P&C EXECUTIVE

Our next meeting is FRIDAY 17th May at 9.00 a.m. in the library. We have our school fair on July 6th this year (last Saturday of school holidays). It will be a major topic of discussion at this meeting along with Sports carnival and other events in the pipeline. We do give feedback in the newsletter, but it’s nothing like being there and hearing first hand what’s being organised. Please keep an eye open in the following weeks for requests for volunteers - if everyone can give a little bit it can help us a lot. If you are unable to attend meetings and have an issue you wish to have discussed, contact us via our email address: pandc@elliheadss.eq.edu.au and we will be happy to bring up your issue for you.

FACEBOOK PAGES


TUCKSHOP

We have had some requests from parents wanting to help in the tuckshop, which is great. However, we need to know well in advance if you are available, so the P&C can sort out a Roster, to know who will be working in the tuckshop on any given day. The P&C also needs to ensure that they have an experienced person (with a food handling safety certificate) working with a new helper, etc. Unfortunately, we cannot have young children in the tuckshop for Workplace Health and Safety reasons, so if you would like to help in the tuckshop, you need to be able to make other arrangements for the care of your younger children, if you have them. Tuckshop runs from approximately 8.30 a.m. until 12.00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At the end of the newsletter is a table of the remaining tuckshop days for this term. If can help please indicate a few days that might suit you, and the P&C will do their best to slot you in. Someone from the P&C will contact you to let you know your rostered days.

DISCO

Many thanks to all the parents and ex-students who helped out last Friday night at the Disco with decorating the undercover area and serving food and drinks in the tuckshop. Your help is really appreciated. Thanks also to staff for supervising, especially Pip Thompson for being our DJ. She had big shoes to fill and did a great job! It was great to see so many parents coming along to share the night with their kids, who all had a great time.

MOTHERS DAY STALL 08, 09, 10 MAY

Mother’s Day gifts will be on sale before school on these days. Prices range from $1 to $4. Dad’s please send money along for your children to buy something nice for Mum.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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A VERY PROUD ANZAC WEEK

I am always proud of our students, but last week made me exceptionally proud to be associated with Elliott Heads State School. Many of you were present at all three ANZAC Day ceremonies last week. On Wednesday at our school ceremony, our Captains, Sharnee, Ella and Shane did a lovely job of running our ceremony and our choir sang beautifully. Our students watching the ceremony, especially our Prep/1 students, also gave the ceremony the respect that it deserved. Thanks Kids! On Thursday morning, at the 5.30 a.m. Dawn Service we had at least 20 of our students and their parents. It was quite a spiritual ceremony with the sun rising gently over a very still morning ocean. At the 11.15 a.m. ceremony I think we had at least 60 students (2/3 of our school population) and most staff in attendance, as well as parents. Once again our Captains, Student Councillors and Choir did us proud. We had many positive comments from people gathered there, with one NZ lady becoming quite emotional because the Choir had sung “God Defend New Zealand” in Maori. She had not heard it since she was a girl growing up in NZ. These important community occasions where we showcase what our kids are capable of, is far more effective than any advertising campaign we could run. Thanks parents for supporting these occasions, and for having your children in uniform, even if they weren’t directly involved in the ceremony itself!

CONTINUING THE PRIDE

In another proud moment last Wednesday night, two of our boys, Dylan (Yr 6) and Jesse (Yr 5), played in the ARL Development Cup against a Grade 7 team at Salter
Several times a week maintaining the garden beds by weeding, watering, mulching and fertilizing. We are getting to the stage where some excited Prep/1 students are taking home beans and carrots!

A big thanks also to Margaret Watts, and Ron and Cheryl Johnston for their help with Brekkie Club.

Thanks also to Judy Fossey who is teaching our senior girls Knitting on Tuesday at lunch time.

We also have Gelinda Hawkins coaching our Netball players at Wednesday lunch time.

Shane Hall emptied our Can Cage and earned $82.40 for our Student Council. Thank you. Please remember to empty your cans out of plastic bags when placing them in the cage.

Mrs Taske would like to thank Karmen Williamson and Tami Boas have both been a great help covering a lot of new Library books and Eileen McCann from Coral Cove cleaned out her greenhouse and donated plants for our garden.

