From the Principal:
Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s nice to see the sunshine! The damaged trees in the school grounds will be removed by the DET shortly. They’re working in schools with structural and urgent matters first.
Well done to all the students and parents who represented our school in the ANZAC Day march in Cessnock. Thanks to Mrs Fiona Mills for coordinating this again this year.
Stewart House is having a donation drive. Stewart House provides programs and opportunities for children who are in need of a break from their everyday life. Each year 1,800 public school children go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Your donation of $2 in the envelope provided would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Susan Sims,
Principal.

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!!!!

*CPLEASE 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.

Canteen News
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.

Canteen:
May 8 Jill Howard Kathryn Adamson
May 11 Dawn Samwell (30mins)
May 13 Kristy Quinton (30mins)
May 15 Samantha Rees Lisa Pollock
May 18 Amanda Crump (30mins)
May 20 Kylie Clark (30mins)

*The canteen is open each Friday for recess and lunch and 30 minutes from 1pm on Monday and Wednesday. If you cannot do your rostered day on the canteen please contact Rachel Chapman or Natasha Kirk. (New roster sent home this week).
*Special Canteen raised $387.15 for the P & C. Thank you for your support.

* Mothers Day gifts will be given out and wrapped by Class 6OB. This is a Yr 6 fundraiser.

* Gift Card Boxes (36 cards) are available at office at a cost of $30.00 each. Sample box at office.


**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**
- Mothers Day Stall May 8
- Naplan Testing Yrs 3 and 5 May 12, 13 and 14
- School Athletics Carnival May 21

**Anzac Day March - April 25**
What an amazing turn out of Ellalong students for the ANZAC march. The most students (approximately 34) I have ever had the pleasure of organizing and marching with, along with some wonderful mums who also marched and helped with all of our younger students as they did our little school proud.

Thank you again for allowing me to help with the march it is always an honour to march with our school. Fiona Mills.
**Athletics Carnival**
Thursday 21 May, 2015 .. $8.00 per student .. Turner Park, Cessnock.
Attendance is compulsory as it is a normal school day.

**Aussie Hoops**
Aussie Hoops is an introductory skills program for all kids aged between 5 & 10 years of age who want to learn the fundamentals of basketball. The program is designed to develop individual and team skills in a fun, safe learning environment. Aussie Hoops will be commencing the first week of Term 2 on Tuesday afternoons at Cessnock Basketball Stadium from 4:15-5pm.
If you wish to discuss anything or have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Sophie Kleeman on 02 4991 1656 or email : cessnock.cobras@bigpond.com

**Assembly Awards** - Term 2 Week 2
**PBL Award** - Tame Kariatiana-Tua, Jordanna Ratcliffe, Lilly Bridge, Jed Swan and Wiley Cameron.
**Reading Award** - Mykailah Wilson, Olivia Pollock, Ellie Bridger-Darling, Lilly Bridge, Thomas Hancock, Lily Bridger-Darling, Riley Souter and Braiden Wyborn.
**Principal Award** - Krystal Carter

**Managing depression**

**Financial literacy**

**Spelling**

**Homework planner**