Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION THIS FRIDAY
Plans are in place for a fun day on Friday to celebrate Harmony Day’s theme of Everyone Belongs. There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place. Harmony Day is an Australian Government program which has been celebrated in schools for 15 years and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Children are asked to dress up in something related to the theme or wear something ORANGE. More news about the day can be found later in this newsletter.

IT’S NOT OK to be AWAY: EVERY DAY COUNTS
We all want our children to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school. Thanks for your considered support. If you require assistance with your child’s attendance, please call Mrs Denise Hulonce, our Welfare Team Leader.

KANA CONGRATULATIONS
It was great to have so much support with the school’s KANA float. Special thanks to Caroline McCallum, staff members, and parent Ben Buckle, our truck driver for the loan of his truck. It was great to have so many happy faces readily waving to parents, grandparents and friends. In my biased opinion, our float was the best but of course the judges verdict is final!

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING
It was pleasing to see so many parents attending the Parents & Friends AGM last Thursday. It was especially gratifying to see so many “new” Mums attend. Your involvement and ideas will always be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you at next month’s meeting!

UNIFORM FOCUS
We have noticed an improvement with students wearing of the school’s uniform. Thanks for your continued support in this regard. This week’s focus is pants/shorts/trousers – students are asked to wear navy blue shorts, track or cargo pants – no stripes or designs please.

ACTIVE AFTERS DISPLAY
Near the Office Reception area, our Active Afters coordinators have erected two bright, eye-catching photo displays of students having fun at the Dance and Martial Arts sessions. You are invited to call in and have a look when visiting next.

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DID YOU KNOW?
As a part of the school’s Emergency Management Plan, the school held an On Site Evacuation Drill/Practice last week. Everyone made their way to the school’s oval in an orderly fashion in less than 3 minutes. Well done Elliminyt Primary.

I hope your AFL team starts well for the upcoming season! Go Cats!

Darryl Harty
(Acting Principal)

Students of the Week
17th March, 2014

Prep – Gavin R for taking on challenges in his learning. Well done Gavin!
1/2T – Ella M for staying focused on her tasks even with distractions.
2G – Kiahna M for a good all round effort with her learning.
3/4H – Aiden G for being a responsible and mature class member.
and Roisy I for her fabulous listening skills and asking for help when needed.
3/4R – Jayden P for understanding the importance of telling the truth at all times. Great effort!
and Hermoine B for putting in great persistence to achieve and exceed her personal writing goals! Well done.
5H Chelsie H for consistently being a hard worker and always striving to achieve her best. Keep it up Chelsie.

6T – Tilly H for being a superstar hard worker and for always completing tasks to a very high standard.
Art – Chelsie H for making a great start on her environment diorama.
and Seb V for continued diligence in art classes.
Sports Award – the sports award goes to a child who was very generous with their time and very patient when dealing with others.
Very well done Zara C – 5H
You Can Do It – Hayley Farnes 6G for always helping others out.
Principal’s Award – for getting along with others and helping friends in the playground when they are hurt. This award goes to Ella W.

SCHOOL APP
This App (Application) allows the school to provide newsletters to your phone send out messages to particular grades or groups and allow parents to notify us of student absence and more. It is a free app to use and there is no cost for parents to access the site when connected to the internet through home or available wifi location. We would like your feedback.

UNIFORM FOCUS
PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE BEEN PHASING OUT OUR LIGHT BLUE POLO TOPS SINCE THIRD TERM 2013. SO PLEASE DO NOT BUY ANY MORE IN THIS COLOUR.
Our Year 6 students are permitted to wear their light blue polo’s with their names on them.

Boys & Girls
- Navy blue shorts (not sports shorts ie basketball shorts)
- Navy blue track or cargo pants (no stripes or designs)
- Polo shirts or skivvy – white or navy only
- Navy blue windcheater or jumper with school logo
- Appropriate socks – white or navy blue

Bags
- School bags are available from the school

Sports Uniform
- Navy shorts any style
- T-shirt in House colour or school colour-white or navy school T-shirt
- Black or white SPORTS SHOES for P.E.

Jewellery
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- No other body or facial piercings are permitted due to safety reasons

For more information please contact the school office.

UNIFORMS ORDER
An order form has been sent home with today’s newsletter. If you wish to please an order please fill in the form and return it to the office along with your payment by Monday 31st MARCH, 2014.
HARMONY DAY FUN
Harmony Day is on March 21st. Students are asked to dress up in ORANGE or in an Aussie outfit or an outfit from a different culture. Harmony Day is all about getting along with others. We will be having a special assembly to launch the day at 9am on the basketball court. Interested parents and grandparents are most welcome. We will have “spot” prizes. We ask for a “gold” coin donation. It will be lots of fun.
Thanks,
Macke, Tilly & Scott

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
With today’s newsletter we have sent home the raffle books for our Easter Raffle. Tickets are $1.00 each with plenty of chances to win. All raffle books and money are to be returned to the School office by Monday 31st March.
We would appreciate if families could donate an item for our hampers. Donations eg. eggs, baskets, anything related to Easter etc can be dropped in the class room or the school office.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
Order forms were sent home late last week. If you didn’t receive one please collect one from the office. Order forms and money are to be returned to the office by next TUESDAY 25th MARCH.
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
These are the best hot cross buns you will ever taste.
Thanks,
Barb Muller
President

OCR FM
COMMUNITY RADIO PRESENTS
SPICKS & SPECKS
Themed Music Trivia & Games Night
COLAC RSL
Friday 21st March, 7.30pm
$10 per person
Bookings Essential via
5232 1991 or admin@ocrfm.org.au

COLAC SECONDARY COLLEGE
(Aim Aspire Achieve)
OPEN NIGHT
All grade six students and their families are invited to our Open Night on
Wednesday, April 2nd
Presentations will be held at”
5.00pm, 5.45pm and 6.30pm

KANA
A big Kana thankyou to all of our supporters, especially Ben Buckle who is always helpful and accommodating with the truck.
Also our parents and staff who assisted on the day operating our giant sized puppets, which were definitely a crowd favourite.
Lastly but most important of all a great big cheer for our proud Elliminyt Primary School students who always get into the swing of things come Kana time and do a great job at representing our school.
Thanks all,
Caroline McCallum

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FOR HOT CROSS BUN MAKING
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH
CANTEEN 9.00AM - 1.00PM
OR
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