Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations are extended to Adam Hall, Greg Harrington, Jo Latham and Barb Muller, all of which have successfully nominated to the vacant parent positions on the Elliminyt School Council. Congratulations also to Denise Hulonce and Nicole Roesler who successfully nominated for the staff representative positions. As the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies, we will not be required to conduct an election and therefore all those nominated will take a position on the council for the next two years.

The Annual General Meeting is planned for Tuesday APRIL 29th beginning at 7pm. interested parents/guardians are most welcome.

FULL WEEK FOR PREPS

As summer ends on Friday and we enter the month of March, a reminder to all Prep Parents that Prep students are expected to attend school on Wednesdays from now on. Thanks

SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS REMINDER

Tomorrow the school’s athletics sports are occurring, with Grade 3 – 6 students beginning at 9.30am, and Grades Preps – 2 students beginning at 11.40am. All students will be encouraged to participate in a number of different events, representing their house (red, blue, green or yellow). Parents, Grandparents and friends are welcome to join us and support our wonderful young people in trying their personal best. As most events will be held on/near the school oval, fold up chairs are recommended. Hope to see you there!

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Do you have a “spare” 30-45 minutes this Friday afternoon? If so you would like to join us for some outside fun tidying up our school grounds. We would love to see you and if you have some gloves, a broom, rake or maybe a shovel, GREAT! It will come in handy “emu” bobbing, sweeping or weeding, etc. All you need to do is find a teacher for some direction and encouragement! Start time is 2.30pm this FRIDAY February 28th. Did you know this Sunday March 2nd is National Clean Up Australia Day?

SCHOOL FEES THANK YOU

Thanks to parents who have responded positively to the school accounts sent out recently. Funds received enable the school to purchase important school supplies and services to ensure the best for all students at Elliminyt Primary School.

General School fees will remain unchanged at $140 for this year.

Two additional payments are also part of the fee structure.

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

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ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM COORDINATORS
The Active After Schools Program commenced last week with students demonstrating lots of energy and enthusiasm. Our coaches (Samantha & Fiona) have been impressed with the positive attitude demonstrated. Thanks to our two AASP coordinators Julie (Dance) and Leanne (Martial Arts) for the great job overseeing these two fun activities.

SCHOOL PHOTOS REPORT
Last Monday, students “arrived” with smiles on their dials for the school photos with photographer, Steve. MSP Photography anticipates photos will be ready for delivery before the end of term. Thanks to parents for ensuring your sons/daughters looked smart in their school uniforms. Thanks also to our school captains and vice captains for being great “gophers” assisting Steve on the day.

WATER BOTTLES
The Water Bottle Crusade concluded today. We had 77%?????? of our student community with bottles on their tables. Water is important in helping the brain function at its best. Water is also a refreshing drink when exercising. Thanks for supporting this worthwhile project!

Hoping you enjoy the last few days of summer!
Darryl Harty
(Acting Principal)

Students of the Week
24th February, 2014

PS - Amber C for her great work in Numeracy. Well done Amber!
1/2S - Kadie B an excellent effort drafting her recount about machines!
3/4H - Cassiana M for being a responsible and helpful member of the class team.
6T - Hannah K for always working so hard and for getting 20/20 on her spelling post-tests. Well done!
Art - Jake D for always aspiring to do his personal best and being an extremely helpful team member.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
The EMA is provided by the Victorian Government to low income families to assist with education-related costs.
If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA.
Application forms available from the school office. Applications must be lodged at the school by this February 28th 2014.
Late applications unfortunately cannot be accepted.
Lorraine Cole,
Business Manager.

HEAD LICE
We have had some reported cases of head lice in the school over the last two weeks. Please check your child/ren’s hair to help us control these little pests.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
The Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March at 1.30pm in the Canteen.
Everyone is welcome to come along.
Thanks,
Kellie Bennett
President
**SCHOOL HOUSE SPORTS - TOMORROW**
Elliminyt Primary School House Sports will be held on Thursday 27th February on the school oval.
The children in grades 3-6 will commence their activities at 9.30am, the Preps-2 will commence their activities at 11.40am.
The children are advised to wear appropriate clothing (House colours), footwear, hats and provide food, drinks and sunscreen for the day.
All parents, grandparents, friends are most welcome to the Sports Day to encourage and support the children during the day.

*Thanks,*
*Greg Brauer*

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**
This Friday from 2.30-3.15 the school community will participate in cleaning up the school grounds. School community members are welcome to join us. We need to relocate some mulch from BER to trees at front of the school, and plan to have an overall clean up.
All offers of assistance very welcome. Please bring own gloves and meet your child’s teacher at the end of lunch play.

*Thanks,*
*Sarah Handscomb*

**NETBALL NEWS**
Elliminyt Netball Club will be fielding two netball teams this year.
We have enough for our Under 9 Team but are looking for extra players for our Under 11 team; boys are welcome to play in this age group.
If you are interested in playing please contact Jane on 0418 949 191 as soon as possible.

**KANA**
The Kana theme this year is ‘When I Grow Up’ and the parade will be on Saturday 15th March at 1:00pm. Every year our entry in the Kana Parade is well received and popular with the students who love to participate in this whole school/community event. This year the children are encouraged to dress up as anything they’d like to be when they grow up. There will be no time set aside for making costumes at school so these will need to be made at home. Students will be joined on the float by some larger than life friends who are still in the beginning stages of construction. Further details regarding the parade will be published in the newsletter as they become available. I am looking forward to a successful joint venture.

*Caroline McCallum*

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Please indicate whether your child/ren will be participating on the day.
My child/ren___________________________
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will/will not join EPS in the Kana Parade on Saturday 16th March.

**“NEW LEGO CLUB”**
When: The Club commences on Wednesday 26 February, 2014 from 3.45 to 4.45pm. It will run during the School term.
Where: Multipurpose Room, Alvie Consolidated School, Wool Wool Road, Alvie (15 mins from Colac)
Why: for all children to participate in different LEGO based activities and meet other children that love LEGO! New LEGO sets for children to work with. Club members receive a 10% discount on LEGO from Colac Toyworld.
Cost: $36 for the next six weeks of term; or $24 on production of a Concession Card.
Enrol by 5 March 2014 and go into the draw for a LEGO lunchbox and drink bottle, valued at $40 each. We have two to give away.
Further information: www.alvie-cs.vic.edu.au or contact Alvie Parents and Friends President Virginia Wallace on 0401 713 475 or Alvie School on 5234 8256.
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