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Thought for the Week: Five Undeniable Facts of Life:
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, we have to manage!

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2
We trust you have all had a lovely Easter with family and friends and a relaxing break. As always, we have a jam-packed term ahead of us! To the right, there are some dates for you to cut out and keep on the fridge.

CROSS COUNTRY NEXT MONDAY
Next Monday, at 9.00 a.m. our students will be running in their Cross Country races. Students can wear their red t-shirts (Turtles House) or blue t-shirts (Dolphins House) for the event. If you are unsure of your child’s house, teachers will have a house list posted in the classroom window for parents of younger students, while older students can check the list for themselves.

We recommend your child brings their regular school uniform shirt to change into after the race, as they will be quite hot after the race. They also need their hats, running shoes and lots of water.

The races should be completed by 10:30a.m. Parents are most welcome to come along and cheer the children on.

Our House Captains will get their first opportunity to teach their house the Turtles and Dolphins war cries and cheers at a house meeting at 2.00 p.m. this Thursday afternoon, before Assembly.

UNIFORMS: Estimated time for delivery of our uniforms is mid-May. Thank you for your patience and your frequent washing!😊

PLAYGROUP NEWS: Play group starts again this Friday at 9:00 a.m. We are hoping to see you all there!

ANZAC BADGES: Next week, ANZAC badges will be on sale for $5 before and after school.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT EHSS
13-14 Apr Teacher Aides at Professional Development
16 Apr Cross Country 9:00 a.m. Parents Welcome.
18-20 Apr Various specialists visiting to work with students and teachers
19 Apr Tuck shop special: Spaghetti Bolognese
21 Apr P&C Meeting 8:45 Library
22 Apr School ANZAC Day ceremony 2:00 pm
25 Apr ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Community ANZAC Day ceremonies
5:30 Dawn Service & Gunfire Breakfast
11:15 Memorial Service

26 Apr Tuck shop special: Large Pies
2 May Labor Day Public Holiday
3 May Tuck shop special: Macaroni Cheese
4, 5, 6 May P&C Mothers’ Day Stall
4 May District Cross Country @ St Luke’s
5-6 May Regional Football Carnival (Ashanti W)
10 May Tuck shop special: Toasted Sandwiches
10-12 May NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5
12 May Tape a Chappy to the wall fundraiser
13 May Mayor’s Breakfast-Mrs P, Chappy, Captains
17 May Tuckshop special: Fish & Chips
19 May P&C Meeting, 8:45 am Library
24 May Tuckshop special: Lasagne & Salad
26 May Show Holiday
27 May Under 8s’ Day
31 May Tuckshop special: Tacos
7 Jun Tuckshop special?
14 Jun Tuckshop special: Noodles
16 Jun P&C Meeting, 8:45 am Library
20 Jun School Athletics Carnival
24 Jun Level Reward Day & last day of Term 2

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning

Great state. Great opportunity.
P&C PICKINGS

Next Meeting: Thursday 21 April, 8:45am, in the library.
Next Fundraising Meeting: Monday 21st March 9:00am
Email: pande@elliotheadsss.esq.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!

SOUND WAVES AND READING EGGS SUBSCRIPTIONS
Towards the end of last term families were sent home for Soundwaves and Reading Eggs subscriptions. The amount was $20. Thank you to families who have already paid this invoice. This amount was subsidised by the P&C who paid for the Mathletics subscriptions for our students. If you have not paid, could you please ensure your payment is sent to school as soon as possible.

THANKS LADIES!
We wish to express our sincere thanks to Bianca Emerson and Toni Ellis, new Prep mums, for stepping in to take on roles in our P&C Executive. Bianca is our new President, and Toni has taken on the role of Fundraising Co-ordinator.

TUCKSHOP SPECIALS FOR NEXT WEEK:
19 April: Spaghetti Bolognese $2.00
26 April: Large Pies $2.00

ELECTION DAY CAKE & RAFFLE STALL
Many thanks to all those who helped out by baking or manning the stall! The P&C raised just over $500 to go towards projects at the school.

