Dear Parents and Carers,

Years 4, 5 and 6 had a wonderful time in Sydney for their 2 day excursion. Highlights were the Observatory, the Aquarium and walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. We’ll add some reports from students in the next newsletter.

Kinder to Year 3 will be having an excursion to the Reptile Park on September 17th. The P&C have offered to pay for the bus reducing the cost by more than half. More details will follow on a separate note.

Congratulations to today’s Gold Star recipients.

Keep up the good work!
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, September 9, 2014 at 3.30pm.
**WE INVITE ALL PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO COME ALONG**

**Canteen will open Fridays only.**
August 22  Tammy Spicer & Jade Griffiths
August 29  Rachael Chapman & Natasha Kirk

If you are not able to do your day please arrange a swap.
*A new Price List was sent home please take note of price changes and new products.

Ellalong Woodchop and Miners Challenge
**Saturday, August 16**
This will be held tomorrow at the Ellalong Hotel and our school will run the BBQ. This fundraiser is for the families of Phil Grant and Jamie Mitchell, victims of the Austar Coal Mine Tragedy. All families are invited to come along and enjoy the day!!!
**All proceeds from the BBQ will go to Ellalong Public School P & C.
***Many thanks to Dan and Tracey Bailey for donating the equipment for our use on the day!!! It is greatly appreciated.

*The P & C will subsidise the cost for all students to attend the performance of ‘Making Friends’ at the school on August 22. The whole school will attend as part of school day activities.

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 3 and 4
**Merit Awards** - Braylen Sneesby, Archie Sills, Aleeyah Koop, Isaac Mills, Riley Souter, Braiden Wyborn, Rhiannon Garrington, Brylee Stewart and Sophie Phillips.

**PBL Awards** - Riley Rees, Lilly Bridge, Madison Lucas, Zane Enright, Riley Watters, Anna Volkl, William Horner, Hollie Moore and Tia Jackson-Campbell.

**Reading Awards** - Elijah Rielley, Elke Volkl, Riley Souter, Olivia Pollock, Blake Jackson, Lilly Bridge, Jorja Brown, Jace Arthurson, Anna Volkl, Thomas Hancock, Braiden Wyborn, Lillian Mansfield, Declan Reilley, Madison Lucas and Olivia Moss.

**Multi-Lit Award** - Elke Volkl, Aleeyah Koop, Jesse King.

**Principal Award** - Cadence Enright, Zane Enright, Olivia Bailey, Charli-anne Regent, Tori Farley and Olivia Pollock.

**Dates for your Calendar**

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Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Regional Athletics Carnival on August 29:

Thomas Page, Kody Brown, Braithen Wiseman, Reid Cowley, Jyeson Clarke and Rose Lucas.

Good Luck!!!!

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Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

*Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
*Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
*Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
*Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.