Thought for the Week: Five Undeniable Facts of Life:
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Hopefully, as we grow and mature, we begin to understand that difference.

GREAT DISCO—THANKS STUDENT COUNCIL AND P&C
Many thanks to the P&C parents for a great disco on Friday night. The undercover area was beautifully decorated, the food was great and a good time was had by all. It would be a rare school, I think, where you would find toddlers, students, ex-students and parents all enjoying a dance night together. The choice of a ‘fairy-tale’ theme by the student council, saw lots of fantastic costumes as well. Thanks parents, staff and students for making the effort!

One of the highlights of the night was the Shave For a Cure, by Kiah McIntosh. It was a very brave effort by Kiah and lots of money was raised for a great cause. Thanks everyone for your support.

SCRIPTURE UNION QUEENSLAND—SPIN OFF
On Saturday, several parents and Grade 4/5/6 students entered the Spin Off Competition to raise over $400.00 to support our chaplaincy program at school. Congratulations to Sahara Punter, Lachlan Brown, Keely Fox, Riley Brown, Tim Bobberson, Bella Hamzat and ex-student Sharnee Fox. Congratulations also to our parent team, Toni, Zoe, Bianca, Jacci, Amy and Alyssa.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY THURSDAY 12:00
The Tyrant Masonic Lodge, No 27, has donated a whopping $2020.00 to our school to cover the entire cost of sand for the playground and sand pit, fencing around the swings and shelving in the reading room. Merv Johnston will be present at a special assembly at 12:00 next Thursday 24th March. It would be great if all the parents who helped out with the sand, as well as Allan Campbell, Jeremy Vallis, Mark Wilkinson, Karen and Mark Cramb and Ruth Mansfield could all be at the assembly to meet Merv, and have a photo taken as a group.

as I have written an article for the Newsmail. A packed assembly will show all of these generous people how much we value their support as a school community.

P&C Meeting: Thursday 17th March, 9am in the Library.
Fundraising Meeting: Monday 21st March, 9am in the Library.

SCHOOL FOCUS FOR READING: IS QUESTIONING.
Questioning involves posing questions before, during and after reading a text. It plays an important part in the process of self-monitoring and assists students to engage with the text at a richer level. There are two types of questions:

- **Right there** – in the text, e.g.,
  What colour sweatshirt was the Sally wearing?
- **Think and search** – in the text but may require you search around, e.g.,
  What were the weather conditions like on the day of the boating accident?
- **Author and you** – there is some help in the text but you also need to use own background knowledge, e.g.,
  What skills might Sally have, that will help her get out of a tricky situation?
- **On your own** – big idea questions that use your own knowledge and thinking skills, e.g.,
  What do you think Sally could do differently, next time she is in a situation like this?

The other type of questions we ask, are those all good readers ask OF THEMSELVES as they read a book. They ask these questions BEFORE, DURING and AFTER reading.

The language we might use when asking questions:

- I wonder why, where, when, how, if, who...?
- What is going to happen next?
- What is the author trying to tell me?
- Do I already know something about this topic?
- What do I think I will learn from this text?
ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL
Election Voting is being held at the school on Saturday, 19th March 2016. Back by popular community demand, the P&C are holding a cake stall. We are asking parents to bake for this stall. You can help by:
1. Bake at home and bring in cakes/slices/muffins/cupcakes.
2. Attend a baking day the school on Friday 18th March
3. Help out at the cake stall on the day.