Andrew Gove also kindly donated a large water cooler and table. What a wonderful community we have!

Montana, Caitlin and Lilly also have been helping every day with the games children in the Library.

FREE SHOES

Through a Brisbane contact of Chappy Kelli, we have access to black leather school shoes and socks, free to families in need of assistance. We are asking you to give us your child’s name and shoe size, if you would like to be considered for this assistance. Please write it on the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter, put in an envelope with Mrs Patterson’s name on the front and RETURN IT TOMORROW IF POSSIBLE. Your request will be kept confidential. We don’t know at this stage, how many pairs of shoes we can get, or how long the process will take, but we’ll do our best. If your child is in a growth spurt, it might be best to give a larger size, to make sure they’ll still fit when they arrive. Please DON’T request these shoes if your child will not wear black leather shoes. Not all children will.

MONDAY 06 MAY

IS NOT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

NAPLAN

"The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Held annually in schools since 2008, students will take the 2013 tests on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful
and happy lives. All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to Shane, Savannah and Dylan who are competing in the District Cross Country to be held at St Luke's this afternoon.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREP/1: Leo
For: improved classroom behaviour

YEAR 2/3: Brodi-J
For: fantastic football playing

YEAR 3/4: Harry
For: challenging himself out of his comfort zone

YEAR 5/6/7: Rohan and Curtis
For: great bridge design

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: 2/3

MUSIC: 3/4

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Sharnee, Lilly Ha, Mitchell C and India.

NEWSLETTER READER: Nien

CLASS NEWS

PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS

This week we have enjoyed reading The Gruffalo, focusing on recounts and sequencing events with Prep students and analysing and writing simple character descriptions with Year 1 students. In Maths we have learnt about positional language and pathways. We have enjoyed following to instructions to complete set paths or describing simple directions to reach destinations in our school.

This week brings with it the start of May and during this month we will be targeting improving reading and literacy skills across the whole school. May is National Reading Month and we will be aiming to read more in May (and continue this positive practice throughout the remainder of the year)! Our class will be beginning a before school practice of alphabet letters, sounds, sight words and beginning readers. Children who participate will be marked off each day they read and when they reach given targets receive awards on parade. We have some student volunteers from Year 5/6/7 however would appreciate assistance from parents/grandparents/carers as they drop children off at school. It is a maximum of 30 minutes of your time from 8.20 to 8.50 however will make a huge difference in student progress! Please see Mrs Campbell or Mrs Pickard if you are able to assist, we would love your help even if it is only one morning per week.

We have focused on positive behaviour within the classroom and children are proud to take home sticker charts daily to share with parents their excellent efforts. Negative behaviours and warnings will be attached to the bottom of the sheet if necessary and we ask that you discuss this with your child and talk about what they could have done in the situation to avoid disrupting the class; your support is greatly appreciated. Warnings 1-3 are for small issues within the classroom, detention is for serious breaches of the behaviour code or persistent low level behaviour, children will miss a lunch break and when they receive 3 detentions in a week drop a behaviour level for example from Gold to Silver. Working with students within the area of behaviour early in their education will help to establish good manners, coping strategies and enthusiasm to achieve to the best of their ability.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

WHAT'S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2 / 3

This week in English, we are beginning to write a biography of the character 'Dog' from the book "Fox" by Margaret Wild. It's great to see that students are using adjectives to make their sentences more interesting.

In maths we are exploring addition problems that need regrouping. Students are becoming more confident in their ability to regroup tens and ones.

In History, this is our last week looking at the meaning of ANZAC day. It was fantastic to see so many of the students at the ANZAC ceremony last Thursday. Many students have displayed a deeper understanding of the meaning around ANZAC day.

This term we are trying a new home reader system. Students will be allowed to bring in and change their home reader as frequently as required. It's great to
see some students have been reading and changing their home reader daily.

Pip

**GRADE 3/4 NEWS**

We have been busy for the past week working on honing our persuasive skills and understanding the format required when writing persuasively. We have also been spending some time practising some Naplan type questions to prepare ourselves for the upcoming tests.

