Thought for the Week:
To have true joy, one must share it with others.

OUR SCHOOL FOCUSES:
- Reading, at or above grade level (Reading Links and Rotary Reader programs)
- Improving the number strand in Maths
- Attendance at 96%
- Extending our top students in the upper two bands (U2B) of NAPLAN

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: We are hoping to hold our already postponed Athletics Carnival this coming Monday, 18th July. Turtles should wear Red, and Dolphins should wear Blue to support their team colours on the day! If you ordered pies or rolls for our previous carnival, they will be available on the day, along with a coffee van and cakes, lamies and scones with jam and cream for $1.00 each.

BAD WEATHER: We are conscious of the forecast rain over the weekend. If this eventuates, we will again have a flooded oval. Please keep up with our Facebook page over the weekend for updates. If you are not a member, please ask to join. It is the only way we can get the message out. Search in FB for Elliott Heads Parents and Staff.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Parent Teacher Interviews, requested for all students as part of our Semester 1 Report, will begin in Week 3, Monday 25th July. Shortly a note will come home indicating the times your child/ren's teacher/s are available for interviews. Please indicate your preferred times using a 1, 2, 3 method and return to the office. We will try our best to coordinate times, so you only have to attend once for multiple children/teachers. The notes will be returned to you with a timeslot highlighted to show which timeslot you've been given. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

UNIFORMS: We've now received (FINALLY) our full order of uniforms. I thank Tracy for picking them up over the holidays, getting them sorted at school and contacting parents who had placed orders. Please make arrangements to pay for and collect your orders as soon as possible. If they are not collected and paid for within a reasonable timeframe we will return them to stock, as we are already out of stock with some sizes and have other parents waiting.

We are now ready to sell the rest of the shirts (the extras ordered at the time). We have reasonable stock in sizes 4-10. Please see Tracy in the office to buy school shirts for $25.00.

JUMPERS & LONG PANTS: With the cooler weather arriving, parents are reminded that our school colour for long pants and jumpers in winter is NAVY BLUE. These are currently available quite cheaply in stores such as Big W, Best and Less, Kmart and Target. Hot pink leggings, to name one example, ARE NOT part of our school uniform. It would be appreciated if parents could help their child to obey our school uniform code by purchasing navy blue items. I know some people are doing it tough, but I am sure navy blue tracksuits are, in most cases, cheaper than the items of clothing some children are wearing to school right now.

An exception for this might be Grade 6 students who are about to go to high school. We do not expect parents to buy new items of clothing this late in their primary years of schooling.

TUCKSHOP HELP THIS TERM: For a number of reasons, parents who had put their name down for this Term's tuckshop roster are no longer available. If you've been helping out last term we thank them for their work. ☺

We would really appreciate a few extra helpers to fill their places. You would be working with other more experienced tuckshop helpers, so they can show you the ropes.

Unfortunately if we do not get some extra helpers (3 needed) TUCKSHOP WILL HAVE TO GO FORTNIGHTLY.

NO TUCKSHOP NEXT TUESDAY because of Sports Day on Monday-Pies, sausage & spinach rolls, lamies, tea/coffee, etc.

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning

Great state. Great opportunity.
The P&C made a profit of $500 on the day. Not a bad effort for a holiday period! Thanks everyone!

It was disappointing to see some negative Facebook press about our fundraiser from some local community members who were disappointed not to find a sausage sizzle and cake stall. For those of you who have been here a while, you’ll know that lamingtons is what we are famous for. People drive across town to vote here, because of the lamingtons.

We have tried a sausage sizzle in the past, and it was not successful, because most people weren’t interested. They wanted LAMINGTONS. We did have a cake stall last election, instead of lamingtons, but only because there was a mix up with our lamington order. I know of at least two very large school in town who had NOTHING organised by their P&C for election day, so I think a $500 fundraiser, in the holidays, from a small school like ours was a fantastic effort and I thank everyone who was involved.

**VOLUNTEER GARDENER**

Robert Sim started with us on Tuesday. He is a volunteer gardener who has come to us through IMPACT. We are very grateful to have his services. Say hello if you see him around the school wearing his safety gear. We are also VERY grateful to the parents who have been helping out with gardening work around the school over the last 6 months.

**NEW POLICY FOR STUDENT ABSENCES**

Lately, in the news, you might have seen or read of a number of very sad cases where children have gone missing. They have not arrived at school, the school has assumed the child is sick, the parent did not ring to advise the child was sick and the school waited for the child to bring a note explaining their absence upon their return to school. Unfortunately for this child, they had been abducted, and no-one was any the wiser until the child did not arrive home that afternoon and the concerned parents contacted the school, only to find they had not attended. Vital hours had been lost.

