Thought for the Week:
One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.

OUR SCHOOL FOCUSES:
- Reading, at or above grade level (Reading Links and Rotary Reader programs)
- Improving the number strand in Maths
- Attendance: Maintaining a target of 96%
- Extending our students in the upper two bands of NAPLAN 2017

At the beginning of this year, several families extended their holidays, into Term 1. If we do not hear from you by Day 8 of next year, 2nd February 2017, your children cannot be counted in our numbers. If you are not going to be here for the start of the school year on 23rd January, PLEASE make contact with us by any means possible (phone, Facebook, Messenger, email) so that we can count your children in our numbers, or not, if you find you are not returning. Thanks in advance for your help.

Once again, thank you for letting us know your plans, even if you aren't completely sure of your movements next year.

PREP TRANSITION TODAY
It was great to see the shining happy faces of our new Prep students for 2017 as they shared in Transition activities today! They engaged in a variety of more structured tasks, compared to Playgroup mornings. Many thanks to Mrs Daly, Mrs Lee and Miss Belinda for their organisation on the day, and to all Prep parents who supported their children by coming along. Later children stayed to eat and play in the undercover area.

The next two Transition dates are next Wednesday, 9th November and the following Tuesday, 15th November.
It has also been wonderful to see some new faces at playgroup over the last few weeks, with parents bringing children to become familiar with class routines for 2017.

THE GREAT CAMP-OUT FOR GRADES 3-6
Mrs Brown and I had another meeting with all Grade 3-6 students today, to discuss the camp out in the school grounds tomorrow night 4th November. Students are very excited about the night!

We will start tomorrow morning pitching tents, so if your child has indicated they will be bringing a tent, it would be great if you could come in the morning and help them set it up. Hopefully no cyclones this time! Last time they all blew away and had to be pitched again!

Larry and Ruth from our local community are being a fantastic help and have shopped for and will cook, all the chicken and hamburgers for us tonight. Thanks guys!

Students may wear old clothes to school tomorrow, so that they can help with a number of camp set up activities during the day.
All students need to bring their bedding to school in the morning, so that they can get their beds organised in their tents.
Thank you to the parents who have offered to help bake pancakes tomorrow. We’ll see you at the tuckshop at about 8:30 a.m., once you’ve dropped your child off at school, and get straight into it. Mrs Brown is bringing her secret recipe!
Tomorrow afternoon they will go home as normal, have a shower, and return to school at 5:00 p.m. NOT BEFORE, please. Mrs Brown has her children to get ready as well.
There are still a few children who have not returned the note or their $5 to cover food.

DATE CLAIMER: CAROLS BY THE SEA
On Sunday 27th November, our school choir will be singing Christmas Carols at the Innes Park-Bargara 3 Neighbourhood Watch Carols by the Sea, at Innes Park reserve. Our P&C will also be running the Sausage Sizzle and drinks stall, so come along and support us. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. and finishes at 5:30 p.m. Lots of stalls and fun things to do! We hope to see you all there!

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning

Great state. Great opportunity.
P&C PICKINGS
Next Meeting: Thursday 17 November, 1:15 p.m. in the library.
Email: pandc@elliottheadsss.eq.edu.au
President: Bianca Emerson
Vice President: Lyn Barton
Secretary: Monica Ale
Treasurer: Belinda Biggs
Fundraising: Toni Ellis

FACEBOOK PAGE: Please ask to join!
Elliott Heads Parents and Staff
It’s a great way for us to keep in touch with you!

P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE
The P&C are running the sausage sizzle and drinks stall at Carols by the Sea on November 27th.
Each year the P&C contributes $3000-$4000, which goes towards supporting our children in their education. It would be great to see you giving them a hand in that. Please fill in the Tear Off Slip at the end of the newsletter, if you can give even half an hour to help out with cooking or selling.

CHANGES TO PREP IN 2017
The Queensland government has made Prep Year compulsory from 2017. Until now, it has been up to parents to choose whether or not they wanted to enrol their children in Prep. In saying that, there has been a 99% take up of Prep. Until now, parents NOT enrolling their child in Prep could choose for their child to start a year later and go straight into Year 1. Now, a child MUST do the Prep Year BEFORE going into Year 1.