In Science, we have started our new unit investigating living things, looking at different ways of grouping them and identifying them. Thank you to parents for ensuring the kids were prepared for Friday sport. Please make sure they have a hat and waterbottle. I was extremely proud of the way the children conducted themselves at the game. The Touch boys had 2 great first games, winning the first with a try to Lachlan, and losing the second where Toby scored our only try. The soccer girls played East 0-0, and were defeated by Moore Park. Eva and Sarah played a fantastic game.

Kelly

**ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS**

Students are continuing with NAPLAN Practice. We are doing the practice in small bits, stopping frequently to discuss questions and delve deeper into why test writers are including some answers that can trick us into choosing a wrong answer.

In English students have been brainstorming ideas for a persuasive text on the wearing of uniforms (or not) and writing word clines to try and find more interesting vocabulary for 'nice' or 'said'.

In Science, the topic will be chemical reactions and in History, Grades 5&6 are researching the events of the Eureka Stockade while Grade 7s research Ancient Egypt.

Bridge building has been a very popular activity in the class with some fantastic designs in progress. We've had lots of students VOLUNTEERING (if you can believe it!) to stay in at lunch time and organising sleep overs to work on their bridges! Great stuff!

In Maths we've been working on understandings about the number of degrees in a triangle (180) and a quadrilateral (360), and using this information to calculate the number of degrees in other shapes. Grades 6 & 7 are also looking at the properties of X angles and complementary and supplementary angles.

Teeny and Bob

**CHAPPY’S CHAT**

This term I am facilitating a Fun Friends program with the Prep/1 class on Tuesday afternoon. Fun friends is a program that helps kids learn how to be brave trying new things, having a go and doing your best. It develops resilience, social skills and strategies for maintaining good mental health. Ask your child for a Pizza Massage when they come home and you might get a treat! It's important for us all to learn to relax and listen to our bodies. During Fun Friends we talk about being detectives. Our body gives us clues as to what's going on inside and we have to find the clues and figure it out. Try taking 5 minutes daily to stop, sit and just breathe. While you do this listen to the clues your body gives you about what its feeling. It can make such a difference to your whole day! I am at Elliott Heads each Monday and Tuesday. If you wish to use the chaplaincy service you can contact me at school or by putting your details in the Chappy Book in the office, or get my phone number from the office. I receive referrals and requests to spend time with children from the children themselves, parents and teachers. In each instance if appointments are ongoing a one-on-one permission note will be sent home for you to sign and return. Part of my role is to provide spiritual guidance and support to the school community. If you wish to use this service please let me know.

CHAPPY KELLI

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ZUMBA**

There are two Zumba Classes being held in Elliott Heads. One is at school on Monday afternoon from 3.15 to 4.15. The second is on Tuesday evenings at the Bowls Club from 6pm to 7pm. Just turn up for a fun hour of fitness, dance and music!

**READING TO CHILDREN VOLUNTEER POSITION**

Tami Boas, one of our parents, is the Let's Read Project Officer, for The Smith Family in Bundaberg. She can be contacted on 0413065661. Tami is looking for volunteers to help read to young children, before they start school, so that they have a real chance of becoming better readers once they do start school. Reading to children improves their literacy, increases their vocabulary and sparks their interest and imagination.

A 'Reading to Children Volunteer' would be responsible for the reading aloud to children from 0 to 5 years of age and their parents and carers. In addition to reading the story they will model activities associated with the books and engage the children and their parents and carers. These sessions will vary according to the age of the children and the theme of the event.

A high level of oral communication skills is required. Activities in Bundaberg include a reading corner at Bunnings and 'Bubs & Kids'.

A reading corner is planned for Mother's day. Under 8s’ day and other events. I am looking for a couple of volunteers to help with reading corner. Interested people are welcome to join Tami at an event to see what happens. Please contact Tami Boas, if you're interested.
**TEAR OFF SLIP TUCKSHOP HELP**

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**TEAR OFF SLIP: BLACK LEATHER SHOES**

Child’s Name: __________________________________________

Shoes Size: ____________________________________________

Parent’s Name: ________________________________________

Phone number: _________________________________________

**TEAR OFF SLIP BUSS PASS APPLICATION**

My child/ren __________________________ in Class/es _________ do/es not have a current 2013 Bus Pass. Please send an application form home.

Signed: _____________________________________________

Name -

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Name -

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