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Term 2, Week 1

Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>More Info</u>
29 April	Zone Cross Country	Qualifying students	Notes sent home
5 May	Cultural Workshop	K-5	Notes home Friday
10 - 20 May	NAPLAN	Years 3 and 5	
11 May	Speaking in Colours (Blandford)	K-5	
13 May	Do it for Dolly Day	K-5	Gold coin donation



From the Principal

Welcome back students, staff and our Ellerston Families to a very busy Term 2. It was so nice to see our students participate at the Anzac Service in Gundy this year. Thank you Mrs Campbell for organising it! Sorry you were unable to make the service due to being sick.

This term Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN during Weeks 3 and 4. This test is just one way of assessing our students and knowing where they are at. Staff at Ellerston are constantly conducting classroom assessments to know where their students are and where to next.

A huge thank you to the RFS (Jason and Julie Robinson) along with Lara with some commentary of the video of the pepper trees being removed in our school over the holidays. We are very honored to have such a great community at Ellerston who are willing to help the school in times of need..

I would also like to thank Mike Whitney for doing some pruning over the holidays of the low tree limbs around the 3-5 classroom, toilet block and at the school house.

We also had a visit from the builders of whom will be working on our building behind the office for storage space. This will be a very valuable space for our staff and P&C to store resources in. We will also be getting a visit from Teacher Housing to investigate what has to be done to the school house so that it's a liveable house for the new Principal. The Director of our area Mrs Joanne Edwards will be advertising the Principal Position for Ellerston around Week 5 this term. By the end of term, we should know who it is.

Finally, "Good Luck!" to all our Cross Country competitors on Friday. Look forward to hearing from you all with your stories of how you went on the course.

UPPER INVERMEIN SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY RIBBON PRESENTATION



Ellerston Students

Under 8 (800m) - 1st place
Roy Mitchell

8-9 Yr Boys (2km) - 1st place
Thomas Porter

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Thank you to Julie Robinson, our wonderful Uniform Shop coordinator for sourcing these beautiful vests for our students. They look amazing!

TERM 1 ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES



Congratulations to Ella, Sienna, Maddox and Thomas!



Testing and isolation
advice for families



COVID19

From 6pm on Friday 22 April, close contacts (defined as a household contact or an individual deemed by NSW Health to be a close contact) will not have to isolate, as long as they have no symptoms and comply with the following guidelines:

Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the [NSW Health guidelines](#)
[External link](#)

- They must notify the school if they are intending to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They (if in a secondary school setting) must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising. Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- No apprentices, trainees or students on placement or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to attend settings identified as high risk by NSW Health (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities)
- Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy Birthday wishes to Sienna and Ella who celebrated their birthday during the school holidays.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE GUNDY

Thank you to all the parents that transported their children to Gundy for the Anzac Service. I would also like to thank Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Hayne and Mr Brown for assisting with the finer details of blazers, rosemary, pins and ties.



YANCOAL UPPER HUNTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DISCOVERY DAY 2022

What a fantastic day our students had yesterday at the Science & Engineering Discovery Day!

Ellerston Public School Year 3 and Year 5 students teamed with students from Belltrees, Blandford and Murrurundi.

A big thankyou to the organisers of this event and to Murrurundi Public School for providing staff for our students.

A comment that was made by the teacher in charge was “ **It was fantastic!! Your kids were/are gorgeous but you already know that!**”

What wonderful feedback to have about our children.

Great job boys and girls!

Science and Engineering Day

Yesterday we went to the science day and let me tell you about it: the science day was at Muswellbrook and it started at 9:30am.

Our first task was called string along and this task involved bolts and string. You had to connect the string to the bolts and our second task was called earthquake. This is where you had to build a strong structure and put weights on it, me and Tommy had 9 out of 10 weights on ours and came first.

Overall, we came 4th.

By Rosie Baker 😊😊😊

Science and Engineering Day

Yesterday I went to the science and engineering day at Muswellbrook . I travelled in the car with Angus and Rosie. When we got there, we met our teacher Miss Fynn from Murrurundi. We also joined schools with Blandford, Murrurundi and Belltrees. They handed us coloured wrist bands to show us our little group, I was with Lara and Sarah who is from Murrurundi. Our first activity was bridge building where you had to make a bridge that was strong enough to hold as many weights as possible, we came second. At lunch we had a sausage sizzle and played hand ball. When we came in, they did a science show. It was very cool. Then my group went to light comes where you must send a message through little light bars in the dark. That was very hard but we still managed to beat one team. Overall our school came 4th out of the whole day.

By Riley Mitchell

Science and Engineering Day

Yesterday I went to the Science and Engineering day. I was in a group with Riley and Sarah.

We started our morning off with building a bridge then we tested it and we came 2nd. We were happy with that.

Then it was lunch time and we had a sausage sizzle then we played games outside.

After that we went to the light comes activity. It was very hard, but we did ok. We came 4th overall on the day.

By Lara Robinson



Nutrition Snippet

CHOCOLATE MUFFINS



Serves: 12

Ingredients

- ½ cup plain flour, plus 2 tablespoons
- ½ cup wholemeal flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- ¾ tsp baking soda
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- ¼ cup reduced fat plain yoghurt
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup reduced fat milk
- ¼ cup olive oil

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Line a muffin tin with paper liners.

In a large bowl, whisk together the dry ingredients. In a medium bowl, whisk together the rest of the ingredients. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and add the wet ingredients. Gently stir by hand until just combined.

Fill the muffin cups 2/3 to the top. Bake for 18-20 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Place on a wire rack and allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then remove and place on the rack to cool completely.

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