LOSS OF P&C EXECUTIVE
It is with regret that I have to let you know that for personal reasons, our P&C President, Felicity Morley and our fundraising co-ordinator, Jillina Whittaker, have had to step down from their positions on the executive. We thank both ladies sincerely for their efforts on behalf of our students.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EHSS
19 Mar  Election Day Cake Stall
24 Mar  Level Rewards Day
24 Mar  Last day of Term 1
11 Apr  First Day of Term 2
22 Apr  School ANZAC Day ceremony 2:00 pm
25 Apr  Community ANZAC Day ceremonies
         5:00 Dawn Service followed by Gunfire Breakfast
         11:15 Memorial Service

BOOK CLUB
Orders will only come home at the end of term. In the meantime if you WANT to continue ordering at other periods of the year, you will need to go to the website at www_ashtonscholastic_com_au

ANTI-BULLYING DAY
Our senior students have been busy preparing activities for our Anti-Bullying Day. The seniors will work with small groups of all children across the school encouraging peer support activities.

UNIFORMS
An order has been sent to LW Reid for the uniforms we received orders for, plus a few extras. It will obviously be several weeks before they will be sent back to us; hopefully soon after the holidays.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 03 March
P/1: Dyna – working well in class and answering questions
1/2/3: Sonny – making excellent contributions to class discussions
3/4: Tariq – for being an amazing worker
4/5/6: Mia – having a great attitude towards her work

CLASSES OF THE WEEK
PE: 3/4  MUSIC: 3/4  LOTE: Blake
Attendance award: Griffin, Alexis, Luca, Caily
Playground award: Phoenix, Hayley, Ashanti, Jayden M
Mathletics awards: SILVER: Tyson  GOLD: Tameka

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 10 March
P/1: Harrison – great learning in class
Phoenix – doing great learning in class
1/2/3: Amelie – making a great effort on her story
3/4: Jay – always trying hard
4/5/6: Stephanie – always being helpful and presenting bookwork neatly

CHAPPY CHAT
A huge hello to our beautiful school community. With Easter almost upon us I’d like to ask you to think about the message behind the celebration of Easter and what it means to you. Take time at Easter to connect with family and friends, let them know that they are valued and that you love them.

Last Saturday we had two awesome teams compete at the first ever Bundaberg Spin Off Gym Bike Challenge-raising much needed funds for the Bundaberg school chaplains. Our Black Leopards team (senior students) was so full of energy and pumping-we were winning for the first two rounds but then we realised that I was reading the wrong number on the bikes screen-whoops-after everyone had a good laugh at this we got the actual score and we had ridden 14.4km in our 30mins! Great job guys!!

Thank you to our wonderful mums who came together for an Elliott Heads parent team. We didn’t get as far as our student team due to our computer resetting with 4mins left on the clock -sad face-But again with such great team spirit we bounced back and finished with a total of 13.5km.

THANK YOU to both teams. You both put in an amazing effort and I really appreciate the support. In total we were able to raise just under $400.00!!! This money goes to our Local Chaplany committee where it will be banked and allocated to Elliott Heads School to fund the short fall of government funding, keeping me in the school for longer.

This was such a great event – Can’t wait to do this again next year! Have a wonderful holiday! - Jess

CLASS NEWS
ECHOES from PREP/1
It is almost the end of term and we have been busy learning lots of new skills at school. In English we finished our main learning and are making props to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs. In Maths the continuation of learning to count addition and subtraction of collections of items or numbers and patterns is still occurring. We have also explored measurement of mass by hefting items and then weighing them on scales.
We are half way through our second unit about personal and global stories in History. With Science finished we have started on our Dance unit. We are learning lots of new dances from all over the world. We have done the Asian Dragon Dance, Egyptian Sand Dance and Mexican Fiesta Dance.

Please keep reading as many books to your child and work on their sounds for the letters written in their homework as well as previous ones as they need to know them automatically when they see the letter before they are able to start reading and writing. I suggest you write the letters onto separate pieces of paper and use them as flash cards for your child to tell you the sound. Please do not refer to the letter name at this point as this confuses them. At school we say “what is the sound for
this letter” and if they don’t know then do the sound for them 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. Some tricky sounds are q which says the c sound and x which says two sounds of c s like in box and fox.

