From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new families and welcome back those returning. Also welcome to our new teacher, Ms Logan-Pye who is teaching the 4/5 class.

Unfortunately, we may have to have a re-shuffle of our classes as we are a few students short of retaining 5 classes. The Dept. of Education will inform us of our entitlement in the next couple of weeks.

‘Dance To Be Fit’ classes started today and, from the groups I saw, the students all really enjoyed it.

I encourage all parents and interested community members to come along to P&C meetings and have a voice in decision making. The first meeting for 2015 is next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the school library.

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.

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.

P & C News

The P & C will hold the first meeting of 2015 next Tuesday, February 10, 2015 commencing at 3.30pm. The Annual General Meeting will be held first where all positions will be declared vacant and nominations for positions 2015 will be voted on.

Positions are: President, Treasurer, Secretary and Canteen Co-Ordinator/s.

This will be followed by a General Meeting. We need all families to support our P & C please come along to the meeting and join in with other parents to make this year a successful one for Ellalong Public School P & C Association.

Canteen News:

Discussion on canteen operation will be held at the General Meeting. If you are interested in helping with the canteen please return the pink note sent home last week.

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.
Friday Assembly and Merit Awards
*Our first Friday Assembly will be held tomorrow commencing at 2.30pm - everyone welcome.

At Friday assembly teachers give out Merit Awards to selected students. 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.

**Dates for your Calendar**

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