Thought for the Week: He who learns but does not think, is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger.

ABCs Of Student Success
X is for EXPLORE.
Children are naturally curious about many things. Providing opportunities to explore their interests is a great way to help them learn.
- Encourage children to seek answers to their own questions.
- Buy books that capitalize on their interests and help them learn more. (Even better, visit the library.)
- Support hobbies by providing supplies and complimenting their efforts. Better yet, join in the fun!
- Visit museums and other places of interest.

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a restful holiday with your children and that you avoided most of the illnesses that were going around. Several staff have been sick most of the holidays, which is not an ideal way to spend your break!

A special welcome to Kirra in Prep and Jack in Year 2 and their mum Rebecca, who have joined us this term.

THERE WILL BE NO TUCKSHOP NEXT WEEK. ON NAIDOC DAY (WED 22ND) WE WILL HAVE A PIZZA DAY INSTEAD.

NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY
Next Wednesday, our school will be holding its traditional NAIDOC Week celebration. NAIDOC Week happens during the school holidays, so we always celebrate early in Term 3. We will begin at 11.15 a.m. and go through until home time with 4 rotating activities for classes to enjoy.

Activities include storytelling, art and craft activities, dance and cultural activities and hunting techniques. Parents are most welcome to attend. Students from Kepnock SHS will be assisting us on the day and the P&C will be holding a pizza lunch. Thanks P&C! If you are coming along as a parent and want to have pizza for lunch, please make sure you order.

For this day only, morning tea will be at 11.00 a.m. (15 minutes only) and lunch (pizza) will be at 12.30 p.m.

An order form for pizza is attached to this newsletter.

UNDER 8s DAY
We had a great day on Under 8s Day on the last Thursday of Term with our Prep-Year 3 students and all our Playgroup children joining in the fun. Many thanks go to Mrs Campbell, Mrs Lee, Miss Loder and her daughter Caity, Miss Eizenberg and Mrs Brown for their organisation, preparation and help on the day. Thanks also to the P&C for providing the jumping castle (with the big kids also enjoyed)! There are some great photos on our school Facebook page if you haven’t had the chance to check them out.

PAYMENT FOR DANCE FEVER
Reminder notes will come out today for those parents who might have forgotten to pay for Dance Fever lessons at the end of last term. Many thanks for all those who did get their payments in!

Many thanks to the P&C and community members Ruth & Larry for the sausage sizzle dinner and the scrumptious desserts! Again, there are some great photos of the Dance Fever concert night on the school’s Facebook page.
Summarising

A summary is a shortened version of a text that contains all the main points.

Summarising is an important skill that helps us when we are researching, gathering and presenting information.

Finding key words and phrases helps us to summarise the text.

My summary is that cheetahs are the fastest land animals in the world and that their habitats have made adaptations to help them to go fast.

When summarising, our thoughts might start like this:

- The most important thing to know about ____ is ____.
- The main point the author is making is ____.
- In my own words, the story/article is about ____.
- The most important idea in this article/story is ____.
- Another name for this story/article could be ____.
- The main idea of this text is ____.
- The article/story is mostly about ____.
- The whole point of this story/article is ____.
- If I had to explain this to someone else, I would say ____.
- So far I have learned ____.
- Other helpful questions are ____ who, what, when, where, how, ____.

Parents can help!

You can help your child learn the skills of Summarising at home, by having them RETELL, in their own words, the books they bring home for home reading or any other books, magazine or newspaper articles they are reading at home. Start with a simple, “Tell me what you’re reading about...” or “Can you tell me what the story was about?”

P&CTEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will start in Week 3, 27th July. Keep an eye out for the Interview request form coming home soon.

P&C PICKINGS

Next meeting: Monday 20th July, 2015 at 12.00 p.m., in the Library. All are most welcome to come along.

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

President: Amanda Hamzat
Vice President: Lyn Barton
Secretary: Monica Ale
Treasurer: Belinda Biggs

FACEBOOK PAGE: Please ask to join!

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

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL: For the next few weeks the tuckshop is serving hotdogs as a winter special, for $2.00 each! Watch this space for the next special in a few weeks.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

20 July Kepnock SEP teacher visiting to meet our Special Education Program students enrolling in high school-10 a.m.
P&C Meeting 12.00 p.m.
22 July NAIDOC Day celebrations-Pizza Day
27 July Staff ASD course from 1-3 p.m.
28 July Tuckshop
04 Aug Choir at Eisteddfod 9-12 p.m.
04 Aug Tuckshop
11 Aug Tuckshop
17 Aug School Photos
18 Aug Year 5 ACES Program @ Kepnock SHS
19 Aug Year 5 ACES Program @ Kepnock SHS
20 Aug FLEC Excursion-Barolin Nature Reserve
21 Aug Mrs Patterson @ Principal's Meeting
24 Aug Mrs Patterson @ Small Schools Meeting
25 Aug Tuckshop
26 Aug ACES Information Evening Kepnock SHS
01 Sept 1St Kepnock SHS Enrolment Evening
03 Sept Maths Team Challenge
08 Sept Tuckshop
15 Sept Tuckshop
18 Sept Last Day of Term 3

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The School Annual Report for 2014 is now completed and up on the school's website www.elliottheadss.eq.edu.au. There is also a copy available in the office if you would like to have a look at it.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

Please use the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter if you would like to receive your newsletters by email. They are also available by downloading them from the school website.

WORKS AROUND THE SCHOOL

You will have noticed that the painting of D Block is now completed, all the turf is laid and trees and bushes have been trimmed or, if they were a nuisance species, removed altogether. The school is looking great.

CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to move some orange safety barrier from one area of the school to another, to protect our new turf. Are there a few dads out there who could help out one afternoon? It shouldn’t take much more than 15-20 minutes.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 18-06-15

PREP/1: Marley – participating and cooperating well in Dance Fever
2/3/4: Aryahna – working hard on her reading skills to move up a level
3/4: Sam B – Great work in Dance Fever
5/6: Noah – being a real gentleman in Dance Fever
Jack – making a great effort to recover in Dance Fever

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: 3/4 MUSIC: P/T LOTE: None
Playground tokens: Jayden Ab, Mia, Nikita, Calliou
Attendance award: Kobi sponsored by Chesney Family
Mathletics awards: Gold – Sam H
Newsletter Reader – Marley
ROCKET INTO READING AWARDS:
60 NIGHTS: Zeb, Jaden Ale 70 NIGHTS: Jack M
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 25-06-15

PREP/1: Jayden Ab – excellent work on Dance night encouraging his partner

2/3/4: Mathiesson - working hard on your comprehension skills in class

3/4: Cailly – always working well and being a happy classmate

5/6: Kyle – excellent effort on History and Geography assessments

Kody – fantastic work in his online maths program

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: None MUSIC: None LOTE: None

Playground tokens: Spencer, Axel, Nick and Bella H

Attendance award: Amie B sponsored by Chesney Family

Mathletics awards: Silver – Sahara, Gold - Lachlan

Newsletter Reader – Bella K

ROCKET INTO READING AWARDS:

20 NIGHTS: Ebarri 30 NIGHTS: Kingsley, Axel

45 NIGHTS: Talen 60 NIGHTS: Mathiesson, Amelia

65 NIGHTS: Jacob 70 NIGHTS: Zeb

80 NIGHTS: Spencer 85 NIGHTS: Mitchell M

90 NIGHTS: Robert, Mia, Noah, Luca and Charlee

CLASS NEWS

ECHOES from PREP/1

It was lovely to see lots of little eager faces back in Prep and Year 1, keen to start work with excellent behaviour and tales of their fantastic holidays. We were also very happy to welcome our newest class member Kirra in Prep who has settled really quickly into our classroom.

In Mathematics this week we are focusing on patterning with Preps identifying the difference between repeating and growing patterns. We will be enjoying continuing patterns and making and describing our own patterns.

In Modelling, Shared and Guided Reading we will be focusing on summarising by retelling the coming weeks. We are focusing particularly on setting, character, retelling main events of a story and identifying problem and solution.

In our English C2C lessons we are enjoying the book The Very Blue Thinkamajig and discussing character traits. Make sure to book an interview in the coming weeks. We are extremely proud of how far each and every member of our class has improved during Semester 1 and we would love to go through their portfolios and share some of their pleasing work with you.

KATHERINE, LIZ & DENISE

THE SCOOP from 2/3/4

It is the beginning of term 3 and we will be working hard on different areas of the curriculum. In English we will be focusing on procedures in stories.

In Mathematics we focus on every strand of the curriculum during the term including number, measurement, patterns and algebra, space and chance and data.

Throughout this term in Science we will be looking at various materials and their properties to design and make objects so at times we will require a collection of items to use in making these objects.

This semester we will be looking at Geography as History is now completed for the year. The focus is on places and features of them in their environment and then we move onto features of places in the world including the oceans, continents and some countries.

Look out for notes about a special presentation and evening gathering in the near future based on our Weather Science unit last term. We will be needing a few extra supplies to get us through the end of the year so notes will be coming home as to what your child requires thank you. Don’t forget that Homework and Library is due back on Thursday each week. Thank you for your support in helping your child to learn to the best of their ability.

TANYA

THE BUZZ from 3 / 4

Welcome back to term 3. This term is already shaping up to be great. Please remember that students require a fruit break each day. Homework was sent home on Monday. Students are required to complete a maths sheet, homework and write out their spelling words. Homework is due back on Mondays.

We have started the term in full swing and have begun working on many new units of work. In English we have started our unit on Poetry and have been looking at the poem “My Country” by Dorothea Mackellar.

In Geography we have started investigating Australia’s close neighbours. In Maths, year 3s are working on numbers above 1000 and year 4s are investigating money and purchases.

In Science, we have started out with an archaeological dig, being careful to leave our items in situ. I also require the feet of old stockings (from the knees down) for an upcoming art project.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 5/6

Liz and I have started the Term with both of us on class, developing HOT (Higher Order Thinking) strategies and learning how they apply to our units of work in History, Geography, Science and English. Students also have a learning buddy. So far so good!

We have tried to keep our units on similar topics this term, so students can transfer what they learn in one subject to the other subjects they are studying.

Late last term, our class earned its first class party for the year, which we hope to have this Thursday afternoon. A note will come home today.

Homework for the term will be given out tomorrow, and will be due back each Tuesday.

LIZ & TEENY

COMMUNITY NEWS:

FREE UNITING CARE PROGRAMS- See Chappy Jess

Tree of Life: This workshop helps 9-12 year olds respond to life's challenges in positive ways. When: Wed 22 July 2015 for 6 weeks, 3.30-5pm 4153 8400 (bookings are essential) Free

Drumbeat: A 10 week group workshop for 12-17 year olds which uses a drumming circle format to deliver a range of therapeutic & social learning outcomes; improved emotional regulation, self-esteem & social skills. No prior musical experience required. Thur 14 July 2015 for 10 weeks 3.30-5pm 4153 8400 (bookings are essential) Cost: Gold coin

PROTECT THE TURF HELP

I can help move the orange safety fence to protect the new turf.

Name:__________ Phone:__________

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

I would like to receive my newsletters by email.

Name:__________ Email:__________

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

Name -__________ Signed-__________