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 our next 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. Our email address is: pandc@elliheadss.eq.edu.au and we will be happy to bring up your issue for you.

FACEBOOK PAGES: Our P&C communicates with parents
Facebook Pages: Elliott Heads Parents and Staff
Elliott Heads State School Markets.

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TUCKSHOP

Unfortunately, none of our volunteers was available for tuckshop today, so unless we get people who can help on a regular basis, the tuckshop might need to close until a solution can be found. This would be a real shame, after fighting so hard over the last few years to get a new tuckshop. We all like the convenience of having a tuckshop two days a week, but we do rely on volunteers. Can you commit yourself to a regular roster, say 1 morning per fortnight, from 8.30 until 12.00?

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Happy Mothers’ Day to all our mums and grandmothers. We hope you are spoilt rotten on Sunday and have a wonderful day with your families!

BISCUIT TUESDAY

Grade 5/6/7 are raising money for camp. They’ll be baking biscuits for sale after school on Tuesday. Many thanks to Anne Weston for organising the cooking! Can anyone help by donating flour and sugar?

KIDS MATTER

Last week, Mrs Brown, Mr McLaren our Special Education Program Teacher, Chappy Kelli and I attended the second round of professional development for Kids Matter: a positive mental health program for primary aged students.

The first component was directed at building a positive school community. Yesterday, Mrs Brown began on the long awaited task of building our family photo wall, which will be located on the notice board just outside the office. We’ve been delayed by the painting around the office area, but our newly painted board should make a great display area. If we don’t have your family photo, a note will come home soon, asking for a family snapshot, or permission for us to take a photo of your child/ren to add to the display, if you don’t have a family photo. If you drop your child/ren at school most mornings, perhaps you could drop in for a quick family snap.

The latest component of Kids Matter was about building social and emotional capabilities in children, such as friendship skills, perseverance, resilience & cooperation. Soon, the whole staff will meet to discuss the best way to specifically teach these skills to our children.

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH FRIENDSHIP SKILLS

Parents and carers are children’s first and most important teachers when it comes to relationships. The ways you relate to your children and the guidance you provide helps develop children’s social skills. You can help children develop friendship skills and strategies by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practise relationship skills and offering support when they go through difficulties. Taking the role of a coach helps children learn the skills they need for themselves. The following suggestions might help:

Make time to play too

Parents can improve their children’s social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!

Invite children for play dates

Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children who are still developing their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.

Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends

Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children’s friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.
**Allow your child to try lots of different activities**

Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.

**CONGRATULATIONS KIDS!**

In another proud moment last Wednesday, three of our students competed in the Zone Cross Country. Mr Morton and I were there, along with the parents and grandparents of our competitors, to cheer them along. All three finished the race, on a course that is truly ‘cross country’ compared to our school track. When the going got tough, however, our students just got on with the job, displaying the core value of Perseverance! We are very proud of Savannah (10th), Dylan (20th) and Shane (30th). There were close to 40 children in each race. Fantastic effort!

**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!**

By the time the workmen are finished around our school, we will be the premier location in Bundaberg to send your child to school! By the end of this term, we’ll have:

- a concrete apron laid in front of the tuckshop ✓
- some tables and chairs for that area
- a new garden alongside the new tuckshop
- repairs to plumbing in the Prep/1 room and toilets, and a new tank with a pump so water can be used to water gardens ✓
- painting to
  - walkways & parts of the undercover area ✓
  - office block inside (this weekend) and out ✓
  - outside of the staff room
  - the Prep/1 room (painting soon; lower walls covered with colorbond in next financial year)
- repairs to the rear stairs of the staffroom ✓
- a new roof and gutters on the undercover area
- repairs to the concrete stumps holding up the staff room

We won’t know ourselves once the work is completed. Hopefully D Block will be included in the maintenance plan for the next financial year too.

**DO YOU HAVE A Grinder?**

We are removing a few fence panels in the car park, so that staff and P&C have direct access to the new shed. One of the fence panels is being particularly stubborn and we can’t get the bolts loose. If someone has a grinder and could cut the brackets off, we’d be really grateful.

**BUS PASSES**

If your child does not have a valid bus pass for this year, please see Tracy in the school office for a form.

If you move or change your details please phone the bus company on 41532646 and advise them.

**THANKS MRS LEE**

More community members will be helping with our one-on-one reading program soon. Many thanks to Mrs Lee who does a great job organising our whole school reading support program, including organising the training, getting books and materials organised, meeting with our volunteers to run them through the program and help them feel comfortable about coming into our school.

