Welcome!
This week we officially welcomed Mr Jarrad Cook to our staff team. Jarrad replaces Eileen Hay in P/1C and will continue working with us next year.

Earn and Learn
Last week we finalised our Earn and Learn bundles and were very lucky to have collected 22,000 points, which is a fantastic effort by our school community! These points will go towards various equipment and resources for our students. Many, many thanks to everyone who collected!

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 THIS 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.

Social Media Policy
Attached to this week’s newsletter you will find a draft of a new Social Media policy that is now a Department of Education and Training requirement for schools. Please have a read of this policy and provide any feedback to us via the office. It’s important that all of our school community are aware of and adhere to this policy as we educate our children in an increasingly digital world.

GONSKI Morning Tea
Next week we’re hosting a morning tea for our entire school community to celebrate the allocation of equity funding that is a result of the GONSKI review into education. This funding is designed to address inequities within the government funding allocation regime for all schools so that we can best meet the varying needs of our children. I encourage all parents, grandparents and family to come along on Wednesday 28th of October, at 11am in our Library to join in the celebrations, and to find out more about how we plan to use this funding over the coming years.

This week I met with Mr Richard Riordan to discuss some of the challenges that we face in our community in delivering quality education for all. Part of this meeting is rallying for the Gonski/equity funding to continue past the initial commitment of 2015-2017, which will be crucial to the ongoing learning for our students, at Elliminyt Primary School, but also within every Victorian school.

Parents and Friends
Our P&F Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday November 16th at 9:30am (after assembly). I encourage any and all parents to come along and contribute to this meeting which will both establish the committee for the 2016 year, as well as plan the upcoming events that are so integral to supporting our school, both financially, as well as developing our school as a community of staff, students, parents and friends.

Congratulations!
Last week Sarah HB, Jed C and Liam V represented our district at the Regional Athletics Championships in Ballarat. All three of them competed well and put in a super effort that they can be proud of—in particular, Jed C coming 1st in the High Jump, and Liam V coming 1st in Discus and 3rd in Shotput. The boys will now go on to represent our region at the State Championships next Monday. Good luck boys!

Angela Hall
Principal
**Canteen**

Friday 23rd October, 2015

Morning Supervisor: Sallee Sell
9:00am: Elizabeth Borsos, Karly Shaw, Ally Groves

Afternoon Supervisor: Hayley Dewar
11.30am: Kellie Bennett,

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**BOOKCLUB**

Book club order forms were sent home last week. Orders can be placed in the box in the office. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to ‘Scholastic’. If you wish to order books without your child’s knowledge please mark this request very clearly on the order form. You will be personally contacted when the orders arrive so that you can collect the books from the office. Orders for this issue are due back this Friday 23rd October.

Thanks,
Jane Watts

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

**Disco**— We will be holding our Disco on Thursday 5th November with Year Prep to 2 from 6.00pm until 7.30-pm and Years 3 to 6 from 7.30-pm until 9.00pm. Setting up for the disco will be from 1.30pm onwards in the EPEE Centre. There will be a Boot scoot in’ Cowboys theme.

**Donations Needed for our Election Day Stall**— On Saturday 31st October we will be running a produce and home bakes stall. Donations to be dropped off on Friday morning at the canteen. Labelled and priced. If anybody can help man the stall from 9.00am-2.00pm please let us know.

**Christmas Raffle**— So far we have 4 tickets to Supertramp, a Wonky Donkey meal voucher, Sedge Way day out and a $500 big 4 camping voucher. Any other ideas and donations for our hamper are welcome.

**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

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**BIKE ED PROGRAM—GRADE 3 TO 6**

The schools Bike Ed Program commences next Monday 26th October and continues for everyday through to Thursday 5th November (2 weeks). All students in Grades 3 to 6 will need to bring their bikes and helmets to school on that Monday.

Thanks,
Bike Ed Co-ordinator

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**PUBERTY CLUES**

A fast moving session looking at the many changes that occur at the time of puberty for 10-12 year olds

**Mothers and Daughters**

_The Blue Room, Colac Area Health_

- Wednesday November 25
- Wednesday December 2
- Other Date TBC

**Fathers and Sons**

_The Blue Room, Colac Area Health_

- Thursday November 5
- Thursday November 12
- Other Date TBC

**Time:** 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
**Cost:** $10.00 per couple

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**Susan McLean - Cyber Safety**

**PARENT/CARER INFORMATION EVENING**

**MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 7pm**

at COLAC SECONDARY COLLEGE

Gold Coin donation – Light supper provided

**Cyberbullying**: Sexting**: Problematic Internet Use**: Common Internet Acronyms**: Internet Safety Tips for Teachers, Parents & Carers**: What can I do if my child is being cyber bullied?

