We have had a great start to this school year.

1. **The class lists.** The class lists were almost perfect this year, which is really unusual bearing in mind the stack of enrolments. Some families were impossible to find, and as we get funded on the number of students who have attended this week it is really important for parents to turn up at the right time with their children.

2. **Split grades:** the teachers in Australia teach students at their levels of learning. In reality there are no “straight” classes because of the spread of abilities of our students. Please be assured that each of your children will receive an excellent education.

3. **School Board.** Julie Patel, our Chairperson, has just retired, and we need to seek nominations for a board position. Please leave a note for me (Neil) by midday on the 24th February if you want to stand for this position. We only hold elections if we get two or more nominations.

4. **New staff members.** Welcome to our new staff members: Miss Sinead Scally (ELC2); Mrs von Bergheim (Kindy); Mr Graeme Morgan (Blue 4); Miss Ashleigh MacDonald (Yellow 5); Miss Molly Saker (Yellow 7); and Mr Blair Johns (Yellow 9).

5. **Unauthorised holidays.** The school will not set school work for families taking unauthorised holidays during the school term.

6. On Wednesday 25th of January at 3.05 am this fellow cut a hole in the fence, relieved himself on the lawn and then broke into the library (all on CCTV) taking a computer and data projector. The police have taken a faecal sample for DNA testing but if you recognise him could you please advise Constable Craig Williams (92979800) at Ellenbrook Police. The HENLEY’S shirt is a good clue.
Swimming - This year students from Year 1-6 will attend swimming lessons at Altone Centre. Senior Students Years 4-6 will attend a lesson each day from Monday 13 March – Friday 17 March, 2017 (Week 7) and Years 1-3 will attend from Monday 20 March – Friday 24 March, 2017 (Week 8).

It is very important that all students attend the lessons and we have worked hard to keep the costs as low as possible. A detailed note for parents will be distributed on Monday, 13 February, 2017. The students will be transported on buses with seatbelts and will be closely supervised by school and Altone Pool Centre staff.

School Improvements - Over the holidays several areas of the school were painted and new desks and chairs were purchased for Mr Cain’s students. We returned to beautiful green gardens and I wish to thank MCO Faye Rosher and Graeme Rosher for the huge amount of work they did, on some very warm vacation days, to ensure our school was ready to welcome students on their first day.

School Board Meeting - On Wednesday we held our first Board Meeting for 2017 and Dr MacNeill welcomed members to the exciting year ahead. An agenda item of interest was the presentation of the draft Ellenbrook Business Plan that will guide our school from 2017 – 2109. Dr MacNeill also spoke about the many processes we have in place to keep all students safe at all times.

Kindy Classes - It is always a pleasure at this time of year to observe the Kindy students and the way they demonstrate their developing independence and readiness for school routines. Our teaching staff and Education Assistants do a magnificent job settling these young children into new ways of learning. On some occasions students can be a little hesitant to let go of a caregiver’s hand but please be assured students settle very quickly when they know they are in a safe and supportive place. Please discuss the positive aspects of schooling with your child as it is important that Kindy students access all elements of the curriculum in readiness for the more formal tasks of Pre Primary in 2018.

Dogs on School Grounds - Dogs cannot be brought onto school grounds as they may present a risk to students, staff and other members of the community. Please leave Fido at home in this hot weather as we do not have suitable places outside the fence to secure dogs.

Medications – IMPORTANT – As part of the enrolment procedure if your child has a medical condition it is essential that you advise the school and complete a Medical Condition form. The health of your child may be at risk if we are not aware of their conditions. No medication will be administered without a form being completed for your child.

Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held in the Week 4:

- Years P-2: Tuesday 21st February, 5-6pm
- Years 3-4: Monday 20th February, 5-6pm
- Years 5-6: Wednesday 22nd February, 5-6pm

Yellow 7 – Tuesday 21st Feb 5-6pm and Blue 6 Wednesday 22nd Feb 5-6pm.
**School Information**

**School Hours**
- **Gates Open**: 8.30
- **Start**: 8.45
- **Finish**: 2.50
- **Gates Close**: 3.05

**School Development Days (pupil free)**
- Monday 30th January
- Tuesday 31st January
- Monday 24th April
- Monday 17th July
- Monday 9th October
- Friday 15th December

**Uniform Shop**
- **Mon**: 8.30-9.10
- **Tuesday**: 8.30-9.00
- **Thursday**: 2.30-3.00

**Canteen**
- Open Everyday
- **Phone**: 9297 6936

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**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

Hello Ellenbrook Families, Staff and Students. I thought I would take an opportunity to introduce myself. I am Ms Sylvia Spatara your new School Chaplain. I will visit you at your assembly on the 17th so you can see me rather than just hear about me. I am looking forward to sharing the journey with you all here at Ellenbrook Primary School. I trust you can feel at ease to approach me on any Monday or Tuesday when I am here. I will do my best to assist your concerns.

*Here’s to New Beginnings... Happy Times Chaplain Sylvia Spatara.*

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**P&C UPDATE**

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY 15th FEB at 7.00pm in the School Staff room**. All positions become vacant then the nominations are reviewed at the AGM and a new committee voted in. Nomination forms are available from the Front Office.

**COMMITTEE POSITIONS:**
- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fundraising Co-ordinator
- Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
- Canteen Co-ordinator
- Leavers Co-ordinator
- School Banking Co-ordinator

If you would like to nominate for a position on the committee, or just join the P&C to have your say, please feel free to come along. There is a $1 joining fee.

Once a new committee is voted in we will distribute the new canteen menu and set the fundraising schedule for the year.

**School Banking** is held in the library on **WEDNESDAY mornings from 8.20am – 9.00am**. Please feel free to pop in and ask how your children can participate!! There are rewards, prizes and competitions galore!!

Uniform Shop is open:
- **MONDAY**: 8.30 – 9.10am
- **TUESDAY**: 8.30 – 9.00am
- **THURSDAY**: 2.30 – 3.00pm
Dear Parents and Carers,
Please be advised that there has been a transfer of care for your child from Aveley Dental Therapy Centre to Arbor Grove Dental Therapy Centre.

Commencing from 31st January 2017 Ellenbrook Primary will be attended to at

Arbor Grove Dental Therapy Centre

Clinic Address: C/- Arbor Grove Primary School
Brookmount Drive
Ellenbrook 6069

Clinic opening hours: 8.00am -1.00pm
1.30pm-4.00pm

Clinic Phone Number: 9296 7388

We look forward to welcoming you to your new Clinic for your next appointment.

Ellenbrook Netball Association
The 2017 Netball Season is near. We have Net-set-go (Year 2 to Year 4) and full rules for Year 5 through to our Ladies teams.

New and experienced players are all welcome to join ENA.

We train Thursdays at Coolamon and play on Saturdays in Midvale.

Registration days at Coolamon oval/courts clubrooms.
Saturday 11th February 1pm to 3pm
Sunday 12th February 9am to 12pm.

Or contact our club President
Kelli Kilmurray
at ellenbrooknc@gmail.com
## Ellenbrook Independent Primary School
### Term Planner
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**Term 2** 26 April – 30 June  
**Term 3** 18 July – 22 September  
**Term 4** 10 October – 14 December