Thought for the Week:

Your best teacher is your last mistake.

ABCs Of Student Success

N is for NOTHING.

Was "Nothing" your child’s response to the question "What did you do at school today?"
- Instead of asking about the day as a whole, ask about math or lunchtime or recess or...
- Don’t ask yes or no questions. Ask What did you think...? or How did you decide...?
- At dinnertime, ask each member of the family to tell the best and worst thing that happened that day. That opens the door to conversation, sharing experiences and tips for handling frustration, and emphasizing that something good happens every day.

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NUMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR

At the moment, if all students currently enrolled for next year, actually arrive on Day 1 next year, our school is sitting securely on 4 teachers. That is a nice feeling coming to the end of this school year. We have 10 Preps coming in at this stage, but 17 students leaving in Grade 6 and 7, in a double graduation, with Grade 7 being the last Grade 7 in Primary and Grade 6 being set to become the first Grade 7 in high school. Both groups are about to become a part of history!

We have also had several enquiries and enrolments in other year levels, which is what is giving us the buffer. We require 78 students to keep 4 teachers, an currently our numbers are 83, so you can see that it will only take one or two families whose circumstances change, to put us on shaky ground again.

At this point in time we are planning to have a double class P/1/2 with two teachers, Mrs Campbell and Ms Tanya Eizenberg; a 3/4 with Mrs Brown and a 5/6 with Mrs Patterson and Mrs Shield.

If there are still families from our current enrolment who are planning a move, we really need to know, so that we can start thinking about what the alternative might look like.

Many thanks to the families who have already let us know that they are moving. It has been lovely to hear that in all cases these families have been very happy with our school over the years, but are having to move for family reasons.

We will be very sorry to see you go.

NEXT YEAR’S BOOKLIST IS ATTACHED!

MISS THOMPSON IS LEAVING US

Sadly, Miss Thompson will be leaving us at the end of the year. She has been a very hardworking member of our staff over the last two years and we will be very sorry to lose her. In particular, Miss Thompson has had a major role in the maintenance of our school website (any offers gratefully received) and the leader of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Team. Thanks Pip for your dedication to your students, your contributions to our team and your friendship. We wish you all the very best for the next exciting leg of life’s journey as you venture to teaching in London and travelling Europe! Enjoy and stay safe!

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning
Next meeting: Wed, 19th November, at 9.15 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.

Our email address: pandcs@elliottheadss.eq.edu.au

President: Amanda Hamzat

Secretary: Monica Ale

Treasurer/Vice: Belinda Biggs

FACEBOOK PAGE: Ask to join!

Elliott Heads Parents and Staff - It's a great way for us to keep in touch with you!

2014 FUNDRAISING PLAN

6th December: Carols by Candlelight/Sausage Sizzle

CHOCOLATES AND ZOOPER DOOPERS

We will have chocolates on sale tomorrow for $1, as well as Zooper Dooper ice blocks for 50c.

DISCO

This Friday night 28th November the P&C will hold their last disco for the year. Dress will be a red, white and green/Christmas Theme! The food will be Pizza ($1.50/slice) and drinks (water $1, Juice Poppers $1 and Spiders $1). An order form for the pizza is attached to this newsletter. The disco will start at 5.30 p.m. and finish at 7.30 p.m.

SOME EXCITING NEWS: SLEEPOVER for 2/3/4/5s

Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5 will have a sleepover following the disco. They will be sleeping in the classroom, so will need sleeping bags, pillows, etc. More details will come home to those families involved, via a letter on Monday.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Our last fundraiser for the year will be the Carols by Candlelight at Elliott Heads on 6th December, where our choir will be singing. The P&C will be running the sausage sizzle on the night, starting at 5.30 p.m. Our Choir will need to be in attendance by 6.00 p.m. A separate note will come home to Choir students today. We hope to see you all there.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you are leaving us, or your children have outgrown their uniforms and you have no-one to hand them down to, we would appreciate it very much if you could donate any second hand uniforms in good condition, back to the school. Please wash and bring them in to the office.

FUN DAY AT THE POOL

Next Wednesday we'll be having a fun day. The whole school will go at 12.15 p.m. and stay until 2.30 p.m. to enjoy a fun afternoon of swimming, afternoon tea and games.

