From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I’m currently working on planning for next year, trying to organise classes and teachers as well as allocating funding for priority projects.

To get our staffing allocation right I need to know of student movement. Could you help by letting the school know of any intended new enrolments or if you will be leaving our school?

Your ideas and opinions matter to us and I am currently preparing a survey to assist with planning for future directions. The survey will be anonymous and will be available on-line and on paper. I will notify you as soon as it’s ready.

Mrs Susan Sims,
Principal.

New App

We have a new school app. It’s free to parents and community members. Just go to the App Store or similar android store and type in Ellalong to download it. Username: community Password: ellalongps

Safety around our school

To ensure the safety of all students parents must not drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up students at any time.

Parents are reminded:

**that parking at the front of the school is rear to kerb. Please park as directed only and not across parking area when dropping off or collecting children.

**at shop gate all students are to cross at pedestrian crossing at all times. Parents waiting for children are asked to cross only at crossing and not in front of shop.

Absences

*All student absences must be followed by a note when the student returns. Parents can email the school ellalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone the school before 9am.

*If you are taking a family holiday during any term, please come to the office at least 7 days prior and complete the appropriate form.

*Students arriving late must come to the office before going to the classroom. Parents collecting students early must come to the office before proceeding to the Classroom.

Swim School

A detailed note was sent home recently for our Swim School at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre on November 17 to 21. The cost is $30.00 per student which can be paid in instalments.

**Canteen will be closed during Swim School week.

P & C News

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 3.30pm.

**WE INVITE ALL PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO COME ALONG**

**Canteen News:**

If you are not able to do your rostered day at the canteen please arrange a swap.

November 7 Tammie Spicer and Annie Fisher
November 10 (30mins) Kristy Quinton
November 12 (30mins) Rachael Chapman
November 14 Jill and Sarah Chisholm

From this week the school canteen will open for 30 minutes only at 1.15pm each Monday and Wednesday for the sale of ice blocks, slushies and drinks. NO RECESS OR LUNCH ORDERS THESE DAYS.

*Slushies are available once again at the canteen $2.00 each.
***CANTEEN CLOSED WEEK 7 (Swim School)
November 17 to 21, 2014.

*Special Canteen November 11, 2014.

*!!!!School Disco tonight!!!! Ellalong Hall at 6pm.

Santa Photos
Santa Photos will be taken on November 11 commencing at 9am. The cost is $5.00. Order form and correct money must be returned to school tomorrow. Santa is booked!!!!

School Uniform
*Red School Shirt $30 each  *Red School Hat $12 each
*Girls School Dress $45 each  *Red Polo Fleece Jacket $30 each
*Girls Uniform Material $15 per metre

Student Belongings
Please make sure all of your child/children’s clothing including jumpers, lunch boxes, etc. are clearly marked with his/her name.

Merit Awards
When you child has received 5 Merit Awards please bring them to the school office and a Principal’s Award will be presented at the following assembly. If 5 Principal Awards are received a school pen is awarded. *Awards must be at the office no later than Thursday morning at 10am to be included in the next day’s assembly.

Weekly Awards -
Merit Awards - Ryan Watters, Sophie Phillips, Rylee Arthurson, Sylis Rust, Jace Hughes, Aleeyah Koop, Reid Cowley, Braiden Wyborn, Tame Karaitiana-Tua, Sienna Amidy, Olivia Moss, Taj O’Hearn, Tully Chapman, Lily Bridger-Darling, Ryan Watters, Charlotte Thomas x 2, Tobey Harrison, Dan Langley, Rose Lucas x 2, Thomas Hancock and Logan Reynolds.

PBL Awards - James Horner, Riley Watters, Charlotte Lucas, Rhiannon Garrington, Cadence Enright, Emily Jackson, Braylen Sneesby, Wiley Cameron and Seth Koop.

Reading Awards - Archie Sills, Olivia Shakespeare, Everlyn Anderson, Braylen Sneesby, Olivia Moss, Tobey Harrison, Thomas Hancock, Tori Farley, Logan Cullen, Kaylee Brekvoort-Sadler, Riley Brown, Riley Rees, Charlotte Thomas, Jace Hughes, Lily Bridger-Darling and Tia Jackson –Campbell.

Multilit Award - Aleeyah Koop.

Principal Award - Ryan Watters, Olivia Bailey, Olivia Moss and Riley Watters.

Dates for your Calendar
School Disco  November 6  (6pm to 8pm Ellalong Hall)
Xmas Photos       November 11
Special Canteen   November 11
Intensive Swimming School  November 17 to 21 (No canteen this week)
**Thank you to Strive For Autism Inc. awarding our school two iPads for use by our students in the classroom.** Mrs Sims will attend a presentation next week on behalf of Ellalong Public School, to receive these great resources.

**Managing your child's weight**

It's all about family when it comes to influencing children's waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home.


**Choosing the right school shoes**

Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child’s feet? Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes)

**Creative reading**

If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! [http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3](http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3)

**What is a homonym?**

Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym)

**Sun safety**


**Digital citizenship**

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Here are some tips to get you started: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens)

**Community languages**

Do you speak a language at home other than English? Would you like your child to learn that language or improve their skills? Saturday School of Community Languages enrolments for 2015 are now open. Find out more: [http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol](http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol)