



PARENT BULLETIN

MARCH 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing News

We would like to welcome Ms Therese Wilson to our staff who will be filling the role of Senior Mentor Teacher for the rest of this term at our school. Ms Wilson brings a depth of experience and will provide ongoing support around goal setting and post school transition for our senior students.

From Term 2, we will welcome Ms Michelle Christopher who has been permanently appointed as School Counsellor. At this stage, we understand that Ms Christopher will work opposite Mr Paul O'Reilly in sharing the School Counsellor's role. We thank all our students and parents for their flexibility and understanding while the Department has filled the staffing vacancy at our school as we have not had, in these first weeks of the year, access to a counsellor every day. For the rest of Term 1, we have provided additional support for students through the establishment of a Student Welfare Teacher who provides additional social and emotional support for students across all years. This temporary role is being filled by Mr Scott Atterton, a long-serving member of our school's Welfare Team and our current Year 11 Year Adviser.

At the time of writing, the school is also in the process of recruiting a new permanent Mathematics teacher and we should have some more news for our community on this front in the next edition of Parent Bulletin.

Finally, I would like to share with you that one of our highly respected History teachers, Mrs Melissa Bright has been named as a winner of the Premier's Memorial ANZAC Scholarship. The Scholarship is a very prestigious award and allows for the winner to visit key historical sites while accompanying a group of History students drawn from all parts of NSW. The Scholarship is a joint initiative of the Department of Education and the NSW Office for Veteran's Affairs. Congratulations Ms Bright – we know that the experiences you gather while taking up this Scholarship will really benefit your teaching and the tales that Elderslie High School students will hear about in the classroom.

Student Success

We are delighted to announce that our school performed admirably at the Zone Swimming Carnival, held on Friday at Camden Pool. Our school was named the overall winner, defeating the Elizabeth Macarthur High School by over 150 points with Camden HS finishing in third position. At this stage of the year, we have certainly made our first step in our

aim of retaining the Clutha Cup, which is awarded annually to the school who finishes with the most wins across all of the three major carnivals (swimming, cross country and athletics). Elderslie High has held this cup for 20 years and we have every intention of continuing to do so. Thank you to all our sports stars and participants who get involved.

School Development Day Rescheduling

As many parents would know, all public schools hold 5 School Development Days each year, usually on the first day of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and on the last two days of Term 4. Schools are permitted to vary these dates if need be. Parents are advised that in 2019, Elderslie High School plans to alter the end of year arrangements so that the two development days planned for Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December will be held as four half day sessions which will be run as Twilight sessions throughout the year. There will be no additional impact on students as the last day of school is Wednesday 18 December. Parents are also advised that while the school office will be open on Thursday 19 December, it will be closed on Friday 20 December.

Ongoing School Improvements

We are delighted to announce the renovated basketball court area under our COLA is now complete. The vibrant blue surface has made a dramatic and uplifting difference to our playground and comments from the students indicate that they are certainly appreciative as well. Special thanks are due to Mrs Russell, our Business Manager for overseeing the project and Ms George and Mrs Crossingham from the PDHPE Faculty for their involvement as well.

As mentioned in the last edition of Parent Bulletin, Elderslie High School is involved in the Cooler Classrooms program in which all learning spaces are being air-conditioned. This project is well under way and is due for completion at the end of March.

Parent & Citizens Donations

We were delighted to see so many new parents at the first Parents & Citizens meeting for 2019 which was held on 12 February. Our P&C meetings always feature reports from all members of the Senior Executive along with a faculty presentation and report from the SRC. Our P&C is hoping for parent support from across our school community for our ongoing fundraising barbecues. If you can give an hour or so to support these events, that is fantastic but if that is not possible, then a simple donation of a slab of soft drink cans for us to sell at our fundraisers is very much appreciated and helps us to maximise profits that go right back into supporting students. Non-perishables such as tomato or barbecue sauce bottles, packets of serviettes and 600 ml water bottles are also helpful. If you are connected with a butcher or bakery locally, we can always use sausages and bread rolls although due to their perishable nature, we would need these on the day of an event rather than to store.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 March at 7pm in the library.

