Dear Parents and Carers,

I had a very enjoyable day on Wednesday. After school I attended the annual Education Week Awards Ceremony for Cessnock schools. Congratulations to our award winners; Rose Lucas for Excellence in Student Achievement, Mrs Anna O’Brien for Excellence in Teaching and Mrs Fiona Mills for Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member. All three recipients have been valuable assets to our school and we are grateful for their dedication and contributions to the success and well being of our school community.

The CCGPS choir gave a delightful performance at the ceremony and I was proud to see four of our students as members. Ashleigh Holden, Olivia Bailey and Rose and Charlotte Lucas are all part of this well polished choir which practises weekly and is highly sort after to perform at ceremonies and events throughout the district.

Earlier in the day I attended the Mt View High musical, “Mirror Image” with students from years 4, 5 and 6. I was pleased to see so many of our ex-students confidently performing acting, singing and dancing roles. Our current students were impressed and gained some insight into the opportunities that await them when they reach High School.

I felt very proud to see so many Ellalong students and ex-students showing their talents.

Tomorrow some of our students with sporting talents will be taking part in the Zone Athletics Carnival.

Good luck to all competitors.

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.

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, August 12, 2014 at 3.30pm.

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

A new Canteen Roster was sent home yesterday.
**Canteen will open Fridays only.**
August 1 Mel Sills and Dawn Samwell
August 8 Kirsty Formosa and Frith Bowmaker
If you are not able to do your day please arrange a swap.

The Canteen is now being organised by Mrs K Formosa, Ms R Chapman and Ms N Kirk. Thank you ladies for your support.

*A new Price List was sent home on Tuesday this week. Please take note of price changes and new products.*
Chocolate Drive
THANK YOU for your support. Unfortunately we still do have a small number outstanding.
***Please return all outstanding money or unsold chocolates to the office by tomorrow.

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. 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.

Sydney Excursion—August 13 and 14, 2014
We have 43 students attending and all monies for this excursion (Yrs 4 to 6) should have
now been paid.
Please complete and sign notes sent home last Tuesday and send in any spending money in a
clearly marked sealed envelope.
Any student requiring medication during the two days must bring it in to the school office in
a secure clearly marked container with full instructions on administering medication to child.
If you child suffers travel sickness please make sure you administer medication before
boarding bus on Wednesday, August 13.
**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE AT SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 6.45AM.
** These must be at the school office no later than Wednesday, August 6.
Mrs O’Brien, Mrs Hall and Mr Sims will supervise students on this excursion.

Students not attending trip are required to come to school as usual. Any absences must be
explained with a note.

Sport
The following students will represent our school at Zone Athletics tomorrow:
Connor Sneesby, William Horner, Wiley Cameron, Reid Cowley, Taj O’Hearn,
Declan Reilley, Thomas Page, Kody Brown, Braithen Wiseman, Seth AKoop, Sam Baker,
Dan Langley, Ethan Garrington, Nicholas McGivern, Jace Hughes, Guy Armstrong,
James Horner, Jyeson Clarke, Tame Kariatiana-Tua, Jorja Brown, Aleeyah Koop,
Madison Lucas, Chloe Formosa, Kimi Kariatiana-Tua, Abby Garred, Charlotte Lucas,
Caitlin Thomas, Hollie Moore, Madeesha McBride, Olivia Bailey, Zoe Garred, Rose Lucas,
Kateila Jackson, Nedebah Moore, Krystal Carter and Brylee Stewart. GOOD LUCK!!!!!
Mrs O’Brien, Mrs Whalan and Mrs Tomlinson will supervise the group.

FOUND
Ladies maroon and pink ladies glasses found outside girls toilet. Please claim at office.

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 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 3 - Week 2
**Merit Awards** - Ellie Bridger-Darling, Lillian Mansfield, Cadence Enright, Samuel Broadfoot and Guy Armstrong.
**PBL Awards** - Tully Chapman, Thomas Hancock, Sienna Amidy, Emily Jackson, Caitlin Thomas and Sam Baker.
**Reading Awards** - Sienna Amidy, Jesse King, Madison Lucas, Lochlen Corcoran, Braiden Wyborn, Lilly Bridge, Thomas Hancock, Olivia Shakespeare, Tori Farley, Mykailah Wilson, Lily Bridger-Darling, Olivia Bailey, Caitlin Thomas, Tully Chapman, Ellie Bridger-Darling, Riley Rees, Riley Brown, Riley Watters, Charlie-Anne Regent, Kaylee Brekvoort-Sadler, Zoe Garred and Evie King
**Multi-Lit Award** - Logan Reynolds.
**Principal Award** - Jake Jobson and Thomas Hancock.

**Dates for your Calendar**
P & C Meeting August 12 at 3.30pm
Yrs 4-6 Sydney Excursion August 13 and 14
Ellalong Woodchop & Miners Challenge August 16
Last Day Term 3 September 19
Day 1 Term 4 October 7
2015 Kinder Orientation October 27, November 3 and 10
Intensive Swimming School November 17 to 21
Last Day Term 3 September 19
Day 1 Term 4 October 7
Presentation Day December 9