School Fees for 2014 were set by School Council at our last meeting. General School fees will remain unchanged at $140 for the year. Two additional payments are also part of this fee structure.

- **XO Personal Laptop** program $20 lease cost per unit.
- **Voluntary Donation**: Gardens and maintenance $30

All students will be able to have access to an individual XO laptop at school when the lease payment is finalized they will also be able to take them home.

**Curriculum Day** last Monday was shared with Birregurra Primary School. The school has established a working relationship with a well-known numeracy consultant, Mr Michael Ymer. We examined planning based on the new AusVELS curriculum across all grade levels and revisited several key messages. One of these was the importance of spending quality and extended time with our juniors ensuring key concepts and number sense are understood fully and in a multitude of ways. The number four for example in a Prep year should be seen as a word, a numeral, 4 dots, 2 sets of 2 dots, animals and objects, on dice and in a myriad of play activities with a wide range of materials.

**Prep-2 Bravehearts** today. This has been widely advertised and parents were welcome to attend. This program has been delivered to over 150,000 children since 2006. The program provides children with the basic principles of personal safety and tools to help them to stay safe.

Our school **Beach Party disco** is this FRIDAY. Sand, sea and sharks have all been organized! 6.00-7.30 pm start for **Juniors** and 7.30-9.00pm for **Middles and Seniors**. It is a very safe venue and strongly supervised. Students once inside cannot leave the venue until picked up by a parent or agreed guardian.

Prep transition has seen many of our Year 5 students visiting Kinders across Colac. This week Prep transition involves a ‘storytelling session’ here at the school split into three groups across three separate days. Our first group yesterday went very well.

The **School Captains and Vice-Captain** selection process begins this week with the distribution of application packs to those students who express an interest in these important student leadership positions. We will endeavor to finalize these positions next week.

Next week an invoice for our **XO program** will be sent to all parents. The cost of the XO program is $20 per child per year and for that each student will receive their own individual laptop device. We hope the majority of parents can make some payment toward this initiative this year. Staff have begun training in the use of these devices which we hope will be rolled out in Term 1, 2014.

Keep an eye on our diary… there are lots of upcoming events.

Enjoy your week.

Regards,

David Houghton (Principal)
ELLIMINYT PRIMARY SCHOOL
proudly presents

“SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE”
Starring Grades Prep to Six.

WHEN: Wednesday 11th December @ 7.15pm.
WHERE: Elliminyt Primary School Basketball court.
If you’d like to come earlier and B.Y.O. tea (eg. fish and chips), you are quite welcome. Hope to see you all “get down!”

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DISCO
’Summer Beach Party’
The disco is this Friday 29th November. We will be selling Glo sticks, lollies and tattoos on the night.
Cost of entry is $5.00 per student for Elliminyt Primary School students only.

Prep-2
6.00pm to 7.30pm
Years 3 to 6
7.30pm to 9.00pm

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:
A small item from every family would be appreciated for the Christmas Raffle.
The raffle books are being sent home with today’s newsletter.

Thank you,
Kellie Bennett
President

STORY TELLING
Tennessee with her buddy
Ricky with his buddy

Remember that all library books must be returned by the end of the term.

Thank you,
Jane Watts
Library

LOST PROPERTY
There is over 40 unnamed articles of clothing in our lost property. Please check to see if you are missing any clothing.
The lost property tub will be in the school foyer for the next couple of week is you wish to come and look for lost items of clothing.
Please ensure that all clothing is labelled, so that any lost property can be returned.
All clothing left at the end of the term will be taken to a local charity.

TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS

TERM 4 2013
7th October – 20th December
TERM 1 2014
29th January – 4th April
TERM 2 2014
22nd April – 27th June
TERM 3 2014
14th July – 19th September

LIBRARY NEWS
This will be the last week that students and staff will be able to borrow from the Library.

SCHOOL CROSSING TIME CHANGES – 2014
The Crossing times will be changing in 2014.

Current Times:
8.10am – 9.10am
3.20pm – 3.50pm

New Times:
8.15am – 9.05am
3.20pm – 3.45pm
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