Attendance – Whole and Partial Days

Just a reminder to all parents that the school has clearly defined procedures for lateness, early leave requirements and sick bay that all students are required to follow. For students who become sick during the day, they are required to inform their class teacher who will organise for them to be sent to the sick bay where a trained first aid attendant will provide support and contact parents. Children should not contact their parents directly via their mobile phones as this means that staff remain unaware of the child's medical needs, thereby stopping us from upholding our duty of care and providing children with the care they may need. Unfortunately, we have all too many occasions when a parent arrives at the sick bay to collect their child and the student is not there because they haven't reported to a staff member. This wastes everyone's time and can be easily avoided.

Any student who arrives late to school must bring a late note from their parent. Alternately, you may walk your child in to the office and sign them in or phone the office to advise that your child has just been dropped off and is on their way in. When these procedures are followed, the partial absence is recorded as "explained" as opposed to "unexplained". All unexplained partial absences result in the child being given a detention and this data is then recorded on the student's report. Partial absences also includes students who leave school early. For medical and other related appointments, we obviously prefer that you try to make these for outside of school hours however if this is unavoidable, then please send you child to school with a note explaining why they need to be allowed to leave early and what time you want them to leave. Such notes should be taken to the Deputy Principal in the morning or at Recess 1. Deputy Principals will then examine the validity of the reason using the criteria for justifiable absence set down in the Department of Education's Attendance Policy and sign the partial absence off. Clearly, students should be at school engaged in their learning for the vast majority of the time unless sick and there is clear research to support the impact of regular absences on a child's academic progression. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact your child's Year Adviser or the Deputy Principal responsible for your child's year group. I have included an interesting set of statistics about the importance of regular attendance in this edition of Parent Bulletin.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jenny Lawrence

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S Joanne Amos (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

Year 7 and 9 – NAPLAN Online 2019

Our school has been selected to conduct NAPLAN Online for 2019. During the transition period from paper tests to the online format, many schools are being phased into the online version. As preparation for the online test, our school will be conducting a 45-minute practice test for all Years 7 and 9 students during Week 9 of this term. This activity will provide

an opportunity for every student to experience the NAPLAN online assessment platform as well as the functionality and tools within the locked down browser. It will also provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online.

Year 11 – Preparing for Assessments

Year 11 have their first formal assessment period approaching soon, with some subjects already having assignments in progress. The formal assessment period means that key assessment tasks are due for each senior subject throughout the 3 weeks (Weeks 9-11). Students are urged to show the drafts of their work to their teachers to seek guidance. This will allow them ample time to make adjustments before the final due date.

Subject Changes Closed

During the first 4 weeks of this term, there have been quite a lot of Year 9 and 11 students approach me to make small changes to their pattern of electives. As in most schools, any period of changes must be restricted as the early work completed in classrooms during the term is vital for the first assessment task and if students were to change at too late a stage, they would not be able to attempt the first task. Thank you to a great many students who consulted carefully and made the appropriate changes within the required timeframe. Any further changes are now no longer possible.

BYOD Changes Ahead

At the recent Year 6 Information Evening I announced that from 2020 all Year 7 students will be expected to participate in our BYOD program. I have also recently had enquiries from current Year 7 families about our policy regarding BYOD. All students in the school are invited to participate in the current BYOD program and can do so by completing the Student Agreement Form and returning it to Mr Quinlan in the library. Full details about the BYOD program can be found on our website, including copies of the Device Requirements and the Student Agreement Form.