EASTER COMMUNITY EVENT
Many thanks also to all those who helped out at the Easter Community event, where we sold raffle tickets for Meat Trays. Students Bella H, Sahara, Moana, Kane, Emily, Lachlan and Jayden along with Bianca, Toni, Felicity and her Mum as well as Bernadette Davies assisted while visiting on holidays, all assisted. An additional $139 was raised by the P&C to go towards projects at the school.

THANKS STUDENTS
A special thank you to all the students who turned up to help, at these two events, including Caleb, Kane, Emily, Jayden M, Lachlan M, Steph, Keely and Mia, as well as ex-students Sharnie and Sarah. Thanks kids! Great community spirit!

ANZAC DAY SERVICES
There is a public Holiday on Monday for ANZAC Day.
School Service: Our school ANZAC Day service, where we will have special guests, will begin at 2.00 pm. next Friday 22nd April. We ask all parents and visitors to be seated by 1:55pm. Please send along FLOWERS for your child to lay at the memorial.

Dawn Service: Our CAPTAINS are expected at this service. It is held at Submarine Lookout and begins at 5.30 am. Our Captains lead the wreath/flower laying part of the ceremony. The school will provide the flowers. Traditionally we have quite a few other students at this service too. Mrs Brown and I will also be in attendance. Bring a chair!

Gunfire Breakfast: There is a $7 breakfast provided at the Bowls Club following the Dawn Service. Well worth the money!

Memorial Service: Our CAPTAINS AND THE CHOIR play leading roles in this ceremony. It is at Submarine Lookout and begins at 11.15 am. All students are most welcome to attend. We ask that ALL STUDENTS wear school uniform to show they are representing our school, even if they are not in the choir. The school will provide flowers for this ceremony, so that all children have a flower to place on the cenotaph. Bring a chair!

SCHOOL FOCUS FOR READING: is NAPLAN Preparation
NAPLAN, is just around the corner for our Grade 3s and 5s. Over the next few weeks we will be spending some time preparing students by focusing reading lessons on the format of NAPLAN testing, especially multiple choice questions.

NAPLAN ONLINE: All Australian Education Ministers have agreed schools will transition to NAPLAN Online by 2019. The Honourable Kate Jones MP announced last year that Queensland will start transitioning in 2017.
NAPLAN Online will benefit our schools in many ways by using tailored testing, which gives students questions better suited to their abilities, resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 17-03-16
PREP/1: Sam - doing great work in Maths
Lilli - great learning in class
1/2/3: Jaden Ale - great effort writing his story
Jack - engaging in Maths activities
3/4: Robert - Working hard on his friendship story
5/6: Johnno - Working hard to catch up on assessments

CLASSES OF THE WEEK
PE: 4/5/6 MUSIC: 4/5/6

100% ATTENDANCE: Slade, Isla, Blake and Robert

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Amelie, Rylan, Jay and Amberly

MATHLETICS AWARDS: Silver - Riley, Keely and William

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 24-03-16
PREP/1: Isla - Great learning in class
Dylan - great learning of his sounds and numbers
1/2/3: Axel - being an amazing student
3/4: Noah - beautiful handwriting and fantastic spelling results this term
5/6: Sahara - good effort on her English Assessment

CLASSES OF THE WEEK
PE: Prep/1 MUSIC: Prep/1

NEWSLETTER READER:

100% ATTENDANCE: Isla, Joel, Jack and Jayden M

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Jayden Ab, Kobi, Tamika and Stephanie

CHAPPY CHAT
Hello and welcome to term two! I hope that you have had a wonderful Easter holiday and were able to spend some time enjoying the beach and family.

Brekkie Club: I just wanted to let everyone know that there has been a change to Brekkie club - we are no longer running beaky club on a Tuesday. Parents and teachers are still able to purchase coffee or hot chocs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Brekkie Club is still open on Thursdays.

Supa Club (grades 4-6)
We have an exciting new chappy group starting up next Thursday during First break. This is a voluntary lunch time group where we have fun and come together to provide a model of support and development for a child's faith journey and is a part of the chaplaincy service offered here at Elliott Heads. Spiritual Support Programs are voluntary programs designed for children and young people who are interested in looking at spirituality, religion and everyday life from a Christian perspective. They are fun, interactive and age appropriate, providing children with a place to build supportive friendships and also learn important skills to assist them in their social, emotional and spiritual development.

