Thought for the Week: Five Undeniable Facts of Life:
2. "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."

OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE
If you are new to our school, please ask to become a member of our school Facebook page. It is where we post important messages between newsletters, which come out fortnightly. To request membership, search for Elliott Heads Parents and Staff, in Facebook. It is for parents and staff only, and is a page for positive communications. Don’t forget to turn on notifications so you get one when something new is posted.

SCHOOL LUNCHES
We are noticing a HUGE increase in students coming to school with nothing but packaged food in their lunch boxes. Many students do not bring sufficient food and what they do bring is not healthy. We are asking parents to make sure their children have at least:
- a sandwich or two, wraps, ricecakes, or something similar
- tins of tuna are popular with many students
- salads
- leftovers from last night’s dinner
- a couple of pieces of fruit
- cheese and crackers, or cheese sticks
- water bottle
Please limit packaged food such as chips rollups or muesli bars to a maximum of two pieces. Thanks for your help.

SMOKING AT THE SCHOOL FENCE
I have noticed several parents standing at the school fence smoking. It is an offence to smoke within 4 metres of the boundary of any government facility. This means that if you wish to smoke you need to do so, on the opposite side of the school. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

POLICE PATROLS
Many of you will have noticed a police patrol outside the school last week, clocking speeds of motorists coming through the school zone. They were also monitoring people making U turns in front of the school, which is not permitted over double lines. Please be aware of the road and parking rules outside our school to avoid a fine. These were sent home with last week’s newsletter.

SCHOOL FOCUS FOR READING: STRATEGY FOR THIS FORTNIGHT IN GRADES 3-6 IS PREDICTING

Predicting helps us think about what we’re going to read.
Predicting lets us use what we already know about the topic or text we’re about to read.

When predicting we can use the:
- title
- front and back covers
- blurb
- pictures or diagrams
- table of contents

We can think about the:
- topic
- author
- what kind of text it is – a narrative? factual report? recount? poem?
- what kinds of words we’ll expect to see in the text
- what the contents of the text might be

Good readers keep making predictions and adjusting them all through their reading.

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning
THANK YOU PARENTS

Many thanks to the parents who came along to today’s AGM of the P&C. It was heartening to see so many new faces. A particular thank you goes to those who stepped up to take on Executive positions.

Our current P&C, President Amanda Hamzt, Vice has been at the reins for three years, so it is lovely that she has been able to take a rest and step back this year, and we thank her sincerely for the excellent support she has given to the school over her time in office. Congratulations and thanks to our incoming Executive, elected at today’s meeting.

President: Felicity Chapman
Vice President: Lyn Barton
Secretary: Monica Ale
Treasurer: Belinda Biggs

We look forward to working with you in 2018, and hopefully into the future, for the benefit of our children.

NEWS FROM THE MEETING:

DISCO
Our first disco will be held on Friday 11th March, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. An order form for food on the night will come home soon.

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop will begin NEXT TUESDAY. We will post the menu on our Facebook page. We have volunteers for the next two weeks, but probably need a few more to see the term out. If you can help, you’ll be required from 8:30-11:30 on a Tuesday.

There is a Tear Off Slip at the end of the newsletter.

If you are available to BAKE for our tuckshop (sweet and savoury muffins, slices, cakes, etc) we would really appreciate it. It would be great if whatever you can bake for us is something that can be frozen. See the Tear Off Slip at the end of the newsletter.

ELECTION DAY STALL

On 19th March the P&C will be holding an Election Day Stall. Baking for this event would also be appreciated. We will also source lamingtons (a tradition at Elliott Heads) and some raffle prizes. Let us know if you can help.

UNIFORMS

Our sincerest apologies for the debacle with the supply of our school uniform. Shawline have informed us that they are not able to supply them, as their supplier cannot source the jade green fabric. It would appear, in Shawline’s defence, that they were given the run around by their suppliers in all this. Anyone who has paid anything towards their order can go in and collect a refund. They have a limited number of shirts left in either very small sizes (size 2) or size 14 up.

We have sourced them from our previous supplier, but this will take a little while to organise. We will let you know as soon as we have some in stock.

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION

School Leaders, Captains, House Captains and Student Councillors, will receive their badges at an induction ceremony next Thursday, at 2:00 p.m. in the undercover area, as part of our regular assembly.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT EHSS

19 Feb Speech Pathologist visiting
22 Feb Speech Pathologist visiting
23 Feb Tuckshop begins
25 Feb Captains’ Induction 2:00 pm
26 Feb Mrs Brown and Mrs Shield at training.
01 Mar GRIP Leadership conference for School Captains
03 Mar Mrs Shield and Miss Elzenberg at Maths training
04 Mar Mrs Patterson at a Principal’s meeting
11 Mar Disco 5-7 pm
13 Mar Chappy’s Spin Off Fundraising Event
19 Mar Election Day Stall-Baking Required
22 Mar Tuckshop
24 Mar Level Rewards Day
24 Mar Last day of Term 1

AFTERSCHOOL SPORT

This program is sponsored by the government and aims to give students a ‘taster’ of a wide variety of sports. The ultimate aim is that parents will enrol their children with a local sports club, where they can develop their skills over a lifetime. At the moment, our sports are Tennis on a Monday and Basketball on a Wednesday. GET STARTED VOUCHERS: If you are interested in getting your child into sport the government has a support scheme called ‘Get Started’, which assists parents with the cost of getting their child into sport the details of how to apply, are posted on our Facebook page.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We have already had a number of parents sending in slips to volunteer. We thank you for your generosity of time.