<https://elderslie-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies/bring-your-own-device.html>

Interim Reports, Parent Teacher Night and Year 7 Showcase

Many of our parents would be familiar with our Interim Reports that are issued to students in Year 7 and 11 at the end of this term. These reports give an indication of how well the students have settled into high school and senior learning environments respectively. In the past we have held the Parent Teacher Night for Years 7, 11 and 12 and Year 7 Showcase at the end of this term, but this year the date for these events will be 6 May. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Kind Regards,

Joanne Amos

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)

6 into 7 Information Evening

Elderslie High School held the annual 6 into 7 Information Evening on Tuesday, 23 February. On this evening

prospective students and their parents participated in a tour of the school followed by an information session. All faculties participated in presenting to students and parents as part of the tour and they were able to see some of our facilities and learn a little about the subjects students will participate in when they are in Year 7. Our Year 11 prefects were extremely effective tour guides and highlighted the leadership capability of students at Elderslie High School. Our School Captains and Prefects also represented the school on the evening. Thank you to the P&C who had a major presence with running a fund raising BBQ and our newly elected president, Mr Nick Maglis spoke to parents in the information session. I would like to thank all the members of our community who contributed to making the evening a great success.

Bicycle Safety

Many of our students ride their bikes and scooters to school. I would like to encourage parents to discuss with their children the safety requirements necessary for riding on public roads. Students are required to abide by the road rules and wear a helmet to and from school. They are also required to dismount once they enter the school grounds and leave their bike or scooter in the bike rack behind the Principal's office.



Toilets

Elderslie High School has a number of toilet blocks and it is essential that students use the correct toilet block for their age group. We have toilets in different areas of the school for junior, middle school and senior students. The Year 7 and 8 toilets are located above the canteen, the Year 9 and 10 toilets are located in the HSIE block, and the Year 11 and 12 toilets are near the Art classrooms. Each of the entry doors has a clearly labelled sign indicating the year groups permitted to use the toilet. If the toilets are locked students should report this to the student office. Students needing to use a toilet are required to report to the student office with permission from their teacher unless they have a toilet pass. All toilet blocks are locked during class time and as there is a break after every lesson the need to go during class time is reduced.

Online Gaming

Many of our students participate in online gaming. It is essential that parents provide guidance to their child when participating in online group games such as Fortnite Battle Royale. The following tips may help parents to provide appropriate guidance:

1. Take an active interest in the games your child is playing.
2. Find out who they play with online and what kind of language is being used. Make sure they report abusive or anti-social behaviour.
3. Use App store ratings to make sure your child is playing age appropriate games.
4. Agree to boundaries and limit the time allocated to gaming.
5. Teach your children to protect themselves by thinking critically, not to share personal information or add gaming friends to other social networking platforms.
6. Never give your child access to your PayPal password.

I have provided these tips as I have become aware that coercion and bullying often happens online during group games. Some vulnerable children have been coerced into giving away their gaming points and even access to their parents PayPal accounts. Children often do this to be accepted by the group, especially if they have low self-confidence and self-esteem. Our student Wellbeing Team also organises presentations by Brainstorm Productions and the Police Liaison Officer every year to educate students about cyber safety.

Ms Natalie Martin



GREASE is coming to Elderslie High School

Come along and join in all the fun as Elderslie High School presents **GREASE**. A much-loved musical capturing the spirit of the Rock n' Roll era. You will meet Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby socks and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950's in this rollicking musical. Featuring some of Elderslie High School's best young talent, **GREASE** is a performance not to be missed!

Auditions for all roles and the chorus are now finalised and rehearsals are going strong. Everyone is very excited and

nervous about the upcoming event. So, stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. **GREASE** will be presented to the school community on 30, 31 May and 1 June 2019 in the School Hall.

If there are any members of the School Community who would be happy to make a donation towards the School Musical, your business name will be advertised in the Program for the evening. Please contact the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty, as any help would be much appreciated.

Stay tuned for regular updates on our progress.

Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

CAPA Update

Already it is the middle of Term One and CAPA students are working tirelessly to improve their skills, plan performance items and participate in as many experiences as they can during 2019.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the **CAPA Information Evening** on Tuesday 12 February 2019 in the School Hall. We hope you gained some valuable information.

