PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3 at Elliminyt. Soon we will be launching our new website which we hope will help parents connect with the school in another way. It has some improved features including access to school notices, calendars and updates. We will let you know when it is live and will look forward to your feedback. I hope all families had a safe and enjoyable break.

A fond farewell was given to Mrs Pam Neave, who after 11 years of great service to Elliminyt Primary School finished a wonderful full time career over the holidays. We may see Pam back to cover short term leave. Lorraine Cole, an experienced Business Manager from Lavers Hill P-12 Secondary College and for many years previously at Colac High School, has been appointed to the vacant position following application, short listing and interview. We welcome Lorraine to our Elliminyt staff team. Lorraine has already spent some time over the holiday break with Pam transitioning to this new position.

Bike Security In the final days of Term 2 we unfortunately had a bike and helmet stolen from the bike rack at school. For many years there have been few incidents of this kind at the school however, given these recent events, I recommend to parents that they consider helping their children arrange security for bikes and scooters using a lock and chain or the like. Helmets can be taken indoors and stored in classrooms or bag areas.

End of term Disco was held on the Friday night in our EPEE Centre and proved to be an outstanding success. Apart from allowing students to celebrate the end of school in a ‘Winter Wonderland’ the night also raised in excess of $1100 which was a great result considering the many hours our parent volunteers gave in preparation before and on the night. WELL DONE Parents and Friends 😊

Prep enrolment has been excellent for 2014 and we are still accepting enrolments. It certainly helps us with our planning if we know accurately our expected numbers. Any parents who have children starting school at Elliminyt in 2014, who are not yet enrolled, could they please make every effort to do so as soon as possible. Thanks.

Secondary School Enrolment should also be finalized in the next few weeks. If any parents are yet to contact their preferred Secondary School they should do so soon and complete enrolment. I know Colac Secondary College for example are well under way with their planning.

Regards,

David Houghton
(Principal)
**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Claims for the second instalment are now due. If you claimed the first instalment you do not need to do anything. If your situation has changed and you are now eligible for the second instalment, please contact the school for the application forms.

If you are new family to the this school and claimed the first instalment at your old school you must fill out a new application for this school.

Applications MUST be submitted before August 2nd, 2013.

**Eligibility:**
To be eligible for the EMA, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

Thank you to everyone who helped in making our Disco a success.

It was a great night and all the students had a fantastic time.

Our next Parents & Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th at 1.30pm in the Conference Room.

All welcome.

**Thank you,**

**Kellie Bennett**

**President**

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**BOOK FAIR**

We will be having a Book Fair in the 3rd week of Term 3 on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st. The fair will be open before and after school in the Library. There will be lots and lots of great books.

Please feel free to come along and have a look.

**Thank you,**

**Jane Watts**

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**OLD MOBILE PHONES**

The SRC would like you to place your old mobile phones in the yellow tub at the office for recycling.

We’re raising money for Youth Cancer research.

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**WANTED**

**Art Room**

Clean margarine containers with lids and also small jars with lids. (baby food jars are the perfect size).

**Thank you,**

**Caroline McCallum**

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**TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS**

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**5/6 MELBOURNE CAMP**

By now you should have paid the first 4 instalments for camp and the 5th instalment is due this week.

5th Instalment $50 – 17th July

6th Instalment $50 – 31st July

If paying in full your $250.00 must be paid to the office by July 31st.

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