**PARENT AND COMMUNITY THANKS**

Down the bottom of our school oval, we have a creek that is fenced off from the oval, but is actually owned by the school. Over many years, it has become very overgrown with weeds and pest species, but that is slowly changing. Volunteers from Impact, under the guidance of Peter Maike are slowly clearing out the creek area at the bottom of the playground, with the intention to eventually rehabilitate the area with native species. We are grateful to John Delaney (Ella, Rohan and Libby’s dad) who works in this area, for offering his assistance and advice with regard to this rehabilitation project. It should become a great nature reserve for future generations of Elliott Heads students.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN tests for Years 3, 5 and 7, in Reading, Language, Writing and Maths will take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We ask that you ensure your child is at school on each of those days, unless they are genuinely too ill to be at school. Please also send along some extra fruit or sandwiches on those days, so that their bodies are well fuelled for the extra workload! Thanks

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Parents are welcome to attend at 2.30 p.m. each Monday.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Prep/1/2: Luca Brown
- Improved focus in class tasks

Grade 2/3: Casey Bell
- Making an effort to complete class work

Grade 3/4: Leila Westwood
- Being a happy class member and an active participant in class discussions.

Grade 5/6/7: Claire Bobbermen
- Being prepared to ‘have a go’, and being an active member of our Netball team

**CLASSES OF THE WEEK:**

**PE:** 2/3

**MUSIC:** 3/4

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:** Caitlin, Carly, Jordan O, Taleah

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Mitchel

**CHAPPY’S CHAT**

Muffin Mondays are going great! The grade 7 students are loving the baking, cleaning up and selling the muffins – all while having lots of fun. Thank you so much to our amazing volunteer Pam, who is letting us in on some of her baking secrets. We still haven’t decided who bakes the best muffins yet – the boys or girls! Thanks so much to everyone who is purchasing the muffins and making this venture successful. My own children are certainly enjoying the muffin treat they receive each Monday afternoon and it saves me baking at home – WIN WIN.

With NAPLAN fast approaching it’s really important to remember each one of us have been born with individual gifts, talents and purposes for this life. Remember to always encourage your children to try their very best and
have a go. Trying your best means having a good attitude when preparing and participating in whatever you do.

**IT ALSO MEANS CELEBRATING YOUR VERY BEST REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME.**

Some great ways to celebrate your children trying their best and having a go can be: a favourite meal, picnic or outing together as a family, having a games or movies night together, having a friend over to have some fun, a special family sporting match (footy, cricket, soccer).

Cheers, Chappy Kelli

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS**

Congratulations to those children who have joined in the Rocket into Reading activities before school and the older students who are helping. We have many eager learners who are on their way to earning their first 10 mornings of reading activity certificates! We are looking for more parents to stay of a morning from drop off to bell time and assist with reading activities.

We have also had a huge improvement in positive behaviour and congratulate the children on working diligently to improve their standards and parents for supporting the message at home. During Week 4 Prep’s have continued to explore recounts with the adventures of two puppies Reggie and Max and we have composed our own sentences to recount their experiences. The Year 1 students have practiced writing character descriptions for Crunch the Crocodile and Mr Wintergarten and discussed what events lead to a change in their character. In maths Prep’s are revising counting sequences, number identification and representation. Year 1’s are also revising addition and subtraction concepts and learning about the concepts of equal, more or less.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

**WHAT’S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2 / 3**

This week in English, we are beginning to write our assessment biography based on a character from a book we have read this term. It’s great to see that students are really getting into their planning. These biographies are going to be fantastic.

In math we are exploring location and transformation. Students are learning positioning words in relation to direction both on a map and in real life situations.

We are starting our new SOSE unit. For the rest of the term, we will be looking at ways we can conserve energy and improve the environment around us. By the end of this term students will have the chance to create a string puppet entirely out of recycled material. So we can start creating our puppets as soon as possible, can you please send in some reusable items, like cereal boxes, washed tin cans, plastics etc.

Pip

**GRADE 3/4 NEWS**

Another busy week preparing for Naplan. Students have been doing very well writing strong and persuasive arguments. Please try to ensure that your child is at school by 9am next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so they can be ready for the tests, and have a relaxed start.