For this reason, the government has passed a new policy on student absences. From 2017 schools MUST NOTIFY PARENTS OF THEIR CHILD’S ABSENCE IMMEDIATELY, if we have not already had advanced notice of absence, a phone call or email.

All schools need to investigate a way to do this. Possibilities are:

- purchasing SMS software that will allow us to SMS parents automatically if their child is not at school once rolls are marked
- purchasing additional teacher aide time so that someone can enter absences daily, and immediately phone parents to advise them of their child’s absence. Rolls are currently marked twice daily but entered into OneSchool weekly.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS**

This new policy means parents MUST KEEP THE SCHOOL UPDATED WITH CONTACT DETAILS and be available by phone.

You have no idea how many times we phone parents only to find none of the phone numbers we have for them are valid. In addition, there are parents whose phones go straight to message bank, or just ring out, with no message bank attached. If it was a matter of life or death, as a situation like the one described, or a serious accident, we would have no way of getting in contact.

We had situations recently where the bus company was refusing to pick up and drop off students because parents had not provided up to date contact details to the bus company, and were unable to contact parents. When the bus company phoned the school to notify us, we found we didn’t have up to date contact details either.
ABSENCES Cont.

Many families only have parents listed as emergency contacts. We need at least one other person we can contact in an emergency: grandparent, aunty or uncle, older (adult) sister or brother, neighbour or close friend. We will ALWAYS try to contact parents first, but if we can’t get in contact with you, we need to be able to contact someone else in an emergency.

In the next few weeks we will send home student detail cards. We ask you to update any of your contact details including:

- Home phone
- Mobile
- Address
- Email
- Emergency contacts

Thank you for keeping the safety of your children uppermost in your mind. Please fill in the tear off slip to tell us how you would like to be notified of your child’s absence from school (if we do not already know the reason); phone call or SMS?

FEES OWING: If you have not already done so can you please make an effort to pay off fees still owing from earlier in the year from Reading Eggs; Soundwaves Spelling, Life Ed Van and Term 2 sport.

NEW STAIRS ON A BLOCK

If you have been in the school in the last few weeks, you will have noticed that we have had new stairs constructed at the back of A Block (the admin building). This was a safety issue for staff, as you had to step straight out of a very narrow back door, straight onto a step, often with your arms full. We now have a dance floor sized platform to step out onto and a full sized door!

FACEBOOK FOR MINORS

Just a reminder to parents that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 to have a Facebook page. I know some parents have allowed their children to have an account because of overseas family with whom they like their children to stay in touch, but please make sure you monitor that carefully. We recently had a ‘friend’ request for our school FB page from a student. Just make sure that your child is not requesting to be friends of other groups that may not be as secure as ours. ☺

GET STARTED IN SPORT VOUCHERS

The Queensland government has a program to help parents get their child started in an organised sport. These vouchers are for up to $150, to pay for joining fees, uniforms etc. The next round of applications opened yesterday, 13th July. Go to http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/ to find out more.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Our school concert will be held on Friday night 9th September. Please put the date in your calendar.

We are currently investigating hiring another hall, other than the Elliott Heads Progress Association Hall, as it is now too small for us with the number of parents and grandparents wanting to attend.

I have made enquiries at the council and the auditorium at the Bargara Cultural Centre is available for a cost of $600 for 8 hours (dress rehearsal & concert on the same day). One of our students is making enquiries at the Playhouse Theatre in town as well.

Please let us know if you are aware of any other possible venues that could hold around 250 people.

CHAPPY CHAT

Welcome back everyone! I hope that your holidays were all that you wanted them to be. Just a few reminders for this term:

Coffee for parents and staff

Now that the weather is cooler just a little reminder that I make coffees and hot chocolates for $2 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.15am. The money raised from this will support brekky club in our school.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT EHSS

