Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Car Park Safety and Child Safety

Car parking issues within and around schools is a constant issue for parents (no matter what school your child attends). The school, along with the Governing Council will continue to explore solutions to this issue at Elizabeth Grove Community Campus.

In recent weeks, our staff and parents/caregivers have been alarmed by the ‘near misses’ in our carpark areas. I, along with our Governing Council, have student safety as our highest priority. At times, this means schools need to consider changes to parent street parking and the use of staff carparks. We are working with our council to implement positive improvements to this. A traffic audit has been completed by Playford City Council to support changes being made to make it easier for parents and caregivers with street parking.

Please remember that staff car parks cannot be used for drop off or pick up, this creates a dangerous situation for children. We are working on plans to increase the option of street parking in future months for parents and caregivers.

Together, we can ensure the safety of our students and young people at Elizabeth Grove Community Campus.

Kind Regards
Dan Jarrad - School Principal

Advanced Notice: The gates to staff carparks will be locked between 8:30am - 9:30am and 2:45pm to 3:15pm each day. This will be effective as of Monday 9th March 2015. We are providing parents and caregivers a 2 week ‘grace’ period to make other car parking arrangements.

REMININDERS

School fees are due to be paid or have an instalment plan set up with the front office. Applications for school card need to be in by Wednesday 4th March.

Week 7, years 6-7 zoo excursion is due to be paid for.

Swimming in week 7 for years R-2 is due to be paid for, also week 10 swimming for years 3-5.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Room 3’s School Goals

The children in Room 3 have settled well into the 2015 school year. They are working on refreshing their Learning Codes and the importance of their meanings and how they help them to be successful at EGPS. The students have also been getting to know their new class mates and affirming last years’ friendships. During English lessons, the children were able to orally express their feeling about coming to school. They accessed Microsoft Word in order to type how they felt at school. Their work was outstanding with many fantastic goals set for this year by all students. Please read their comments below.
We are looking forward to another visit from Gardening Guru Rebecca Mumford on Wednesday morning to help us restore our vegie garden that didn’t survive the summer heat.

If you would like to be involved with our gardening project on an ongoing basis this year please speak to a staff member. Your contributions would be most welcome!

Group times are a very important part of our day. It’s when we learn Oral Language and Vocabulary, Counting, and the skills we need to initiate 2 way conversations. Its also a lot of fun to dance, sing and listen to stories.

Problem solving is going to be a big focus for us this term. We aim to support children as they learn to question how things work, what can be done differently and how will we achieve our desired outcomes. We have been using kinetic sand this week to look at questions like “How can I make” and “will this stay together if I…”? We have also used these forms of questioning when building and creating.

Dear Students, Parents, Families and Community Members,

Good Beginnings has been delivering programs in Elizabeth for 10 years and forged strong relationships within the community. Good Beginnings was originally known as the Turn Around Project or TAP. Recently, Good Beginnings in Elizabeth Grove received advice that we will no longer receive funding from the Department of Social Services. It is with much regret that we inform the school community of this news and the subsequent closure of our Elizabeth site in April. Staff - including Petra, Christie, Jepsy and Pauline - will work closely with the school to ensure a smooth transition for children and families. We thank each of you for your support and have been honoured to be able to work with families and the entire school community to ensure a good beginning for every child.

There will be a celebration assembly during Term 1 on Wednesday 18th March. We look forward to sharing this event with each of you.

There’s no better way to enjoy the Australian summer than playing cricket. This term there are two local cricket programs that students can get involved in.

**Kanga Cricket**
- **What:** Short, action packed cricket matches for your Primary School
- **Who:** Yr 2/3 boys and girls
- **Where:** Ridley Reserve (Ridley Road, Elizabeth) OR Salisbury Oval (Memorial Avenue, Salisbury)
- **Start:** Saturday, 21 February, 2015
- **Duration:** Six week program
- **Time:** 8:30-9:30am
- **Cost:** FREE

**In2CRICKET**
- **What:** Entry level program that teach kids the basic skills to play cricket.
- **Who:** 5 – 8 year old boys and girls
- **Where:** Ridley Reserve (Ridley Road, Elizabeth) OR Salisbury Oval (Memorial Avenue, Salisbury)
- **Start Date:** Saturday, 14 February, 2015
- **Duration:** Seven week program
- **Time:** 8:30-9:30am
- **Cost:** $65

In2CRICKET is run by trained volunteers with each participant receiving a backpack containing a bat, hat, shirt, ball as well as other great giveaways.