The **Dance-a-thon 2019** was a great success, with the Elderslie High School students teaming up with students from Mawarra Public School to dance the afternoon away under the direction of our alumni of Dance. Sponsorship money is now due to the Student Office.



The **Vocal Ensemble** has begun during DEAR time. All students who would like to audition for the Vocal Ensemble please see Ms Prigg. Hurry! The Vocal Ensemble fills up quickly.

Musicians are needed for the **Orchestra** for all students who enjoy playing ANY instrument. Please see Mr Burke if you are interested.

The **Visual Arts Club** is back for 2019! The Club meets on Wednesdays from 2.30 – 3.25 pm in Art Room 2. The students will be experimenting with some fun art making skills and students will have individual help to work on their artworks. The club is open to all year groups. See Ms Gulley Ms Dennis, Miss Rysko and Ms Grimston-Eason are proud to announce the 2019 members of **Dance Ensemble, Ballroom Dance Ensemble, Dance Company and Transition Dance Ensemble**. After a week of tough auditions and decisions the following students have been selected:

Dance Ensemble: Angelina Buakao, Azariya, Noah Douglas, Ashley Mills, Kimberley Richardson, Abbi Spencer, Hannah Stootman, Caterina Webber, Jade Cox, Tahlia Gartrell, Taylor Hodge, Evie Hollinshead, Emily Jancovich, Savannah Nenadic, Georgia Phillips, Charli Robinson and Georgia Wright. These students rehearse on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 – 4.00 pm with Ms Grimston-Eason. Congratulations to the students selected and to all who auditioned.

Dance Company: Summer Jeffrey, Stephanie Taylor, Isabella Amos, Liv Carter-Smith, Rylea Coleman, Madelyn Haywood, Taya King, Monique Palmer, Zoe Stanley, Hannah Bachner, Savannah Corcoran, Montana Freeman, Kayla Jancovich, Cassandra McMurdo, Naomi Wyatt, Ashleigh Abboud and Bethany Cole. These students rehearse on Thursday mornings from 7.45 am – 8.45 am with Miss Rysko. Congratulations to the students selected and to all who auditioned.

Ballroom Dance Ensemble: Jasper Browne, Tyler Lloyd, Kieran Penfold, Caitlin Kubisch, Jessica Biondi, Chloe Pasterfield, Samuel Powell, Alice Haggerty, Hannah Penfold, Zayne Lewis, Nancy Haggerty and Blake Penfold. These students rehearse on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 – 4.00 pm with Ms Dennis.

Transition Dance Ensemble: Mia Balmer, Mia Benson, Nikhita Garg, Katelyn Gimson, Lizzie Josiah-Angelou, Ciara Ryan and Jessica Biondi. Congratulations to the students selected and to all who auditioned. **Dance Transition Program** is back for 2019! The first rehearsal for this program is on Tuesday, 12th March 2019 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall. Our dancers are looking forward to working with students from our Partner Primary Schools to prepare another fun dance item.

Congratulations to Savannah Nenadic on her selection to the **State Dance Ensemble**.

Congratulations to all the students who attended **ONSTAGE**, **CALLBACK** or **ENCORE**. You represented Elderslie High School admirably.



CALLBACK



ENCORE



OnStage

Year 11 CAPA Evening is coming up at the end of Term 1 on Tuesday 9 April 2019 in the School Hall from 6.45 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the Student Office from Week 9. Please come along and support our talented Year 11 CAPA students.

Once again, Elderslie High School is offering the students in Year 7 & 8 the opportunity to participate in the **Junior Drama Ensemble**. This group meets on Wednesday mornings from 8.00 am to 8.55 am. Classes have already started, so you need to hurry if you would still like to be involved. You just need to see Ms Dennis in the Studio for a permission note.

The **Event Management Team** has reformed for 2019. The operation of the school's events is a very challenging task and 30 students with talent in this area have signed up to be part of this team. Their roles will include lighting set-up and operation, sound operation, front of house, stage managing and much more. If there are any students who have not signed up for this team there is still time. You just need to see Miss Rysko in the CAPA Staffroom ASAP.