A big thank you to Zoe Hudson, who is teaching French in 4/5/6, in the absence of a Japanese teacher this year. We are very grateful for Zoe’s commitment to our school. At this stage the Department is still looking for a suitably replacement for Mrs McGarvey.

We have also had a generous offer from Cindy Gill to spend time on weekends keeping our gardens in shape. At this stage, we think we have secured the services of a volunteer gardener from IMPACT, but if that falls through Cindy, as they say, “I’ll be back!”

In another case, one of our newest parents, Mark Wilkinson, who happens to be a carpenter, has offered to erect the shelves needed in our reading room. Thanks Mark!

We have also had offers of help in the classroom, and teachers will get to you soon and sort out a suitable time for you to help out.
CHAPPY CHAT

Hi All! How is everyone going? I hope you are all well and settling into the school routine.

Easter Holidays are coming up on us quite fast. If you don't have a family trip planned already why don't you consider a SU QLD camp, there are so many to choose from that there would be one that suits you. Every year, over 1,500 SU QLD volunteers run nearly a hundred camps across the state. Our camps provide 5,000 children and teenagers with a fun-filled, positive time away from home. SU QLD's camps are held primarily during holiday breaks for both primary and secondary school students. SU QLD provides a quality holiday program, meeting the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of each participant. Oh, and they're awesome fun, too!

If you want more information please come and see me or check out: http://www.sucamps.org.au/campSearch.php.

We almost have a team together for our Elliott Heads Spin off team for the event on Sunday 13th March. - If you're in grade 5/6 and you're wanting to be a part of this awesome event please don't forget to hand in your parent permission form and your $10 team member fee.

Don't forget you are all awesome and that you were put on the earth to have a positive influence!

Have a wonderful day, Chappy Jess ☺

FENCE FRIENDS

You might have seen our fence friends on our front fence by the main entry gate. If you would like your child to be included (at no change) please send in a face photo and a full body photo of them in their favourite outfit!

CLASS NEWS

ECHOES from PREP/1

It is already week 4 and the students have settled into the routines of the day. We have a few students finding it hard to leave their parents of a morning but once they are engaged in learning they are usually fine. We still have a few that get upset every now and then but it is often because they are tired. School is exhausting for children as they are learning so many new things in a day. We are trying not to introduce too many new things each day so they have time to learn a few at a time.

In English we have almost completed our recount unit and students will be drawing a series of pictures of something they have done on the weekend next week, then retelling their story to their peers. In Maths we have been doing lots of work on learning to count with one to one correspondence, addition of collections of items, patterns and colours.

We are working through our History unit about families and have looked at all types of different families. Our Sciences unit has been fun with lots of experimenting with different equipment to see how they move. We will be making our own moving items so we ask for recyclable items to be collected and brought to school thanks. We need empty cardboard boxes, cling wrap rolls etc., egg cartons, plastic containers and milk bottle tops all clean thank you. No toilet rolls for hygiene reasons.

Please keep reading as many books and text items to your child as possible during the week so that they are exposed to more new words. Please explain the meaning of words you think they will not understand to support their learning as well. Return home work on Friday with their library book now as our borrowing day has been finalised. Thank you for your support in helping your child learn to the best of their ability.

Regards TANYA, DENISE AND BELINDA

Playgroup News

We had our first official Playgroup of the year and the children had fun, while doing lots of socialising and learning during the morning. It was great to see so many children and parents attend and we hope to see you all again soon. Don't forget that you need to sign in on the register near the back door in case of an emergency at the school. Thank you for bringing along a healthy plate to share also. Please be aware that some children have allergies to peanuts or tree nuts so if you bring items with these in them let us know with a label so we don't have a medical incident thank you. See you all again soon.

Tanya, Denise and Belinda

THE SCOOP from 1/2/3

Over the past two weeks, our class has been busy working on understanding how emotions are portrayed through characters in books. So far we have explored the texts: Old Pig and Lucy Goosy. When reading stories to your child over the next few weeks discuss with them how the characters within the books are feeling. You will be amazed with the variety of words they can now use to do this!