RED FOR DANIEL DAY
On Friday 28th October students participated in Red for Daniel Day. There were some very important discussions held in classes about staying safe and who children can talk to if they ever feel unsafe. We had a little scare last week with one of our own students and that was a very stressful time for both her parents and the school. Thankfully she was found safe and sound, playing at a friend’s house (Kids!) but it was a timely reminder about safety.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
A huge thank you to students and parents who made an effort to stop in and say thanks. Some of us even received a little gift (my first for World Teachers’ Day in 40 years) which was a lovely surprise! Thank you also to our support staff who put on a wonderful morning tea for us and gave us a gift as well! Very much appreciated!

SWIMMING PAYMENTS: Have you paid yet?
CHAPPY CHAT: Here are some local groups to check out:
Epic Youth: Coral Coast Christian Church
Friday Nights - 6.30pm-8.30pm (grades 7-12)
Cost $3 (Includes Dinner). Contact: Lisa Hardie 0414 983 353
Citicoast Youth: Citicoast Christian Church
Friday Nights-6.30pm Back hall hangs + 7-9pm Youth (grades 7-12) Cost $2. Contact: Phil and Jess Cavanagh 4153 2577
BOOM Youth: Heritage Christian Church
Saturday Nights - 6.30pm-9pm (grades 7-12)
Contact Michelle Buckle 0438 146 068
UP-Grade Camp at Bucca Retreat
Also coming up for Year 6s, 9th-11th December 2016, is a local Christian camp!! Please see Jess, or contact Lynn Rathbone on 0448 898 796. Come along and learn about yourself, God and others! Wateralds, Swimming, Bonfire, bushwalks, canoeing and games and you make new friends!! $130/child. JESS

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 20th October
Classes of the Week: PE: P/1 MUSIC: P/1
NEWSLETTER READER: Moana
100% ATTENDANCE: Tylor, Te Paea, Johno & Moana
PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Ashanti, Tameka, Caleb and Eboni
MATHLETICS AWARDS: Silver – Moana

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
P/1: Griffin great work in class
Abby working hard on Alphabet sounds
1/2/3: Luca working hard on English Assessment task
Sonny working hard on English Assessment task
3/4: Elli working hard on her sounds and moving up in Words their Way
4/5/6: Mitchell great helper in Science
Tim great contributions to class discussions and having a great sense of humour

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 27th October 2016
Classes of the Week: PE: P/1 MUSIC: 4/5/6
NEWSLETTER READER: Kiah
100% ATTENDANCE: Eboni, Dylan, Caleb and Sahara
PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Bella K, Lucy, Grace and Charisma
MATHLETICS AWARDS: Silver – Jacob L. Gold - Harriet

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
P/1: Amberley improving her picture recognition
1/2/3: Lyndon excellent improvement in Sight Words
Marley excellent improvement in Sight Words
3/4: Robert great work learning new Maths Strategies
4/5/6: Tayla for perseverance in LOTE lessons
Mackenzie excellent effort in Japanese lessons

NOTE FROM THE DENTAL VAN STAFF
By now every student should have received a medical history/consent form to have a dental check-up. If you wish your child to participate and have not received a form please pick one up from either the school office or the dental van staff.
These forms are then sent into our administration office where they are processed and entered onto the computer. Please be patient, as we only have one administration officer and we are one of seven dental facilities in the Bundaberg region.
Should you have any urgent concern please contact the dental van staff on 0427 691 725 or our administration officer on 4303 8059.
The school dental van is currently located at Elliott Heads State School and operates Monday to Thursday 8am to 4.30pm.

THIS IS A FREE SERVICE TO ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
CLASS NEWS

ECHOES From PREP/1

Can you believe we are half way through the term? In English we have been reading lots of poems and finding there are poems that are funny, sad, exciting, story, nice, scary, happy or silly. In Maths we are continuing to revisit and extending our learning on all areas of mathematics that we have learnt so far this year, including numbers and number facts; addition and subtraction, mass, capacity and length; and problem solving.

We are enjoying our new Geography unit: “How do people use places?” and have discovered what natural, managed and constructed environments are and look like, what features help us and how we care for them. In Science we have been exploring and investigating how a variety of materials react when they get wet, and whether or not they can hold water.

As the end of the year is upon us, please organise a meeting with me if you have any concerns for next year or just want to ask questions or discuss your child’s learning.

Please return homework and library books every Thursday so we can mark them and return on Friday. Don’t forget swimming every Monday from now to end of term. Thank you for your support in helping your child to learn to the best of their ability.