CAPA Faculty

Talent Quest, 2019

The **Elderslie High School Talent Quest** is back for 2019! The Heats are now complete and our finalists have been decided. The Final of the Talent Quest is on Friday 22 March 2019 in the School Hall from 6.45 pm. If you are interested in attending, tickets are on sale in the Student Office, \$7.00 for

all or at the door on the evening. The evening will also be featuring performances from some of our performing arts alumni. This is a night not to be missed!!

CAPA Faculty

SPORTS REPORT

Elderslie High School Swimming Age Champions 2019

AGE	Boys	Girls
12	Jackson DALEY	Mia BALMER
13	Noah AMOS	Maddison LEAHY
14	Kyan ARIF	Kaitlin FURCHTMAN
15	Bryce BACHNER	Jessica BIONDI
16	Luke THORPE	Stephanie WEEDEN
17+	Vanya KAMENJAS	Aleksandria ILIC

Girls Knockout Tennis

On Monday 18th February, the Girls Knockout Tennis Team played their first round match against Picton – at Picton. The team consisted of Alexandria Ilic (yr 12), Kathleen van Niekerk (Yr 10), Georgia Austin (Yr 10) and Elly Leis (Yr 7). Despite the home town advantage, the Elderslie girls scored a strong victory against the locals. They won both of their doubles matches and three out of four of their singles matches. The games were played in a friendly and sportswomanlike fashion, and the girls showed great enthusiasm, especially for ice cream at Maccas on the way home (it was very hot). They are all looking forward to competing in Round 2.

M Malcolm
Coach

SSW Tennis Championships

The following students have been selected to represent their zone at the Sydney South West Tennis Championships: Reece Napier and Lachlan Cosgrove. Congratulations gentlemen.

CHS Trials Tournament

Congratulations to Lachlan Cosgrove (Yr 7), who was a finalist in SSW U/15 Boys Tennis. Lachlan will represent SSW at the CHS trials tournament.

SSW Secondary Golf Championship

The following students played in the SSW Secondary Golf Championship on Monday, 25 February 2019 at Camden Lakeside Golf Course. Matthew Greene, Dylan Kenny, Robbie Minns & Nicholas Zelesco.

The greens were super slick, and a precise short game was required to conquer the Lakeside track. Congratulations to Robbie, who won the overall scratch on the day, shooting an

excellent three over par 75, six shots clear of the runner up. In the Nett competition, Matt was the runner up with an awesome 69, and Dylan came 3rd with a very impressive 70 nett. Nicholas played well also.

Well done boys!

Macarthur Zone Teams

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the 2019 Macarthur Zone teams:

Open Girls Netball 21/3/19

Molly Lewis
Kiara Bloor
Erin Bloor
Shae Elguindy

Open Boys Soccer 18/3/19

David Warda

Open Girls Soccer 13/3/19

Ryleigh Wilson
Emelia Dell
Akirra Worthington

Open Girls Touch 5/4/19

Erin Bloor
Kiara Bloor
Georgia Nies
Shae Elguindy
Caitlyn O'Flynn
Briannan Eggert

16 Girls Touch 5/4/19

Mikayla Crick
Jade Van Der Saag
Imogen Nies

16 Boys Touch 5/4/19

Jack Bevan

Boys Tennis 22/2/19

Reece Napier
Lachlan Cosgrove

Opens Boys Basketball 8/3/19

Isaak Malak

Open Girls Basketball 4/3/19

Kathleen Van Niekerk
Briannan Eggert
Molly Lewis
Shae Elguindy
Jade Vandersaag
Imogen Nies
Ryley Collins

Open Girls Hockey 25/3/19

Amanda Condon
Laura Gardiner

Emily Condon
Montana Patterson
Hayley Bonaccorso
Victoria Davis

Open Boys Hockey

Brayden Sutherland
Kye Sutherland

15 Boys Rugby League 27/3

Matthew Greene

Open Boys Rugby League 27/3

Jack Collins

Australian Institute of Sport Local Sporting Champions Grant for 2018/2019

Gabriella De Nuntiis has been awarded the Australian Institute of Sport Local Sporting Champions Grant for 2018/2019. Congratulations Gabriella.