In maths we have been looking at the order of the months of the year, days of the week and have touched on which months sit within each of our seasons. It would be valuable for your child if you could keep discussing these as part of their homework.

Identifying how household items and transport have changed over time has been the focus within our history unit so far. It was great to see one of our students explore the changes trains have had over time within his homework.

Our cool colour and warm colour flowers are up for display in our classroom, please feel free to come and view! Our focus in art this week has been the primary colours and which ones blend together to make other colours. This art piece will sit in our art folio once completed.

Just a little house keeping...can you please ensure that your child has a water bottle at school and that they bring their healthy snack into the classroom at the beginning of the day? Homework is due in on Monday and I hope to finalise our library time very shortly.

Thank you for supporting us and your child's learning. LIZ

THE BUZZ FROM YEAR 3/4

We are getting into the groove of things again. Thanks to everyone for a great first fortnight of homework. We had nearly everyone bring in their homework - great effort!

A reminder also that we have our spelling test on a Friday.

In Maths this week, year 3a have worked on place value up to 1000 and have investigated methods of mental addition. Year 4s have explored the connection between addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and have started looking at fractions.

In English we have nearly finished reading our novel "Matty Forever". We hope to have a talk at the way language features shape our feelings and attitudes towards the characters.

In Science we have explored heat. We conducted a school search and found many things that were hot or created heat. We discussed the use of the heat and how the heat was created.

In Art we have produced some amazing landscapes using tone. They look really great, make sure you come and have a look... KELLY

HOT GOSS from 4/5/6

This week we sorted out some designs for a Grade 6 shirt and a note has gone home to Grade 6 parents.

Congratulations to our school captains, Sports Captains and Student Councillors. They will receive their badges next Thursday.

In English we have nearly finished reading the novel, Forests of Silence by Emily Rodda. It is part of the Delta Quest series and I think a few students will be hooked. We may be reading the series as an ongoing thing throughout the year. We have been looking at the language the author uses to portray the characters and the setting, and have begun preparing our own Fantasy stories. Students have to write the first chapter for their own fantasy novel, for their assessment task.

In Maths Grade 4 have been looking at number facts, +, - x and ÷, and even fraction number facts. We have also looked at different ways to partition larger numbers.
Grade 5 & 6 have also been revising number facts, as well as creating factor trees, and learning different methods of adding large numbers using the jump strategy and the split strategy. One of our warm ups this week was to get ourselves into birthdate order without talking! A fun exercise and they managed it quite well.

In Science students have been conducting experiments that explore the changing states of matter.

In History we are examining the social, political, and economic reasons for establishing colonies in Australia.

HOMEWORK: Return Day is Monday 29th February.

SPELLING TESTS: Mondays

LIBRARY DAY: Wednesdays.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2,500 Census Area Supervisors needed across Australia

Are you a good communicator, care about your community, and have strong project and people skills? If you answered yes, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is keen to hear from you.

19 Area Supervisors are needed for the 2016 Census of Population and Housing on 9 August 2016 to manage Census operations in the Bundaberg Biloela District.

Head of the 2016 Census Program, Duncan Young said that Area Supervisors will play a key role, earning close to $35 per hour and working flexible hours for up to five months.

“Area Supervisors will need to be tech-savvy and have a home based computer to access online training and manage team workloads.

“Each Area Supervisor will recruit, train, lead and supervise a team of up to 12 Field Officers who will visit homes to support people completing the Census. They will also quality check delivery and collection activities, protect data security, and ensure the health and safety of their teams,” Mr Young said.

Applicants must be Australian citizens or have the legal right to work in Australia, and hold a valid driver’s licence. Applications close on 21 February 2016. To view the applicant information kits and to apply online, visit abs.gov.au/careers.

Coral Cove Junior Golf Clinics

STARTING: TODAY Thursday 18th Feb.

WHEN: 4-5 pm each Thursday.

COST: $10 per child.

Aimed at primary school aged children, it will be great to see some new faces join our group, make some golfing mates, and discover how much fun Golf really is.

Limited group size so call the pro shop on 4159 3333 to register.

Are You A Family With A Business? Let us know if you are interested in advertising on the back of our school newsletter.

ATSI COMMITTEE

I would like to be part of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee at the School

NAME: __________________________

PHONE: ________________________

TUCKSHOP HELP

I would like to help on Tuesdays in the Tuckshop.

NAME: __________________________

PHONE: ________________________

SPIN OFF TEAM

I/my child would like to be part of Chappy’s Spin Off Team on 13 March.

NAME: __________________________

PHONE: ________________________

BAKING

I would like to help out with baking for the tuckshop or the Election Stall.

NAME: __________________________

PHONE: ________________________

FENCE FRIEND My child would like a Fence Friend. I will bring in/email their photo.

NAME: __________________________

PHONE: ________________________

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

I would like to receive my newsletter by email:

NAME: __________________________

EMAIL: ________________________
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