Thought for the Week:
Time waits for no one, so treasure every moment you have.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES
I am incredibly proud of our captains, Lachlan, Keely and Bella, who carried out their duties on Friday, and at two community services last Monday, with integrity and professionalism, in very trying circumstances in gale force winds.

Our choir also sang beautifully, again in difficult conditions. Whether you could hear them, I’m not sure, but they were singing their hearts out. I think it is the best I have ever heard them perform on ANZAC Day and I am very proud of them too. All that daily practice in the last two weeks definitely paid off.

Thank you also to the parents who brought your children along. Many of you fronted up for both services. Once again, our school has put on display the very qualities that make us who we are. As always, we had so many positive comments from those attending.

I would also like to thank Bundaberg Christian College for the excellent work of their band. See our Facebook page for photos.

NAPLAN COMING UP
On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, NAPLAN tests will take place for all students in Grades 3 and 5. This is a national testing program in Reading, Language, Spelling, Punctuation, Writing and Numeracy, administered annually to all students across Australia in these year levels.

We ask parents to try and ensure their children are at school on these days. Although the tests can be made up on the Friday, if necessary, children doing a make-up test rarely do as well as those who do it on the proper day.

Please make sure they have a good breakfast, and bring extra food to school on these days, to keep their brain going.

Small pieces of fruit to munch on throughout the test are great; grapes and bananas are lovely right now.

There will be an alternative program for Grades 6 and 4 as well, as their classes will be disrupted with the testing programs happening each morning.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO BE AT SCHOOL ON TIME AS TESTS START AT 8:50 a.m.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT EHSS
28 April  Walk Through of District X-Country-St Luke’s
2 May    Labour 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 (Congrats Ashanti)
10 May    Tuck shop special: Toasted Sandwiches
10 May    NAPLAN-Spelling & Writing Grades 3 & 5
11 May    NAPLAN-Reading Grades 3 & 5
12 May    NAPLAN-Numeracy 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

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
We have another short week next week, with Monday 2nd May being the Labour Day Holiday.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Ashanti Wachier who has been selected to the Bundaberg District Girls’ Rep Football (Soccer) Team. She will play a two day carnival at Harvey Bay next week and will be hoping for selection to the Regional Team. Good luck, Ashanti!!

UNIFORMS
Estimated time for delivery of our uniforms is mid-May. Thank you for your patience and your frequent washing! ☃
P&C PICKINGS
Next Meeting: Thursday 19 May, 8:45am, in the library.
Email: pandc@elliottheadssss.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!

NAIDOC DAY PLANNING
At our next P&C Meeting, we will be starting our planning for NAIDOC Day in July. We invite any of our Indigenous parents who would like to be involved in the planning for this day to come along to this meeting on 19th May, 8:45 in the library.

TUCKSHOP SPECIALS FOR NEXT WEEK
03 May: Macaroni Cheese $2.00
10 May: Toasties $2.50

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL NEXT WEEK
Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings there will be a Mothers’ Day Gift Stall held before school. Gifts typically range from $1.00-$5.00 in price, so Dads, please send along some extra cash for your children to buy their mum something nice for her special day!

MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE
With today’s newsletter is a small book of tickets (one for each family) to sell in our Mothers’ Day Raffle. Tickets are $1.00 each. Please return by Friday 6 May, so the lucky child can be drawn out and can take home a lovely gift for mum.
1st Prize: Nutrimetics Pamper Pack
2nd Prize: Coffee Lovers Pack

CROSS COUNTRY
It was great to see so many parents at our cross country last week. We had the most successful cross country ever, with 111 students making the District event.
The ‘walk through’ of the District Cross Country will take place this afternoon at St Luke’s. All students involved received a note last Thursday. They also received a District Nomination Form, which they need to hand in at the start line NEXT Wednesday 4th May, at St Luke’s. The event begins at 4:00 p.m. Parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the district event. Let us know if that causes problems for you.
Dolphins made 117 points and Turtles made 115 points, so it is a very close race. The eventual winner will be decided on 20th June at our Athletics Carnival.
Congratulations to the following students who won their races. Ribbons were given out at a short assembly after lunch on Cross Country day. Those with an * made the district qualifying time and will compete next Wednesday at St Luke’s.

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SOUNDWAVES 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 Mathematics subscriptions for our students. If you have not paid, could you please ensure your payment is sent to school as soon as possible.

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. I will have a meeting with the Department’s Regional Technology Officer next week, to discuss the school’s needs, in order to be prepared for NAPLAN online in 2019.