Student Volunteering 2019

Are you a volunteer?

That means doing something for others without getting paid.

In school: SRC, Animal Nursery, Peer Tutor Reading, being a referee for a Gala Day are a few examples.

Out of school: Youth Group leader, sporting coach or referee, reading for senior citizens in a home or mowing for elderly neighbours could be examples.

All students within the school have the opportunity to sign up for the Premier's Student Volunteering Awards 2019 which close late Term 3.

Student nominations are invited for the following three student categories:

- Students up to Year 9 who have completed a minimum of 13 hours of volunteering in 3 months;
- Students in Year 10 who have completed a minimum of 26 hours of volunteering in 6 months;
- Students in Years 11 and 12 who have completed a minimum of 52 hours volunteering in 12 months.

All that is required is to join the Google Classroom for our Volunteering Recognition Awards. See your Year Adviser, Mrs Shortt or Mrs Rouen for the logon information.

Mrs Rouen and Mrs Shortt

Student Volunteer Coordinators

Catching Up With Our Alumni...

Elizabeth Ralston (Elderslie High School 2007-2012)

Highlights of time at school:

- Receiving an ATAR of 98.3 in the 2012 HSC
- Receiving the Pierre de Coubertin (for outstanding sporting achievement) and the Caltex Best All Rounder major awards in 2012
- Receiving a New South Wales Institute of Sport Scholarship for Women's Football (2011, 2012)
- Receiving a Sydney South West Secondary School Sports Association Regional Blue Award for sporting excellence
- Being selected as a member of the Australian Under 17 Women's Football Team to tour Nanjing, China and compete in the Asian Football Confederation Championships (World Cup Qualification Tournament). Selected as Vice Captain for the duration of the tournament, and awarded Australian Player of the Tournament as well as Players' Player of the Tournament).
- Receiving the Elderslie High School Senior Sports Personality Award.

Highlights since leaving school:

- Receiving a Western Sydney University Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship valued at \$50,000
- Being selected to be a member of the Western Sydney University Aspire Leadership Program and Academy Program targeting personal enrichment and professional development for future industry leaders.
- Being selected as a member of the Australian Under 20 Women's Football Team to tour Nanjing, China and compete in the Asian Football Confederation Championships (World Cup Qualification Tournament)
- Completing my Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Physiotherapy with honours and a GPA of 6.548
- Continuing to play with Sydney FC in the National W-League Women's Football Competition for my sixth consecutive season.

Sydney FC

Westfield W-League 2019 Grand Final Winners.

Sydney FC's Ms Reliable, Ralston has been a solid contributor of their back four this campaign. Across her eight appearances she has racked up a tackle success rate of 85 per cent as well as three blocks and seven interceptions.

It's not just with the ball that Ralston has impressed however, recording a pass accuracy of 87 per cent while also drawing six fouls – showing she is comfortable on the ball as well as trying to win it.

Consistent in every sense of the word, Ralston has only ever known Sky Blue, joining the club in 2012 and staying ever since.

(Dominic Unwin Feb 15, 2019)



Why Attendance Matters – Some Interesting Facts

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but....

If your child misses.....	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

PROPOSED CALENDAR – More detailed Calendar events can be found on our school website

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7A	March 11 SSW Swimming 2:15pm Year 11 Wired Performance	March 12 P&C Meeting Dance Transition Rehearsal	March 13 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Test	March 14 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Test Yr 11 Biology Compulsory Field Trip	March 15 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Test
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P & C MEETINGS 2018

ALL parents of students and interested members of the Elderslie community are invited to attend these meetings.

Our Meeting for 2018 will be:

Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 7pm



