Grand Opening
Last Friday we officially opened our Outdoor Classroom and Oval redevelopment! It was a fantastic morning and such a wonderful sight to see our children running, kicking, jumping, cartwheeling and playing on our oval…finally!
Many thanks to the parents and families that came along to join in the celebrations, and once again to our hardworking Parents and Friends group and School Council for all the fundraising and donations of time and expertise to improve our already amazing school—much appreciated by all!

Walktober
This Friday is our big Walktober day with ‘Walking School Buses’ running from 3 different locations, all departing at 8:30am sharp:

1. CSC Bus Exchange—Miss Testa, Mrs Hay & Mr Hollick
2. Cnr. Pound Road and Main Street—Miss Tait, Miss Riches and Mr Graham
3. Cnr. Harris Road and Main Street—Miss Roesler, Ms Handscomb and Mr Hackett
All buses will be escorted by a SUPERHERO courtesy of Colac Otway Shire—you’ll have to turn up at a location to find out who! Fruit, also courtesy of Colac Otway Shire will be handed out on arrival. Parents are most welcome to join the walking school buses. The more the merrier!

Year 6 2016
Just a ‘heads up’ for parents of 2016 Year 6 students—order forms for Year 6 t-shirts and ‘bomber jackets’ will be sent home later this term so that orders can be ready at the start of next year. Stay tuned for further information.

Parent requests
At this time of year we begin looking at our structures for 2016. Although it will be a little later in the year when we allocate students to grades, if any parents have particular requests regarding their child’s placement for 2016 please put these in writing and send into school by NEXT FRIDAY, 23rd of October.
We cannot promise to meet all requests, but will certainly endeavour to do so.
Please note: Verbal requests cannot be accepted.

The third has arrived…..
After 2 engagements this year we were a little concerned about who the third would be! It turns out, it’s Mr Hackett! A very warm congratulations must go to Mr Hackett and his now fiancé, Alice on their engagement over the school holidays!

Goodbye………. and hello!
This week we say a heavy-hearted, yet excited goodbye to Mrs Hay who’s heading off to the Northern Territory to complete a year long adventure with her husband and family teaching in a remote school outside Alice Springs. Mrs Hay joined our school community in Term 3 last year and has already had a huge positive impact on both our students, as well as on our staff team. Although it is only goodbye for a short time (she will return to us in 2017) we are sad to see her go, but wish her and her family all the very best for an amazing adventure and we very much look forward to hearing all about it when she returns!

With Mrs Hay’s departure we welcome Mr Jarrad Cook who will begin working with the Prep/1 team on Monday. Mr Cook comes to us from Timboon P-12 school and will be a great asset to our team. Please ensure you introduce yourself to Mr Cook and make him feel welcome.

Angela Hall
Principal
Canteen
Friday 16th October, 2015
Morning Supervisor:
Danica Testa
9:00am: Emma Balcombe, Kylie Fitzgerald, Faith Parsons
Afternoon Supervisor:
Janet Walters
11.30am: Samantha Gaffney, Leonie Walton

SWIMMING Prep S and Prep/1 H
Permission slips were sent home last week and are due back with payment by Friday 16th October.
The cost will be $55.

UNIFORM INFORMATION
An order form for uniforms was sent home last week, if you wish to place an order please make sure that you have your order form and money into the office by this Friday 16th October.
Thanks,
Megan.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
We have three roosters hatched at this time last year that we would like to give away. They are good looking birds and are Cochin Crosses. Leave your name and phone number at the office if you are interested.
Thanks,
Peter Bell

Parent News
Our next P&F committee meeting will be tomorrow Thursday 15th October in the canteen starting at 2.00pm.
We are appealing to any one who might be able to help us secure impressive prizes for our Christmas Raffle e.g. weekends away, dinners or anything else you might be able to procure would be valuable, also a small item from every family would be appreciated to make up small Christmas hampers, all donations can be left at the school office.
The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for 2015 is to be held on MONDAY NOVEMBER 16th at 9:30am. Please come along—the more the merrier!
Thank you.
Kerrin Irvine—President

Ron Nelson
Memorial Junior Fishing Clinic
Sunday 25th October, 2015
9.00am—1.00pm
Deakin University Piggons Road
WAURN PONDS
Free Entry—BYO Bait
All Anglers Must Register
(one rod per angler)
For further information phone
Ian Pickering 52661008 or John Hotchin 52486817

COLAC SWIMMING CLUB
Do you enjoy swimming?
Blue Water Fitness Centre opens in October and Colac Swimming Club will be back in the pool.
Information and contact details on website
www.colac.swimming.org.au
STUDENT AWARDS

Prep  Libby M for being focussed during task time and for making a life-like echidna. Well done!
P/1H Kaylah R for settling in so well to Elliminyn PS. Great work!
1T Charli G for having a positive attitude towards learning and friends, and making a tremendous start to Term 4!
2G Makayla O for making great choices to get the most out of her learning and staying focused on task.
3/4R Maya F for a marked improvement in her self esteem and for adopting a positive ‘have a go’ attitude!
3/4T Zainab B for being a responsible class member who works well with a variety of people and aims to do her best!
Emily M for her outstanding work on her reading goal to tune into interesting words and for her happy, friendly nature in the classroom.
5H Danny H for being a quiet achiever, superb manners and being prepared to ‘Have a Go’.
6H Brayden O for outstanding improvement when calculating number facts and problem solving in general.
Science Danny H for working collaboratively in team situations.
Art Lucas M for consistently demonstrating all of our school values.
School Value Dean G for always doing his personal best. He is extremely helpful and responsible with classroom activities. Well done!

Principal’s Award

This weeks Principal’s Award goes to Jaymee M-K.
Jaymee demonstrates great pride when singing our National Anthem each week at assembly and particularly so at our Grand Opening last week.

Well done Jaymee!
Gonski Funding Celebration

To celebrate our first ever allocation of Gonski funding our school has decided to hold a morning tea on the 28th of October at 11am in the school Library. All Parents/Guardians are invited to participate in this free event to celebrate the allocation of $131,790.71 of Gonski Funds to our school. This allocation of Gonski funding is a tremendous boost for our school. It will allow us to add to our current programs and resources that benefit all of our students. At Elliminyt Primary we have an amazing team of staff, awesome students and an active school council and Parent and Friends group. Our school is strongly focussed on building a sense of community and we are very proud of the quality education we provide our children. With so many great programs already running at our school, it’s exciting to think about how we will use this additional funding.
Please come along and help us celebrate this wonderful news.

THE ART ROOM

We are busily stitching, moulding, painting and tiling in the art room in preparation for the Colac Show on November 6, 7 & 8th of November. The students are very excited to enter their artwork and always love to see their work on display in the homecraft hall at the show. Some children have elected to enter more than one piece of artwork. Additional entries cost 50c each and those children will have a note in their diary reminding them how much they need to bring to the Art room to cover their entry fees. Good luck to all but most importantly have fun.

WORK FROM THE ART ROOM

27TH OCT 6.30-8.00PM
LOG ON WITH YOUR KIDS- COMMUNITY ED SESSION

You will spend 120hrs teaching your Child to drive, this event is focused on how you will support your Child in the online world.

For Families of Children aged 8-12 years.

Rsvp: admin@batforce.org.au

VENUE: COMMUNITY CENTRE
1115 Melbourne Street
Ballarat Victoria

6.30pm
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