Susan McLean is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the ‘cyber cop’ she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Colac Secondary College on (03) 52319800 or go to Susan’s Web page

EVERYONE WELCOME
STUDENT AWARDS

Prep  Zaydan M for going out of his way to help other students.
P/1H  Taylor H for being an all round star!
1T  Rebecca S for her outstanding spelling skills and her never give up attitude.
2G  Josh C for being resilient and persistent when faced with a challenge.
3/4R Nick C for outstanding participation and contributions to whole class learning time. Well done!
3/4T  Brady H for being persistent and brave in his learning. Well done Brady!
5H  All Grade 5H for demonstrating our School Values whilst Ms Handscomb was absent.
6H  Trent B for using his competitive nature to tackle and persist with difficult challenges.
Science  Amber F for always having a positive attitude toward learning.
Sport  Machrie I for outstanding sportsmanship in the Milo T-20 Cricket Competition.
Art  Charles L for big improvements in listening to instructions and working independently.
School Value  Tamika F for her positive attitude towards her reading in particular. Great to see lots of smiles. Well done, and keep it up.

Principal’s Award

This weeks Principal’s Award goes to Demi H.

Demi showed a great willingness to have a go in the T20 blast cricket– and represented EPS with great pride and excellent sportsmanship!

Well done Demi!
Social Media policy

Policy Statement:

Teachers, students and parents are increasingly using digital technologies for professional purposes (i.e. teaching and learning) and personal purposes (i.e. communicating, creating and socialising) thus challenging the traditional concept of both teaching and learning, as well as general communication. ‘Conversations’ or posts online are in electronic form and have potentially wider circulation than a personal discussion. The nature of social media platforms means that comments might easily be forwarded on to others, widening the audience for their publication. Even with limited privacy settings on your social media platform posts can be spread beyond their intended audience.

Further, social media platforms leave an often permanent written record of statements and comments made by people. These can be read at any time in the future until they are removed, although due to the nature of the Internet, it can be difficult (if not impossible) to remove information. Considerable care should be used in using social networking sites and an awareness that making comments or conducting conversations that relate to Eliminity Primary School can affect the reputation of the school.

Aim:

To address the standards of behaviour in the context of social media tools

Scope:

This policy applies to all employees, students and parents of the Eliminity Primary School community when they engage in social media activity in the following circumstances:

- while performing work for the school, regardless of where it is performed
- when using school ICT systems or equipment, even for personal use
- when conveying information about the school or a stakeholder

Definitions:

Social media activity includes:

- Interacting with social networking sites, eg. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Yammer
- Interacting with video and photo sharing websites, eg. Flickr, You Tube, Instagram, Pinterest
- Interacting with blogs, including corporate blogs and personal blogs
- Interacting with blogs hosted by media outlets, eg. ‘comments’ or ‘your say’ feature on the age.com.au
- Micro-blogging, eg. Twitter
- Interacting with wikis and online collaborations, eg. Wikipedia
- Interacting with forums, discussion boards and groups, eg. Google groups, Whirlpool

Stakeholder: a person or entity that is or was a student, parent, employee or member of the Eliminity Primary School community (or is a prospective student, parent, employee or member of the Eliminity Primary School community).

Implementation:

Unless prior written permission is provided, when using social media you must not:

- disclose or use information that is confidential to Eliminity Primary School
- engage in non work-related use of social media during work hours
post anything in which Elliminyt Primary School or any other person has intellectual property rights when using IT systems, use any other person’s ID or logon details or otherwise impersonate any other person
disparage, criticise or show disrespect for any stakeholder
discriminate, harass, bully or victimise any stakeholder
make reference to any performance management processes

If you become aware of unacceptable use of social media as described above, you must notify the school.

Consequences of breaching this policy
A breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action, consequences for students and/or exclusion as outlined in the ‘Elliminyt Primary School Statement of Values’.
You may be required to delete any information contained on any social media platform that is a breach of this policy
Access to social media may be restricted for breaching this policy (or while complaints against individuals are investigated)

Monitoring
When employees engage in social media activities using Elliminyt Primary School’s IT systems, the IT department will collect and retain information about that activity, including the content of any communications. The purpose of collecting this information will be to ensure that the interests of co-workers and the school are not adversely affected by the conduct of that employee. The information will be kept secure and will only be disclosed to persons within the organisation as is necessary to ensure compliance with this policy.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in

References:
Department of Education & Training Homework Guidelines
Activities in 6H

Shopping in Colac

P4 Activity Day Leaders

Wood Work
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