BIKE SAFETY
Please talk to your children about how to ride to school safely. I was contacted last week by a concerned resident who was backing out of her driveway and nearly collected one of our students as they rode at full speed across her driveway. Students need to be aware that bushes can shield them from view. We have also had reports of students riding wildly all across the road. Thanks for helping to keep our children safe.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 14/04/16

PREP/1: Griffin – great learning in groups
           Amberly – great learning at school

1/2/3: Slade – applying himself to his learning

Hayley – always working hard in class

3/4: Elexis – being a quiet, hard-working student

Sam H – making a good effort on his English Assessment

Sam B – making a good effort on his English Assessment

CLASSES OF THE WEEK: PE: 3/4 MUSIC: 1/2/3

100% ATTENDANCE: Sam H, Slade, Scout, Robert

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Lloyd, Hayley, Elexis, Te Paea

MATHS/LANGUAGE AWARDS: Silver – Lloyd and Lachlan

STUDENT OF THE WEEK: 21/04/16

PREP/1: William – great answering of questions

Joshua – great learning in groups

1/2/3: Ebani – for jumping 6 reading levels

Jayden A – working hard to improve his handwriting

3/4: Kayla – trying hard to improve across the curriculum

4/5/6: Tyson – quick thinking in Maths

Ashanti – making a good effort on her English Assessment

CLASSES OF THE WEEK: PE: 1/2/3 MUSIC: Prep/1

MATHS/LANGUAGE AWARDS: GOLD: Blake and Delta, SILVER: Kai

100% ATTENDANCE: Callie C, Te Ata, Joel (Hayley

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Jacob, Riley, Ebani and Callie A

ART SUPPLIES WANTED: We urgently need bits and pieces for Art.

Please collect ribbon, fabric, corks, buttons, wool, metal bottle tops, plastic bottle tops, beads, old cards, magazines etc. Anything that can be recycled! Thank you!

CHAPPY CHAT

Hello everyone, I hope you are embracing the joys of term 2, there are so many things we can be thankful for! ‘Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have you’ll never, ever have enough.’ Oprah Winfrey.

Chappy week is coming up – 16th to 20th May. To celebrate we are 
taping Chappy to the wall! This is a fundraiser for the chaplaincy
service here at Elliott Heads. This event will be held at lunch time on
12th May. You and the school community are invited to come and join
us in taping me to the wall! It will be $1 for a small piece of tape and $2
for a large piece. Additionally, we are in competition with the schools in
Bundaberg. So going off the ratios of students to amount raised, if we
raise the most then we get to tape Mrs Patterson to the wall too! It’s
going to be great fun! Have a wonderful week, Jess.

CLASS NEWS

ECHOES from PREP/1

Week 3 and lots of learning has been occurring already. In English we
have been looking at how a story is made and how to read a story by
predicting what is going to happen and understanding the importance of
pictures.

In Maths we will continue learning to count, add and subtract
collections of items and learn more about equal and same as. For
example, 2 + 3 = 1 + 4

In History, we have been exploring about time capsules, old toys and
games, and the differences between school in the past and now. Our
Science unit about Light and Sound has been fun. We have looked at
different types of light and now we’re looking at different types of
sound.

Thank you for working with letter sounds at home as it is making a
difference to your children’s learning. We’ve seen an improvement in
the number of sounds the students know now. We need to continue
revising them all until the end of the year so that they are automatically
recognised by every child before next year.

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 child learn to the best of their ability.

Playgroup News

Playgroup is back in full swing and the children did lots of socialising,
learning and fun activities, especially in our ANZAC trenches and while
making ANZAC biscuits.

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.

TANYA, DENISE and BELINDA

THE SCOOP from 1/2/3

We cannot believe that it is week 4 already! It was wonderful to see so
many of you at the ANZAC ceremony on Monday despite the wind. I
did promise any student from my class who attended the ceremony on
Monday an ANZAC hat to keep. Please come and see me.

This week we are busy working on making a lunchbox for our Science
and Technology task. It has been very interesting to see our little
minds creatively at work to apply the knowledge they have gained
throughout the semester with regards to the properties of materials.
Photos of their creations will be displayed on our classroom window
after they have been tested.

In Maths we have been working on time – o’clock, half past, quarter to
and past. Please help your child practise this at home as for many,
learning time can be a very tricky thing. We have also begun looking at
line and 2 dimensional shapes. The students have been exposed to
some new terminology …vertical, horizontal and quadrilateral.

We have also been looking at three stories in our English unit: Cinderella, The Wishing Fish and Cinderels Rox. The students have been exploring how write a short piece of text to persuade me that one
story is better than all the others.

To finish with a few reminders: Homework is due in on Tuesday next
week due to the Labour Day public holiday. You may notice that a
sight word list has appeared in your child’s homework book along
with 4 readers. We visited the library on Wednesday so our next library visit
will be on the 6th May. Students with overdue books are reminded to
return them as soon as possible. As it is term 2, we are beginning to
gather information and assessment pieces for reports. Please be
aware that the students will be involved in a number of assessment
activities over the coming weeks and absences make it difficult to
make a full collection of data. Thank you for supporting your child’s
learning.