The school has hired some inflatable obstacles that can be used by students in the pool. Students will spend the afternoon in the pool that they have had their lessons in (25m or 50m pool). Parents are most welcome to come along, but will need to pay their own entry to the pool.

CONGRATULATIONS AIMEE

One of our Grade 6 students, Aimee, has had two significant successes in the last few weeks. She came second in a district wide Poetry Writing competition for Grade 6 & 7 students. She was also successful in being awarded the Academic Bursary to Kepnock SHS in 2015, again competing against all Grade 6 students from the feeder primary schools for Kepnock SHS! A fantastic achievement Aimee! Well done!

Just goes to show what a small school can achieve!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

28 Nov Christmas Disco
2/3 and 4/5 sleepover
03 Dec Parent Helper and Volunteer Morning Tea 11am
Last day of swimming-Fun Day at the pool.
06 Dec Carols by Candlelight
08 Dec Levels Reward Day
09 Dec Grade 6 & 7 Graduation Dinner
10 Dec Kepnock SHS Orientation Day for Gr 6 & 7
Semester 2 reports sent home
11 Dec Presentation assembly and class parties
12 Dec End Term 4
Mrs Patterson on Long Service Leave.

2015
21 Jan Staff return
27 Jan Students return
06 Feb Mrs T’s last day-Family BBQ
07 Feb Mrs T’s Retirement Dinner: EH Bowls Club

SCHOOL REPORTS

In a few weeks, parents will receive their child’s report as a summary of their child’s progress over the last semester. Parents are encouraged to celebrate their child getting a ‘C’ as this is evidence that a student’s work typically demonstrates a sound level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts, and procedures), and application of skills. If this is accompanied by a ‘very good” or ‘Excellent’ effort rating, your child has worked hard to achieve the required standard for their grade.

PARENT HELPER AND VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA

Every year we are blessed with wonderful parents helpers and community volunteers who assist us in many different ways. Sometimes it is a regular commitment of time over the year, which we really appreciate, such as helping with home readers or volunteering in the classroom. Sometimes your help is for a particular event, or series of events, such as Swimming, Hot Food Days, Discos. Sometimes the help is for a one off occasion, such as transport to and from a venue such as the Levels Reward Days. Whatever the help you have given us over the year, we would like to invite you to morning tea on Wednesday 3rd December at 11.00 a.m. in the library, to say THANK YOU! Your invitation is attached to this newsletter.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREP: Mitchell Excellent effort in Assessment tasks and striving to succeed
YEAR 2/3: Caylan Always showing enthusiasm in English
YEAR 4/5: Sahara Always being a learner
YEAR 5/6/7: Sinead Great note-taking and typing skills

READING AWARDS: Home: Zeb, Araynha: Morning: Jaden

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: 2/3 MUSIC: 5/6/7

NEWSLETTER READER: Rebecca

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Zoe, Caylan, Keely and Seth
100% ATTENDANCE AWARD: Keely knows every day counts! Thanks to the Marshall family for sponsoring!

CLASS NEWS

LITTLE WHISPERs from Prep/1

LETTERS, LETTERS, LETTERS! We have been excited to receive many letters over the past two weeks from our Christmas Exchange project. We hope the other schools are enjoying our Christmas crabs as much as we have enjoyed receiving all our wonderful gifts! We have started a display at the back of the classroom of our letters and Christmas objects, showing where in Queensland they have come from.

We have each written our own letter this week to a pen pal in Prep at Bargara State School and hope to receive one back before holidays.

To top it off we completed the most special letter of all, our Christmas letter! With lots of interesting wishes added for Santa or Mum and Dad to bring.

This week is our last week of Home Reading borrowing. Please ensure that all home readers outstanding are returned for stocktake Monday. Many students who are not regular borrowers have books at home from earlier in the year that are outstanding also. Many thanks to Donna and Dani for assisting with the Home Reading program this year, thank-you to these ladies for supporting our class.

Playgroup Break Up

Thursday 4th December will be our final Playgroup for 2015. Please bring a plate to share and enjoy the fun of our final day!

