$2.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50	Pizza	\$2.50
Lasagne	\$3.50	Fruit Box	\$1.50
		Sauce Free	

Orders need to be put in brown paper bags with your name, class and correct money and delivered to the box outside the Home Ec room by 9am Friday morning. Thanks

# School Calendar Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
1	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2	3/2	4/2
2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2 School Bus Service	10/2	11/2
3	12/2	13/2 Governing Council Meeting 5:30pm	14/2	15/2 Active After school-Athletics	16/2 Swimming Carnival	17/2	18/2
4	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2 Active After school-Athletics	23/2 Interschool Swimming Carnival	24/2	25/2
5	26/2 Active After school-Athletics	27/2	28/2 Sports Day	29/2	1/3	2/3	3/3
6	4/3 Active After school-Athletics	5/3 Brighton High School Visit	6/3	7/3 WCIAC Sorts Day @ Streaky Bay	8/3	9/3	10/3
7	11/3 Adelaide Cup	12/3 Naplan	13/3 Naplan	14/3 Naplan	15/3 Naplan School Bus Service	16/3	17/3
8	18/3 Naplan	19/3 Naplan Governing Council AGM Meeting 5:30pm	20/3 Naplan	21/3 Naplan	22/3 Naplan	23/3	24/3
9	25/3 Naplan	26/3 Naplan WASSAC @ Port Augusta Start 8:50am	27/3 Naplan	28/3 Naplan Early Dismissal	29/3 Good Friday	30/3	31/3
10	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4	3/4	4/4 Secondary Track and Field Championships	5/4	6/4	7/4
11	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 Last Day Term 1 Early Dismissal	13/4	14/4
H	15/4	16/4	17/4	18/4	19/4	20/4	21/4
H	22/4	23/4	24/4	25/4	26/4	27/4	28/4

# School Calendar Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
1	29/4 First Day Term 2	30/4	1/5	2/5	3/5	4/5	5/5
2	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5

# School News

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> February**.

Could families please make alternative arrangements to have their children picked up from school for the afternoon run.

Many thanks.



## School Newsletter

2024 Newsletter subscriptions

\$25.00 - Hardcopy delivered to Shop / Post Office

Free - Email

Please see the front office to renew your subscription by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Thank you

# Community News

## Ambulance Volunteers Needed

“Ask not what your community can offer you –  
What can you offer your community?”

We have a dedicated Team of 6 Volunteers covering 28 Shifts each week, this is very hard to maintain and as some Volunteers are ready to retire, we desperately need more Volunteers for this vital service.

Without a local Team, Ambulance respond times will vary depending on the neighbouring Town of despatch.

Keep this vital Service operating and available for your community by volunteering your time.

All training and Uniforms supplied, no out of pocket expenses.

## Elliston Community Sports Centre Inc

Is a **Category One** business and as such needs to have all volunteers working in the kitchen to have completed a **Food safety training course**

in safe food handling, food contamination, cleaning and sanitizing and personal hygiene.

A free online **DoFoodSafely** course is available.

**Please support your community and set aside a few minutes to complete the course.**

## Elliston Community Sports Centre Inc

AGM Wednesday 6th March 2024, 7pm  
All welcome

Positions vacant  
Cook for Thursday night training teas and home game Saturdays  
Cleaner required

Enquiries to Kristy Newton 0437 424 051  
Or Debbie May 0428 879 043





positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Positive Partnerships facilitate a range of workshops about autism specifically for parents/carers and school staff.



# SA Term 1&2 Workshops 2024

Explore our lineup of scheduled workshops throughout SA for Term 1 and 2 in 2024. To learn more about our workshop options and to get in touch with us, simply scan the QR codes located at the bottom.

	Date	Program	Location
Term 1	5 & 12 Feb	Professional Learning sessional	National Online
	21 & 22 Feb	2 Day Professional Learning workshop	Port Lincoln
	27 Feb, 5, 12 & 19 Mar	Parent Carer sessional	National Online
	7 & 8 Mar	2 Day Professional Learning workshop	Marion
	20 & 21 Mar	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Noarlunga

	Date	Program	Location
Term 2	13 & 20 May	Professional Learning sessional	National Online
	22 & 23 May	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Port Lincoln
	28 May, 5, 11 & 18 Jun	Parent Carer sessional	National Online

Scan the QR codes for information and resources on a range of topics.



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Parent and Carer



Professional Learning



First Nations People

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