From the Principal:
Dear Parents and Carers,
Well done to the boys soccer team for a valiant effort on Tuesday.

This semester we are holding parent teacher interviews for all classes on the same day, Tuesday 23rd June. This is for the convenience of parents who have children in more than one class. Next week you will receive the form to request an interview time. We will endeavour to make the interview appointments as close as possible to the times requested but please bear in mind that we have over 70 families to accommodate. Prompt return of the request form will give you a better chance of getting your preference. If you can’t make it on the day, please remember that teachers are available throughout the year to discuss your child’s progress or any issues, but please make an appointment first either at the office or by ringing the school.

Reports will be sent home on Friday, 19th June.

Mrs Susan Sims,
Principal.

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.

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 the pedestrian crossing at all times.** Parents waiting for children are asked to cross only at the 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 next Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 3.30pm. All Welcome!!!!*

*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.

Canteen News
*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.*

June 5
Rachel Chapman  Steve Sills
June 10
Kristy Quinton
June 12
Mel Sills  Dawn Samwell
June 15
Natasha Kirk
June 17
Kylie Clark
June 19
Frith Bowmaker Kirsty Formosa

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

*Chocolate Drive boxes have been sent home. Each box contains $50.00 worth of chocolate. If you require any extra boxes to sell please call into the school office. **Money for chocolates and any unsold chocolates must be returned to school no later than Friday, June 12.**

Maccas Fun Night
McDonalds Cessnock will donate 10% of their takings to Ellalong Public School on June 16, 2015 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. **Special afternoon tea** Any support will be appreciated. Our thanks to McDonalds for giving us this fundraising activity.

**Student Belongings**
With the cold weather approaching please make sure all of your child/children’s clothing including jumpers and hats are clearly marked with his/her name.
*Remember - a ‘no hat no play’ policy is in force at our school during recess and lunch.*
*Please make sure all students wear full school uniform and are warmly dressed against the cold. **Lost property box in office foyer.*

**‘Discover Uni Day’**
Tomorrow students and parents of our Year 6 have the opportunity of attending a special day at Newcastle University. Travel to and from will be by bus. The bus will leave the school grounds at 8.30am and return at approximately 3.00pm. School sports uniform is to be worn and recess, lunch and drink must be taken. Mrs O’Brien will accompany the group.
Have a great day!!!

**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.

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**Assembly Awards** - Term 2 Week 5 and 6
**PBL Award** - Felicity Lucas, Zoe Garred, Kolbi Enright, Chloe Frederick, Emily Jackson and Olivia Shakespeare.
**Reading Award** - Tyler Clark, Brylee Stewart, Jack Swanbrough, Gracie Swanbrough, Thomas Hancock, Tully Chapman, Fletcher Phillip, Zachery Elliott, Skylah Cameron,
Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival that was held on Thursday, May 21 at Turner Park was a great success. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to help rake the sandpit, measure the shot put throws, time the races and sell food in the canteen. Without your support the carnival could not have happened. Thank you to the many parents who came down to watch and cheer their children.
** The Zone team will be announced as soon as we receive the qualifying distances and times to come through from Cessnock Zone PSSA. The Cessnock Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, August 7, 2015. (Term 3 Week 4)
Miss Olivia Logan-Pye