Have a wonderful week, Jess
CLASS NEWS
ECHOES from PREP/1

We will be learning lots of new skills at school this term in English we will be starting our next unit of work, looking at letter and story writing. In Maths we will continue learning to count, sort, make patterns, add and subtract collections of items and learn more about shapes.

We're starting our last History unit for the year, This Moment in Time. We're also starting our next Science unit, Light & Sound. Please keep reading as many books to your child as you can, 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. 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 say 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.

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 children learn to the best of their ability.

Playgroup News

Play group starts again this Friday at 9:00 a.m. We are hoping to see you all there!

TANYA, DENISE and BELINDA

THE SCOOP from 1/2/3

A very warm welcome back to what is going to be yet another busy term, with Cross Country next Monday and ANZAC Day events taking place next Friday and Monday (26th).

The way characters presented in traditional Fairy-tale stories is the emphasis for this term’s English unit...much to the boys’ disgust! When I was introducing the topic it was very surprising to see how many children knew what a fairy-tale was, let alone name one. It must be true what they say...everything old is new again! If you could read some Fairy-tales with your child as a part of their homework, or create your own version of one (fractured fairy-tale), that would be fantastic.

Our focus in Maths this week has been around cementing our understanding of numbers and how we can represent numbers in different ways. We have also been working on consolidating our knowledge of our addition facts and have been discussing strategies we could use to add bigger numbers together.

In History, we will be looking at local sites around our community which have any sort of historical significance. This week we very briefly looked at sites such as a Mon Repos, Anzac memorial, East Bundaberg Water Tower and Fairymead Homestead. We will spend some time discussing and discovering why these are of significance by asking historical questions.

Please remember that Homework is due each Monday and Library books are due back on Friday. Hoping to see you cheering for your child on Monday at cross country!

LIZ

THE BUZZ FROM YEAR 3/4

We have started Term 2 off in amazing form in Grade 3/4. We have already started our new English unit where we have been looking at the Graeme Base story "Jungle Drums". We have identified the different verbs used as well as the dialogue between characters. We will start reading the novel, "Charlotte's Web" in the coming days.

Our History and Science units are still continuing from Term 1. We will start our new units in a couple of weeks.

In Maths, Year 3s have been identifying which operation applies to word problems and have come up with strategies they can use to solve addition and subtraction sums. Ask your child to show you their 'Split' and 'Steal' strategies for Addition and their 'Bits' and 'Balance' strategies for Subtraction. Year 4s have been investigating the likelihood of events occurring and dependent and independent events.

Homework was sent home on Monday. Please remember to send these back in on Mondays. Spelling tests will be on Fridays.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 4/5/6

We had a great Reward Day on the last day of term. Thanks to the P&C for getting us the drinks and popcorn!

This term, in English, just for fun, we are continuing to read the second book in the Deltora Quest series, Lake of Tears. We have had a concerted push this week to complete English assessments from last term as it was such a short term. All but a small number are now finished. We will start our new unit, on writing an animated story (comic strip, PowerPoint, Clayimation or video) on the best way to deal with a moral dilemma.

In Maths, Grade 4 have been looking at problem solving with fractions and doing a short assessment task on the knowledge of the Number strand. Grade 5 & 6 have also been working on fractions, particularly problem solving.

For our Maths Warm Up this week, we have been playing the dice game, Beat That! Get your children to teach it to you for homework!

This term in Science students are exploring electricity and how circuits work. In History students are learning about the forming of Federation in Australia. At the moment in art, students are working on a ‘secret students’ project. You will learn more in good time, but for now, “Mum’s” the word.

Shhhhh!

HOMEWORK IS NOW WEEKLY: Due Monday 18th April.

SPELLING TEST is also Mondays and LIBRARY DAY is Wednesday. Thanks for your help!

TEENY & LORI

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The image contains a flyer for a volunteer picnic. It includes details about the event, including the date, time, location, and a list of activities such as Pan, Games, Coffee, Shop Displays, BBQ, Entertainment, Awards and More. It also features a photograph of a volunteer and lists the volunteers needed for the event.

Volunteer Picnic Flyer

Alexandra Park
Quay St Bundaberg
Saturday 14th May
10am till 2pm
BYO everything

Featuring
Romeo’s Apprentice
"Fantastic four piece band to get the party started!"