Principal’s Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to the parents and carers who return permission notes promptly. We all really appreciate it. Chasing up unreturned notes uses up too much of our staff’s precious time. I understand that sometimes families have difficulty paying for special events and fees, but it is important that permission notes are returned on time, even if the payment comes in later. If you are experiencing genuine hardship in paying for an event, please see me as we have a small amount of funding allocated to student assistance, and I do not like to see any students miss out.

Our P&C provide great support for our students through fundraisers. They often pay for shows, buses and events as well resources for the students. I urge you to support the endeavours of our P&C. Why not come along to the next P&C meeting on Tuesday, 22nd?

Mrs Susan Sims, Principal.

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.

Please remind your child/children to only enter the school grounds through the small gates and not enter through the driveway entrance and to keep an eye out for cars entering the property as they cross the driveway at front of the school.

Crazy Hair Day raised $84.55 for Cycistic Fibrosis. Thank you for your support. Winners Photo at back of this newsletter.

School Website
Please look on our school website for up to date information for our school. The school website also has a mobile version. Please note that the P & C have also opened a facebook page which will also have information for parents and community members.

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.

P & C News
Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 3.30pm.
**WE INVITE ALL PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO COME ALONG**

**Canteen will open Fridays only. If you are not able to do your day please contact Mrs Annette Fisher. NO CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY due to NAIDOC excursion to Wollombi.**

Chocolate Drive
THANK YOU for your support. Please return all outstanding money to the office a.s.a.p.

Ellalong Woodchop and Miners Challenge
Saturday, August 16, 2014
This will be held at the Ellalong Hotel and our school has been asked to run the BBQ on the day. This is fundraiser for the families of Phil Grant and Jamie Mitchell, victims of the Austar Coal Mine Tragedy. See poster attached to this newsletter.

We will need helpers to operate the BBQ and at the end of this newsletter is a note asking for volunteers. Please complete and return to school by next Friday, June 27, 2014. This will be a big day and any help will be appreciated. All proceeds from the BBQ will come to Ellalong Public School P & C.
**School Uniform**
Red School Shirt $30 each (Old Style $20 each if available); Red School Hat $12 each; Girls School Dress $45 each; Red Polo Fleece Jacket $30 each

**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 your 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**
Term 2 - Weeks 8 and 9
- **Merit Awards** - Riley Brown, Tori Farley, Abby Garred, Zane Enright, Charlotte Lucas, Tobey Harrison, Thomas Hancock, Chloe Formosa, Emily Jackson and Cooper Teasdale.
- **Principal Award** - Brylee Stewart, Kaylee Brekvoort-Sadler and Harrison Fisher.
- **Pen** - Jesse King.
- **Gold Star** - Braylen Sneesby, Lily Bridger-Darling, Emme Formosa, Kane Fisher and Charlotte Lucas.

**Dates for your Calendar**
- P & C Meeting: July 22  3.30pm
- Cessnock Council Environment Talk: July 23
- Yrs 4-6 Sydney Excursion: August 13 and 14
- Ellalong Woodchop & Miners Challenge: August 16
- 2015 Kinder Orientation: October 27, November 3 and 10
- Last Day Term 3: September 19
- Day 1 Term 4: October 7
- Presentation Day: December 9