Please return homework and library books on Friday or Thursday if finished, as they have learnt that week to practise. Thank you for your support in helping your child learn to the best of their ability. TANYA, DENISE, BELINDA

Playgroup News
The last Playgroup of term is Friday 18th as Easter is the following week. We have been doing jam and bread making, painting, crafts, puzzles, listening to stories and songs, dancing, exploring in jelly and water troughs, using our imagination in the sand pit, home corner and block area, swinging and climbing on the new playground and meeting new friends. It has been great seeing so many children and parents each Friday morning. Don’t forget that you need to sign in on the register near the back door in case of an emergency at the school. See you all again soon.

Regards TANYA, DENISE, BELINDA

THE SCOOP from 1/2/3
What a busy first term we have had! I would like to begin by congratulating all of the students in my class for all the hard work they have done. The students have been working very diligently on writing their stories for their English assessment and completing their History assessment tasks for the term.

A pat on the back to everyone for reaching Bronze this term, with many students well on the way to reaching Silver. Next Thursday, the students will be treated to their first ‘Rewards’ afternoon. Great Job!

In Science, we made our own glue! The students are investigating which is the strongest glue out of: our special glue mix, PVA or glue stick. I wonder which ones of our little scientists have predicted correctly? We are still working our way through the final few activities for our Science unit on Materials and will have this finished after the Easter Holidays.

Next week, due to family circumstances, I will be taking leave. Miss Jo will be replacing me. I am sure the students will continue to show Miss Jo their excellent work ethic.

Have a fabulous Easter break. Stay safe and thank you so much for all your support this term with your child’s learning.

LIZ

THE BUZZ FROM YEAR 3/4
We are very near the end of our first fantastic term in grade 3/4. We are busy completing many different items and assessments. In Maths both grades have been working on multiplication. Year 4s have looked at x2, x4, x6, x10, x11. Year 3s have been working on x0, x1, x2, x10. Any extra practice you could do at home would be beneficial for your child. We have also started working on collecting and representing data.

In English we are almost finished writing, editing and publishing our friendship stories. They are certainly looking great. Homework is due in each Monday. Thanks to parents for helping your child to complete this and learn their spelling words.

I still have a few spots left for parent meetings. These are a great way for you to let me know any concerns you may have with regards to your child learning, social skills or behaviour. Please see Mrs G if you would still like to make an appointment.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 4/5/6
Congratulations to all students on great behaviour while I was away this week completing a school review in Cairns. No wonder the majority of our students have reached Bronze level this term. We are looking forward to our Reward Day on Thursday.

We have placed our order for Grade 6 shirts. The mock up looks great! The order will take 6-8 weeks to arrive, so mid next term??

In English we started the second book in the series, Lake of Tears. Students are well into the writing of their own fantasy novel, for their assessment task. I have started to edit students texts. One thing we will need to work hard on is that writing is not just talking, written down. Writing is much more formal.

In Maths all three year levels are working on fractions and problem solving with fractions. For Maths Warm Ups, we have been playing the dice game, PIG. It’s a fun game for all the family and only takes two dice. Get your children to teach it to you for homework!

In Science students have enjoyed making an ice cube rope with salt as well as conducting an evaporation experiment for the term 1 assessment. In history students are continuing to learn about the development of Brisbane and the changes made by free settlers in the area.

In Art students have created some leaf inspired frames and we are starting to prepare for a large art project that will stretch into next term.

We are still looking for old washed cotton shirts for a secret craft activity. Each student will need a couple of shirts. They are being cut up, so if there are rips in them, that’s fine. Students will also need $1 each for this activity. Money goes to Miss Christie.

HOMEWORK IS NOW WEEKLY: Due Monday 21st March.
SPELLING TEST is also Mondays and LIBRARY DAY is Wednesday. Thanks for your help! TEENY & LORI

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ELECTION CAKE STALL
I would like to help out the Election Stall. I can:

☐ Bake at home and bring in cakes/slices/muffins/cupcakes.
☐ Help out at the cake stall on the day.

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: __________________________

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME
Name - ___________________________
Signed - __________________________