TANYA, DENISE and BELINDA ©

PLAYGROUP

At Playgroup the children have been having fun doing lots of activities like playing with slime, climbing on the obstacle course, using play dough, painting, Spring, Halloween and Melbourne Cup crafts (Mrs Patterson says thanks to Juno for her fascinator!), box collage, water play, singing, dancing and listening to stories. This week we are doing some activities for Remembrance Day and the following week we will be starting some Christmas crafts along with our regular activities.

If you missed our Prep information night on Tuesday 25th October, please feel free to come along to Playgroup and ask any questions about Prep Preparation and collect enrolment packages that were given out on the night. Please bring along your child’s birth certificate, immunisation records and any other medical documentation you have, that might be useful so that it can be copied to go into your child’s file.

We had our first Prep Transition day today and new students enjoyed being at school learning new things ready for next year. The last two transition days are from 9:00-11:00 am: Wednesday 9th November and Tuesday 15th November. We hope to see all 2017 Prep’s coming along to experience what Prep life is like and learn some new skills.

2017 Prep students are welcome to spend the lunch and play period with students in the playground, following those morning sessions. Please bring a fruit snack break and pack a healthy lunch, a water bottle and a bucket or broad brimmed hat. We hope to have school uniforms for sale, by the last Transition Day, 15th November. See you all soon at either Playgroup or the Prep transition days. TANYA, DENISE and BELINDA ©

THE SCOOP from 1/2/3

Unfortunately due to family circumstances my attendance in the classroom over the last two weeks has been limited. Hopefully everything will now be back to normal. Over the last few days students have been working on their maths assessments for the term as well as practicing presentations of Eric.

Over the next couple of days students will be bringing home their Geography assessment. Students will be asking family members a series of questions about their connections to local, national and global places. Students will need to have these back at school by Monday. Failure to bring this back on Monday will limit your child’s opportunity to complete their assessment task.

Homework will be handed out on Monday. My apologies for not having homework out prior to now however I’m sure the students haven’t minded at all!

We have had to put the planning for our excursion on hold as the Fame theatre company have since cancelled their Frosty Christmas tour. Please keep an eye out for updates.

LIZ

THE BUZZ FROM YEAR 3/4

This week, we have some very excited students, who are looking forward to our Great Camp-out on Friday night. I’m sure we are going to have an awesome night.

We’ve been working hard in class this fortnight. In Maths we have been working on mental subtraction strategies, including a cool strategy involving negative numbers. We have also investigated symmetry and area using a sci-fi robot creation.

In English we have been finding out about Mary Gilmore, the lady on our $10 note. We have been working on writing formal letters, as Mary would have written in the 1800s. We are currently working on constructing a thank you letter to Mary from her Grandmother.

In Science we have started to look at forces, and their place in various games. We will be investigating a number of ‘60 second slam’ games, and identifying the forces at play.

Students have also been working on their coding skills using a program called ‘Scratch’. They love it and have produced some amazing things.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 4/5/6

In English, we have viewed Polar Express. We have watched the whole movie through, to get the uninterrupted story line, and will now watch it again, but pausing regularly to make notes on characters, camera angles, close ups, music and sound effects, setting and plot, in order to write a review of the film for our assessment task.

In Maths we are undertaking a rich task that takes in collecting data, graphing it in a variety of forms, and turning the data into fractions and percentages in order to make statements about the data we’ve collected. The whole class is working on this task, to varying degrees.

Students are really looking forward to camp tomorrow night! Please send along their bedding tomorrow morning. They can bring their bag with plate, cup, fork, knife, toiletries, etc. tomorrow night.

In Science students have been busy looking at rusting and decomposition. Students have exploring reversible and irreversible changes while baking on a Friday with Mrs Loder.

In Geography 5/6 students have started some of their assessment. Year 4’s have been enjoying a research project.

SECRET STUDENTS’ BUSINESS: Our students all need between $1-$2 for a craft project. Most students have already brought theirs in, but a few still need to do so. We have encourage the kids to earn the money!

YEAR 6 GRADUATION: Thanks to the three parents who have sent their child’s photos for the Graduation Photostory in. There are still 8 to go. PLEASE get them in as soon as possible.

TEENY & LORI

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

| Name - |
| Signed- |

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TEAR OFF SLIP-CAROLS BY THE SEA HELP

I can spare _____ hour to help cook/assemble/serve sausage sandwiches and drinks at Carols by the Sea on Sunday 27th November. Phone: _______________________

NAME: _______________________-