15 July Mrs Patterson @ Principals’ meeting Maryborough
18 July Athletics Carnival (fingers crossed!)
19 July NO tuckshop
21 July P&C Meeting 9:00 a.m.
25 July Parent/Teacher Interviews begin
26 July NO tuckshop
27 July NAIDOC Day celebrations from 11:30 a.m. School Financial Audit
28 July School Financial Audit
29 July School Financial Audit
   Assistant Regional Director Ross Zelov visiting
   Tree Planting Day: Mr Mac and SEP students
2 Aug Eisteddfod-Choir
   Tuckshop Special: Mac’n’Cheese
   Positive Behaviour Coaches Meeting: Mrs Brown & Mrs Shield attending 1:00-3:00 p.m.
4 Aug Jumps Day @ St Lukes (10-12 year olds only)
5 Aug District Athletics Salter Oval (5-12 year olds only)
8 Aug First Level Reward afternoon for Term 3
9 Aug Tuckshop Special: Snag Curry
10 Aug ACES Workshop for Grade 6 (Maths/English/Science)
   Rainbow for Girls-Mother and Daughter meeting 3pm
11 Aug ACES Workshop for Grade 6 (Maths/English/Science)
15 Aug School Photos
16 Aug ACES Workshop for Grade 5 (Maths/English/Science)
   Tuckshop Special: Spag Bol
17 Aug ACES Workshop for Grade 5 (Maths/English/Science)
   IWC coming to do hearing screening
18 Aug Assistant Regional Director Ross Zelov visiting
   IWC coming to do hearing screening
23 Aug Future Leaders Eco Challenge Moore Park Beach
   (Selected Grade 5 students)
   Tuckshop Special: Fried Rice
27 Aug Car Boot Sale & Fair 8:00-12:00
30 Aug Tuckshop Special: Stuffed Spuds
31 Aug Fathers’ Day Stall

Queensland Father of the Year Competition

An inspirational father figure is truly priceless, so honour one today!! Nominations for the Queensland father of the year competition, closes on the 15th July 2016. Visit qdifatheroftheyear.org.au to make your nominations.

Tape a Councillor to the wall

On Saturday 23rd July we will be taping Councillor David Batt to a wall at Hinkler Shopping Centre. Come and join us on the 23rd for this fun and entertaining chaplaincy fundraiser.

Supa Club

All the students who attended last term really enjoyed the activities and the lessons learned. Supa Club is starting back week 2 for all students interested in Grades 4-6 during 1st break on Thursdays. This is a great program that instils positive thinking and relationships. As this program contains spiritual content permission forms are needed Please ask me!

That’s all from me this week. Have a wonderful week and don’t forget to make the most of every opportunity.

Chappy Jess
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 23/06/16

PREP/1: Aaron learning most of his Alphabet sounds

1/2/3: Jayden always using his manners

3/4: Chloe working well on her technology project

4/5/6: Caily being a happy, helpful student who always does her best work

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: Prep/1 and 4/5/6

MUSIC: P/1

NEWSLETTER READER:

100% ATTENDANCE: Zeb, Dylan, Moana, Stephanie

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Joel, Lucy, Marley, Jayden M

MATHSawARDS: Silver - Ashanti

CLASS NEWS

ECHOES FROM PREP/1

Welcome to the beginning of Term 3 and as we are half way through the year we will be learning even more new skills. In English we will be starting our next unit of work on retelling events in stories and making personal connections to different texts. In Maths we will continue learning all that we have learnt this year plus more about addition, subtraction, shapes and parts of objects.

We are starting our first Geography unit for the year about “What is My Place Like?” so look out for sheets that need to be completed and returned by the end of next week so that your child can discuss and work on relevant information for them.

We are also starting our next Science unit about “Our Material World”. This unit focuses on different types of materials that items are made out of so if you have any unusual but safe objects that we could borrow to investigate can you please bring it into school as soon as possible thanks.

Please keep reading as many books, signs, posters and text material to your child as possible, do some rhyming work with them (e.g. What rhymes with ball = fall, tall, mall, hall), and keep working on the SOUNDS of the alphabet letters, as they’re still not automatic for many students at this stage.

Please DO NOT refer to the letter name as this confuses them. At school we say “What is the sound for this letter?” and if they don’t know then make the sound for them saying This letter makes a "" sound,” and ask them to repeat it. If you are not sure of the sounds please come and see us and we will help you so they get the right sounds.

Requested interviews from report cards will be in a couple of weeks so look out for the note regarding this, thank you. Please return homework and library books every Thursday so we can mark them and return on Friday. Thank you for your support in helping your child to learn, to the best of their ability.

Regards Tanya and Denise

Playgroup News

Playgroup will be back in full swing this Friday and the children will be having fun doing lots of activities like play dough, painting, box construction, water play, crafts, singing and dancing and listening to a story. Through these activities the children are learning different skills ready for reading, writing and counting that they need to survive in our world. They will also be learning social and emotional skills by making new friends and playing with old ones too.

Parents if you have a child who is turning 5 by the end of June 2017 then they are able to start Prep next year. Teachers find that children who attend our Playgroup sessions settle into school life more easily than students who do not attend. So if you have children starting school next year you are more than welcome to come along to our Playgroups held between 9:00 and 11:00 in the Prep Classroom most Fridays of the term.