KATH, LIZ & DENISE

WHAT’S THE SCOOP? from Year 2/3

The end of year is fast approaching and we have plenty to finish up before our, well deserved, Christmas break.

In English, we are starting planning and creating a comic strip based on the Japanese novel “Kumiko and the Dragon.” We are taking our time when drawing each panel to ensure we show the facial express to fit the characters mood.

In Math, the year 2s are reviewing and extending their knowledge of time, in particular quarter to and quarter past. The year 3s are exploring angles in the environment and cementing their knowledge concerning the features of 3D shapes.

In science we have completed our assessment to help Vera warm up a cup of tea without the use of electricity or gas. Students have experimented with heated coins in a cup of cold water.

In Geography we have been investigating different school communities within Queensland, looking at the differences and similarities between them. One of the schools we looked at was Bwgcolman Community School on Palm Island. Luckily for us Miss Thompson was able to give us first-hand information about this school.

We are getting super excited about our class sleep over this Friday night. Please don’t forget to come in a bit before the disco to help your child set up their bedding. Due to space, this year we will be having the sleep over in Mrs Patterson’s room.

PIP

THE BUZZ from Year 4/5

Wow, what a fantastic week we have had and it just seems to keep going. We had an amazing time last Friday on our trip to Brisbane, I’m sure everyone will agree. And this week we have our school disco and sleep over to look forward to.

Even though we have been very busy with lots of fun times, we have still been doing plenty of learning. In Maths we have continued investigating fractions. Students have been converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers and have been working with common and decimal fractions.

In English we have finished constructing our Lorax comparisons and have started presenting them using the Chatterpix App.

If you still have loom bands to send in for our Random Acts of Kindness project, please send them as soon as possible.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from Year 5/6/7

We had a fantastic time in Brisbane last Friday. Behaviour was exceptional, considering it was a very long day. Everything went according to plan and we got some great photos, which many of you will see at Graduation. The Science centre, the swim at Southbank and the Rivercat ride were all popular activities on the day. Thanks parents for your support!

In class students have been working very hard to complete Maths, English and Geography assessments. I have been particularly pleased with the effort students have put into their ‘Somewhere Around the Corner’ essays on the writing style of Jackie French. Well done kids!

Grade 6/7 parents, can you please get your orders in for the Graduation Dinner on 9 December? I need numbers and meal orders for the staff at the Bowls Club. Thanks!

TEENY & LIZ

COMMUNITY NEWS

BUNDABERG CITY PAGEANT OF LIGHTS

4th December 4.00-9.00 p.m.

- Parade commences at 7.00pm
- Live performances, Pilothouse Productions
- Bundaberg Vocal Academy & Orpheus Singers
- Turning on the Christmas Lights – Buss Park
- Live entertainment throughout the CBD & Buss Park ALL evening
- Christmas markets & food

RATeR TRAINING INDIGENOUS TEACHERS AND TEACHER AIDES

How do I enrol?

For further information please contact Leigh Payne. Email: lpayne55@eq.edu.au or call 4120 9367 / 0477 749 943.

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- Students will continue to use Mathletics Online. The school will cover the cost of this subscription for school and home access.
- Students in all year levels will be required to pay a $15 subscription for Reading Eggs, Reading Eggspress and/or the School Magazine, for school and home access.
- Students in Years 3-6 will need to pay a $10 subscription for Sound Waves Online, for school and home access. This is $7 cheaper than the printed book.
- These subscriptions will need to be paid for up front. Invoices will be sent out early in the new school year.

All items should be marked with your child’s name. Exercise books should be covered in contact or plastic, with a label on the front and your child’s name clearly written on the label. Teachers will direct students to write subject names on books.
Thank you for your help!

Without your help, smooth running of our school would not be possible. It is impossible to have some idea of numbers BEFORE the end of this year. Your help in spreading the word will be appreciated. Please send in the tear off slip as soon as possible with approximate numbers.

Mrs T's Retirement Dinner

Principals
Dear Families,

Kind regards,

Dear Families,

Mrs T's Retirement Dinner will be held at Elliott Heads Bowling Club on Saturday Night, the 27th of November 2014.

Have attended at school over the years, and have been witness to the many changes that Elliott Heads State School for 41 years.

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