LIZ

THE BUZZ FROM YEAR 3/4

We are well and truly in the swing of term 2. It was great to see some
of you at the Anzac Services on Monday.

This fortnight in English we have been reading ‘Charlotte’s Web’ and
investigating the dialogue and procedural aspects. We have written our
own procedures on ‘how to catch a bug’ and ‘how to escape the pig
pen’.

In Maths Year 3s have worked on strategies for addition and
subtraction and have explored fractions. Year 4s have investigated
chance, strategies for addition and subtraction and multiplication by
8 and 9.

In History we are completing our assessment using our knowledge
and experiences about Anzac Day. We have been holding off on the last
part of this assessment so we could use our experiences from the day
to help us with our writing.

Thank you for helping your child to complete homework and reading.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 4/5/6

We are 3/4 of the way through the second book in the Deltora Quest
series, Lake of Tears. We have begun our new unit, on writing an
animated story (comic strip, PowerPoint, Claymation or video) on the
best way to deal with a moral dilemma. Students are well into the
planning stage of their stories.

In Maths, Grade 4 has been looking at time and measurement. Grades
5 & 6 have continued working on fractions and problem solving. Grade
6 has also been looking at Chance and Data. In Maths Warm Ups this
week we’ve been practising questions from former NAPLAN tests, to
get into the mode.

This term in Science students are exploring electricity and how circuits
work. In History students are learning about the forming of Federation
in Australia. In art, students are still 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 Tuesday 3rd May and Monday
9th May. SPELLING TEST is also Mondays and LIBRARY DAY is
Wednesday. Thanks

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Registration Fee
This is a free, proactive program being supported by our State Schools to assist in providing additional strategies that arise with the challenges of parenting. With this program, you will receive a workbook and refreshments. Register for this course by contacting Amanda on 0448 197 075 (8.00 am - 5.00 pm)

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Who is running it?
The presenters for this program are Amanda Ericson and Cheryl Pankratz who are the Bundaberg Early Intervention team with Education Queensland. Amanda and Cheryl have been supporting parents in increasing their ‘toolbox of strategies’ at various schools and venues over the past 5 years.

For more information call Amanda Ericson on 0448 197 075 (8.00 am – 5.00 pm)

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Bedtime

Bedtime can be a battle in many families as children resist attempts to end their day and allow parents to have some time to themselves.

Often at the end of a long day all you want is a little peace and time for yourself. After all, you have probably devoted the entire day to the service of children in some form. Whether it is putting bread on the table or being gainfully employed in an unpaid position as housekeeper and cook, you deserve a break. Come on, kids, be reasonable!

But children do not always see bedtime from a parent’s perspective. They often dispute calls for bed and complain loudly that it is too early. None of the other kids at school go to bed at 8 o’clock, Mum. “It’s not fair.” is the sort of line that is used in thousands of homes each night. Others procrastinate with toilet-time, last minute drinks and detailed arrangements of teddies so that bed-time stretches by half an hour before parents realise what is happening.

Some parents are plagued by jack-in-the-boxes who reappear as soon as the bedroom light is turned off while others have night-callers who keep parents busy with comments such as: “I can’t get to sleep.”

If bedtime presents drama in your home try the following ideas at kids’ bedtime so that you can maximise the time you have for yourself and your partner. A clear plan can help make the end of the day less of a chore for parents.

DEVELOP A BEDTIME PLAN

- Distinguish between being in bed and being in the bedroom. Children differ in the amount of sleep they need – so to expect them to go to sleep at a certain time is unrealistic. However, they can be expected to be in their bedrooms at a set time and then regulate their own sleep habits.
- Have a set routine such as ‘quiet time, drink and story’ which signals the end of the day and stick to it. Even older primary school children benefit from a set routine that lets them know what is expected so they can plan accordingly.
- Be firm and resist procrastination. Try always to say good night at the appointed time even if children are not quite ready.
- Turn the television off and, if necessary, remove other distractions such as computers, mobile phones and video games while children are going to bed.
- Return jack-in-the-boxes to their bedrooms and ignore repeated calling out for drinks and other attempts to keep you busy. Make yourself scarce. Go to another part of the house and be unwilling to be drawn into a game of the children’s making. Only nightmares and earthquakes should cause you to go to their bedrooms.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Over-stimulating children before bedtime. Engaging kids in a friendly wrestling match on the floor five minutes before bed-time will ensure you have a real battle on your hands.

Allowing children who delayed bedtime to sleep in to make up for lost sleep. This will ensure that they stay awake at night. Wake children at the same time each morning.