In Science, we have been investigating whether or not a seed is a living thing. Today we conducted an experiment, which we will be closely observing for any signs of life. For our Design Technology this term, we require lots of recyclable materials. Things like empty cardboard boxes, bottle caps, plastic items, etc. If you have any items that we can use please send them in.

For the upcoming fair, our class is assisting by collecting items that fit with the theme “The Great Outdoors”. Items such as camping supplies, beach fun, outdoor games, anything that you can do outdoors can go in our basket.

Lastly, congratulations to our sports teams last week. In our class, we have boys going to touch football and girls going to soccer. Unfortunately our girls lost their games on Friday but are keen to change the score this week. Our boys managed 2 wins, with Harry, Toby and Lachlan all scoring.

Kelly

**ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS**

Students in Grade 5/6/7 continue to show the way in terms of their behaviour, setting a positive example for the rest of the school. Well done Kids!

In English students have been looking at the use of strong language used to persuade someone to their point of view. Students are currently working in pairs to write a persuasive text of a wide range of topics, such as whether voting should remain compulsory, lowering the legal driving age, the use personal technology devices in school, keeping animals in captivity the abolishment of homework (that’s been REALLY popular!) and more.

In Science and History, students are about to undertake their major assessments: Designing and carrying out their own experiment in science and researching their topics in History, on Eureka Stockade (Years 5 & 6) and Ancient Egypt (Year 7).

Many of our bridge designs have now been tested and have been successful in supporting a remote control car to cross over it. A few are still on the drawing board, but we hope to have those small design faults ironed out by the end of next week.

In Maths we’ve been working on understandings about area, and in particular, calculating the area of irregular shapes, made up of different shapes put together.

Teeny and Bob

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**READING TO CHILDREN VOLUNTEER POSITION**

Tami Boas is the Let’s Read Project Officer, for The Smith Family in Bundaberg. She’s looking for volunteers to 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 volunteer, would read aloud to children from 0 to 5 years of age, their parents and carers. They might also model activities associated with the books and engage the
children and their parents and carers. These sessions would 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’.

Interested people can join Tami to see what happens. Please contact Tami on 0413065661, if you're interested.

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

There continues to be an ever increasing shortfall between the cost to employ a school chaplain and the government funds received. The Federal Government Grant has remained the same for the past 7 years. This means that extra funds are required to keep up with the increasing cost associated with Chaplaincy employment. To help meet these expenses there some fantastic initiatives that could greatly relieve some of this pressure from schools, Local Chaplaincy Committee’s, Scripture Union Qld and of course our dedicated Chaplains, and they don’t cost you ANYTHING!

Donate CTP

If you own a registered motor vehicle you automatically pay CTP insurance with your car’s registration. So why not financially support your local school chaplaincy and SU QLD every time you pay your registration “at no additional cost to you”. The good news is we can facilitate this for you. Just go online to www.partnerprogram.com.au

Insure and Support

In addition to the above CTP insurance, take out a car, house, business or any general insurance policy through any of SU Qld Partner Program’s insurance providers and your nominated chaplain will receive ongoing financial support for the life of the policy. Get a no obligation quote now and see just how easy it is to support your chappy.

Chappy Mobile Plan

Another program is the Chappy Mobile Plan through Network Communication. This can simply be done by phoning 1300 303 425 or visiting any of the Network Communication participating stores. When you sign up or renew your existing Optus plan with Network Communications, you can choose to support Chappies at no extra cost or hassle for you! The generous folks at Optus donate 5% of your monthly mobile bill total towards supporting the School Chaplain, and you’ll also receive a bonus credit (for example choose a $49 plan and you’ll get a $49 credit to your bill). You are not restricted in the plans you can choose from.

MILLION PAWS WALK

Get a group together and register online to raise funds for the RSPCA. www.millionpawswalk.com.au

When: Sunday 19 May, 2013
Where: Bundaberg RSPCA Shelter
31 Doblo St Bundaberg

More information: RSPCA Qld Events Team, 07 3426 9943
Email: events@rspcaqld.org.au

Local contact Amanda Yates | 0415 285 586

AIR LEAGUE

Offers a wide range of activities for boys and girls aged 8+: drill, camps, model aircraft building and physical activities. It develops life skills such as leadership, confidence & initiative.

- Find them on Facebook or call Ceciley 0400 958 366

ZUMBA

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

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TEAR OFF SLIP: BLACK LEATHER SHOES

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Shoes Size: __________________________

Parent’s Name: _______________________

Phone number: ________________________

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

Name - _______________________________

Signed - ____________________________

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

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