Please dress children in clothes that can get messy with paint etc., closed in shoes for safety and a broad brim hat for playing outdoors. Children may also bring along a snack and water bottle in a lunch box so they can have this with us and get used to the staff, older students, other children and their parents, the school grounds and the routines of Prep.

If you are unable to make it at these times please let us know if you have a child starting Prep at Elliott Heads State School next year as we will be starting to plan for next year and having a parent information session that we would like to invite you to.

I have placed a suggestion sheet on the clip box where you sign in and a suggestion box near there too for any things you would like to see at playgroup. Don’t forget that you need to sign in on the register near the back door in case of an emergency at the school. Looking forward to seeing you soon

TANYA, DENISE and BELINDA

THE SCOOP from 1/2/3

Welcome back to Term 3! It is lovely to see everyone returning to school with bright smiles and eager to engage in this term’s learning. We have another busy term with our Athletics carnival next Monday, the concert towards the end of term and organising ourselves for the car boot sale.

This week we have kicked off our Geography unit, ‘What is place?’ Throughout this unit we will be investigating what ‘place’ means on a local and global level. Yesterday we began looking at the continents of the world and how a continent is different to a country. We will be continuing to work on this throughout the next few weeks including identifying the oceans.

In Maths, we have begun using our grid books and practicing setting out subtraction problems. Understanding how to set these out correctly will aid the students when working on more difficult problems which will happen later in the term.

We began our English unit on Monday by reading, Stellaluna. We have also begun learning how to take notes from an information text and how to convert these into our own paragraphs. Reading groups will begin next week along with our Reading Links program.

We will also be getting ourselves prepared for the concert later this term. I may call on parents to help us make props in the next few weeks so if you are feeling crafty, please let me know.

Homework will commence for our class next week and will still be due each Monday. Our library day has now changed to Tuesdays. There are a few students who still have books out from last term. Could you please do a search around and return these as soon as possible. It would also be appreciated if you could remind your child to bring their healthy snack into the classroom upon arrival at school along with a water bottle.

Thank you for supporting your child’s learning.

LIZ

THE BUZZ FROM YEAR 3/4

And we’re off and racing! Term 3 here we come! We have already had a great week starting new units of work. In English we have started reading the story “Kumiko and the Dragon” and have been looking at the way the author creates the mood. In Maths, both graders have been working on Place Value. Grades 3s have been looking at numbers up to 10000, while Grade 4s have been working on numbers up to a million.

In Science this week, we attempted to create towers which stood at 1 metre tall and could hold the weight of a dictionary for 30 seconds. Easy? Not when the only materials available were 25 sheets of newspaper, 25 straws and 4 pieces of light card. Students did a great job though and there was lots of thinking outside the box.

We have also made a start on our concert item for the end of term. It will be great to see how we progress.

Homework and Spelling were sent home on Monday. Our spelling test is on Friday and Homework is due back each Monday. Thanks for your support with this.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 4/5/6

We have had a great start to the term! Thanks kids!

This week we began our new English unit on Ballad poetry; poems that tell a story. We have been revising alliteration, simile and metaphor, from previous units and will be looking for these poetic features in the classic Australian Ballads we will be studying, such as "The Man from Snowy River".
In Maths all grades have been looking at the multiplication algorithm. Grade 4s are looking at short multiplication alongside the extended form of the algorithm, while Grades 5 and 6 are looking at the long multiplication algorithm. We have been using our grid books to set these out. It has been amazing to see the improvement in just a few short days!

Our school concert item is also underway. We are doing a play which is a spoof on the Cinderella story, with lots of funny bits. We look forward to presenting it for you! I am directing the play and Miss Christie will work with students (and any arty parents who would like to help??) to make the props.

This term in Science students will investigate the properties of light and the formation of shadows. Students will have plenty of hands on experiences as they explore the role of light in everyday objects. We need 27 shoe boxes, if you have any spare PLEASE bring them in.

In geography this term the students will investigate how extreme natural events affect people and places and how these effects can be reduced. To start the term in Art students will begin constructing props for the upcoming performance.

HOMEWORK IS DUE WEEKLY: Due Monday 30th May and Monday 6th June. SPELLING TEST is on Monday and LIBRARY on Wednesday. Thanks ☺️ TEENY & LORI

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**TUCKSHOP HELPERS TERM 3**

I would like to help in tuckshop. I am available:

- on a weekly basis each Tuesday
- 2-3 times in the term
- once a term

I won’t be available from ___________ to ___________.

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**STUDENT ABSENCES SURVEY**

I prefer to be advised if my child is away from school by:

- phone
- SMS
- other: ___________
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