Dr MacNeill is having a wonderful holiday overseas and sends his regards. Here at school we have been very busy with reports, Showcase, interschool carnival, arranging transportable buildings and so on. The Showcase was held on 22nd June at Ellenbrook Secondary College and the Year 4, 5 and 6 students were magnificent. The students performed extremely well and kept us all entertained. It was an excellent opportunity for them to display their many skills and we appreciate the efforts of parents and staff who made it all possible. Thank you to all concerned.

The Interschool Winter carnival took place on Friday 24.6.16 and we were very lucky with the weather. All students displayed great sportsmanship and did their best in a tight competition. Ellenbrook Primary School came runner up to first place overall, and the Soccer teams came equal first. The footballers went through undefeated. It was a great effort by all and again, we thank the many parents who assisted on the day. Without this tremendous parent support the carnival would not happen. I would also like to thank the umpires and referees from Ellenbrook Secondary College who did an outstanding job. We are very grateful for their involvement.

Semester 1 Reports went home on Wednesday and I trust there were no surprises for parents. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s report, please make contact with the classroom teacher, or myself.

At the beginning of the year the number of new students enrolling at the school far surpassed the school’s expectations and we commenced the school year with two classes without standard classrooms. I am very pleased to advise that I have been notified that two transportable classrooms will be ready for use by day one of term 3. This is great news for the students and teachers of J7 and C12, and we thank them, together with their parents, for their patience. The buildings will be placed at the rear of the school near the oval.

Regular school attendance is a legal requirement for all children of school age and it is expected they will have a minimum of 90% attendance. Unfortunately, at present this school has 14 students listed as ‘severe non-attendance’. There is also a great number of students with moderate-extreme non-attendance. Please ensure all absences are followed up with either a written note or verbal communication to the teacher advising the reason your child was absent. Did you know that missing one day a week of school from year 1 to year 11 is the equivalent of missing two years and one term of schooling? Education is the most valuable gift you can give your child – the most essential life tool they will need.

Vicki Harley- Acting Principal
Interschool Winter Carnival 24th June – 82 of our children participated against Swan Valley Anglican Community School, Aveley Primary, Malvern Springs Primary, Arbor Grove Primary, Anne Hammersley Primary and Ellen Stirling Primary School.

Soccer A, B, C - Tied 1st place
Awards went to - Nick Lehmann, Wazemma Tesfay and Alkira Mogridge.

Netball A, B - 6th place
Awards went to - Areah Co-Cup and Tegan Matthews

Hockey - Tied 2nd place
Award went to - Simran Nijjaj

Football - 1st place
Award went to - Fabian Bennell

A big thank you to all our parent and sibling helpers. Your time and assistance on the day was very much appreciated. Also a big thank you to all the student umpires from SEDA, Ellenbrook Secondary College, Governor Stirling for ensuring games ran smoothly and fairly.

School Photos- Midland Photography will take class and individual photos on August 2nd and 3rd. Order forms were sent home this week.

Contact information - It is important that we have current contact details for all parents/guardians in case of an emergency. If you have changed your telephone number please let the office know.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2017 close on Friday 22 July 2016. An Application to Enrol can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website. www.ellenbrook.ps.wa.edu.au.

Ice cream containers – If you have any empty 2 litre containers can you please bring them into the office.

Reminder – Just a reminder that any money for school incursions/excursions, books etc. must be sent to the office not to the classroom teacher.

Free Dress Day this Friday – gold coin donation. Dress in your favourite colour.

Fun Run 29th July – combined with faction Cross Country.
School Information

School Hours
Gates Open  8.30
Start        8.45
Finish       2.50
Gates Close  3.05

School Development
Days (pupil free)
Monday 18th July
Friday 23rd September
Monday 10th October
Friday 16th December

Uniform Shop
Mon  8.30-9.10
Thursday  2.30-3.00

Canteen
Open Everyday
Phone: 9297 6936

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

“Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice.

It doesn’t have to be something you see, it could be a scent, perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground. Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the "stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted.

Take notice of something special you see today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”  Anonymous  Blessings ☺ Mrs P.

P&C UPDATE

The P&C has a new treasurer - Sam Bradford. We would like to thank outgoing treasurer, Maddison for her contribution in Semester 1.

FREE DRESS DAY- Free Dress Day is this Friday, 1 July. The theme is Wear Your Favourite Colour! You can just wear your favourite top, or dress from Head to Toe. Bring along your gold coin donation and join in the fun!!!

FUN RUN - The annual Fun Run is being held on Friday, 29 July 2016. All students should have now been given the parent information letter and sponsorship form. If your child has not received this information, please collect another copy from the office. Please ensure that completed Sponsorship Forms and money are placed in the P&C box in the office by Friday, 22 July 2016 and please make sure your child indicates their prize selection on the form. Even if you are raising money online, please keep a track of your online donations on the form and return the completed form indicating your prize selection.

REMEMBER - The more you raise, the more prizes you can choose !!! Take your forms with you when you visit family and friends on the holidays and see if they will sponsor you. Even if it’s $2.00, it all adds up!! Start your online profile and have Mum and Dad share the link.

Merit Certificate Awards Contd.
Lee-Anne Wilde  J5
Caitlin Hawkey  J6
Kewegan Hawkey  J6
Chloe Hine  J6
Quinn McGann  J6
Akuel Dau  J7

Lifelong Learning
**School Information**

**Upcoming Events**

**Faction Cross Country**  
Friday 22nd July

**Operation Christmas Child**  
Friday 29th July

**Interschool Cross Country**  
Friday 5th August

**P&C Upcoming Events**

**Free Dress Day**  
Friday 1st July

**Fun Run**  
Friday 29th July

**Second Hand Book Stall**  
25 to 26 August 2016 (this date is subject to change)

**Father’s Day Stall**  
Thursday, 1 September 2016

**Movie Night**  
Thursday, 22 September 2016 (this date is subject to change)

**UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE**  
The long awaited Microfibre Jackets have finally arrived!!!! Come to the uniform shop Monday 8.30am - 9.10am and Thursday 2.30pm - 3.00pm.

**Canteen**  
Why not get ready for next term. Come in and purchase some of our PRE-PAID stickers and grab some order bags to take home or open a canteen account, which **must stay in credit at all times**, meaning that you can pay as much as you'd like in advance. New Menu will be sent home in Term 3.

If you can make a sandwich, mix some jelly or bake a muffin - **WE NEED YOU!!** Even 1 hr a term would help!!

**Would you like to help in the Uniform Shop??** It's only half an hour and if we can find 2 volunteers we can open the Uniform shop one more day per week (to suit you). Grab a friend and see Tara. She would love the help.

**Thank you for your invaluable support in Term 1 and 2.**  
**We look forward to some fantastic events in Term 3.**

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**DISCO** - The Disco was a great success and we received excellent feedback from parents and students. Given the popularity of the event, the P&C are looking at holding another disco in Term 4. Watch this space!

**SAVE THE DATE – TERM 3 FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

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