From the Principal:
Dear Parents and Carers,
What a week of wild weather!
The school is now open and operational, although we are short staffed as some are still cut off by flood waters. Power was restored yesterday evening. We were lucky not to have any damage to our buildings.
I have heard reports of some bad property damage to local homes but hope all families are safe and well.
There will be no canteen this week as all frozen and chilled stock was ruined in the power outage. Rachael and crew are working to replenish stock and restore service. Hot dog day next week will go ahead.

NO ASSEMBLY tomorrow.

Mrs Susan Sims,
Principal.

**Please read ‘Ellalong Extra’ Student News attached to this newsletter.

Safety around our school
To ensure the safety of all students parents must not drive into or park in the school grounds to drop off or pick up students at any time. This is for all school days including Friday afternoons when assembly is held. The safety of our students is most important!!!

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 on the morning of absence.

*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
*P & C membership is $2.00 per family and payable at office or at P & C Meeting. The next P & C Meeting to be held Tuesday, 12th May at 3.30pm. All Welcome!!!

**Thank you for all the support we received during Term 1. We look forward to a successful Term 2.

**Please remember all volunteers must have a ‘Working with Children’ check completed. Please bring to office so it can be recorded. The school must sight this document each school year.

**Thank you for your child/children's mothers day orders - we look forward to receiving the products and having them wrapped by Class 5/6O on May 8, 2015. **Only children with orders will have gifts available for wrapping on the day. All profits from this activity $355.55 will go to Yr 6 School Fundraising.

*Election Cake Stall raised $548.70 for our school. Thank you to all the families who donated baked goods. What a great result!!!!!

*Easter Raffle raised $896.10. We had 53 great prizes, congratulations to all who won!!!! Thank you to all the families who supported this activity with donations and buying raffle tickets.

Canteen News

NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK

Safety issue: Parent helpers are reminded that pre-schoolers and school students are not allowed in the canteen when they are rostered on, for any reason. This is a directive from the Department of Education and Community. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.
*Special Canteen* orders to be returned by tomorrow.

*The canteen is open each Friday for recess and lunch. If you cannot do your rostered day on the canteen please contact Rachel Chapman or Natasha Kirk.*

April 27        Dawn Samwell (30mins)
April 29        Special Canteen Day
                (order form sent home yesterday)
May 1           Kristy Quinton and Rebecca Elliott


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

**Friday Assembly and Merit Awards**
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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**Assembly Awards** - Term 1 Week 9

**Merit Award** - Cooper Teasdale, Hailey Corcoran, Jennifer Lee, Tori Farley, Tully Chapman, Braithen Wiseman and Madison Lucas.

**PBL Award** - William Bridge, Noah Anderson, Ellie Bridger-Darling and Payton Stratton.

**Reading Award** - Charlotte Hosking, Ethan Scrivens, Brylee Stewart, Ryan Watters, Sienna Amidy, Aleeyah Koop, Zane Enright, Caitlin Thomas, Olivia Shakespeare, Braiden Wyborn, Tori Farley, Riley Watters and Riley Rees.

**Multilit Award** - Aleeyah Koop.

**Principal Award** - Lochlen Corcoran and Aiden Chaffey.

**Pen Award** - Olivia Bailey and Sam Baker.

**Gold Star Award** - Violet Mansfield, Lillian Mansfield, Sam Baker and Aleeyah Koop.