Our next meeting is TOMORROW 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.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE NEXT TUESDAY
There will be no tuckshop next Tuesday 21st May, because of Under 8s Day celebrations. Instead there will be a whole school Sausage Sizzle. Sausage sandwiches will be $1.50 each. Juice poppers will be $1 and Milk poppers will be $1.50. There are order forms attached to the newsletter. Please use a separate form for each child and attach the form to a paper bag. Please return on Tuesday, with money in the bag. Parents and pre-schoolers can purchase on the day.

FREE DRESS DAY
The next free dress day for a gold coin donation for the fair will be on Tuesday 28th May, as the scheduled date of 21st May clashes with Under 8s day.

$50 GIFT VOUCHER
All students who bring in a gold coin for free dress days will get a ticket in a draw for a $50 gift voucher. The winning ticket will be drawn on the day of the fair. All students who bring an item for the class baskets will also receive a ticket. The more items a student brings in, the better their chance of winning!

Prep/1: Kids just want to have fun!
Grade 2/3: Movie Night
Grade 3/4: The Great Outdoors
Grade 5/6/7: Italian/Mexican Night

FACEBOOK PAGES: Elliott Heads Parents and Staff
Elliott Heads State School Markets
A LOVELY LETTER

The Elliott Heads Ratepayers and Residents Association has sent a lovely thank you letter to the school and our three captains, thanking us all for our wonderful contribution to the local ANZAC Day Service at Submarine Lookout. It was a pleasure to receive!

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 and Belinda Biggs for organising the cooking! Grade 5/6/7 students are doing the decorating and bagging up. This Tuesday’s batch sold out in 10 minutes flat! I only got a bag myself due to the great negotiation skills of Miss Thompson! $1.00 for a bag of biscuits. Thanks also to the families who have donated flour (Self Raising Flour please) and sugar for the biscuits. Peter Weston’s business, P&R Bob Cats, has also pledged ongoing support for the ingredients.

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH FRIENDSHIP SKILLS, Part 2

Encourage positive, relevant strategies

Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve problems with peers is a strategy that is generally more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.

Take a problem-solving approach

Parents and carers don’t need to have the answers to all of their children’s problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. An example of supporting problem solving might be:

Child says: “There’s this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her.”

Parent asks: “Why do you think she is being so mean?”

Child says: “Maybe she thinks we don’t like her, and so she’s being mean to us?”

Parent asks: “That could be one reason. Do you like her?”

Child says: “Well, I like her when she’s not being mean.”

Parent asks: “So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there’s no need for her to be mean?”

Child says: “Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?”

Parent affirms: “That sounds like a great idea to me.”

ARL DEVELOPMENT CUP

Last night, Jesse (Year 5) and Dylan (Year 6) played again in the ARL Development Cup with Thabeban and Branyan Road boys. They played against Moore Park/Gooburrum State Schools as part of the pre match entertainment for the finals match between Norville SS and St Patricks. Only the most entertaining teams from earlier rounds are invited back for this, and the combined Barbarians team defeated Moore Park/Gooburrum 22-8! Well done boys!

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!

Our tables and chairs for the tuckshop area have been ordered. The new garden alongside the new tuckshop is well under way. The new water tank outside the office is up and running. The office interior painting is almost completed.

Other repairs and refurbishments we hope will take place either before the end of this financial year or early in the next!

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.

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.

THANKS MRS T AND FRANK

Mrs T and our volunteer gardener, Frank, have been busy creating a new garden bed outside our tuckshop. It’s early days, but it is already looking great.

NAPLAN

We are very proud of our students this week. They have coped well with all the changes to their timetables to accommodate the tests, and have tried their very best, which is all we ask of them. Well done kids! We are also very grateful to Mrs Brown, who has come in despite being quite sick, because she didn’t want the Year 3s to be any more stressed than necessary, by having a relief teacher in the room during the testing period. Thanks also to Mr Morton who has offered to come in extra hours to help.
supervise non NAPLAN students, free of charge! You often hear people joking about how hard it is to find good help, but we've got the best! Thanks guys!

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS:** Parents are welcome to attend at 2.30 p.m. each Monday.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Prep/1/2: Matilda Elazzi  
Excellent Reading Progress

Grade 2/3: Blake Ward  
Attention to detail

Grade 3/4: Gage Chesney  
Getting really involved in Touch Football

Grade 5/6/7: Jessica Jones-Healy  
Enthusiasm and hard work in Maths

**LOTE AWARD:** Caitlin Bonnor

**CLASSES OF THE WEEK:** PE: 5/6/7  
MUSIC: None

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:** Libby, Eva, Toby I, Ella H

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Kody

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS**

We've begun collecting items for the School Fair our class theme is "kids just want to have fun". Thanks to those families that have already brought in items to put in the basket in our room. Please make sure to check your child's name from the list when items are brought so tickets in the draw can be written out for the draw in a $50 voucher. Many thanks also to our two newest volunteers Miss Donna and Mrs Fossey who are helping the Year 1s practice reading and sight word skills. Week 5 is an assessment week for Year 1 students as we complete Unit 3 English and Maths. The children are busy writing their character descriptions for the Rainbow Fish and completing maths testing, it is pleasing to see them giving their best efforts. Preps enjoyed listing to a recount from Clarrie of his operation in Brisbane. He was very brave, is making a speedy recovery and will be back at school this week. It was great to apply our learning of recounts to real life experiences and make meaningful connections.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

**WHAT’S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2 / 3**

In English this is our last week to complete our character biography. Those students who have finished are putting a PowerPoint together so they can make a presentation to the rest of the class on Friday. It's great to see that all of the students are writing exciting sentences.

In math we're exploring growing patterns & fractions. We've discovered a fraction has to have equal parts.

This week in SOSE we're exploring manmade and natural objects in the many different environments in which we interact. We're still looking for recycled material to make our string puppet in a couple of weeks' time. It would be greatly appreciated if you can please send in some reusable items, like cereal boxes, washed tin cans, plastics.

For the fair the P&C are asking each class to submit a themed basket to raffle. Our class is making a "Movie Night" theme basket. Each student is asked to bring in at least one item to add to our basket, for example popcorn, soft drink, DVD, etc.

Thank you in advance. Pip

**GRADE 3/4 NEWS**

Mrs Brown hasn't been well this week, but hopes to be back soon. I know she is very proud of the way in which the Year 3 students have conducted themselves throughout the NAPLAN tests. I think everyone will be glad of a 'normal' week next week, with everything back into a regular routine!

**ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS**

This week we have naturally been concentrating on NAPLAN. Mr Morton has been working with those not doing the tests, which has given them a chance to get a head start on their research into Eureka Stockade and Ancient Egypt. Next week we'll give Grades 5 & 7 the majority of research time.

Congratulations to Grades 5 & 7 for the way in which they've approached the NAPLAN tests this week. Mr Morton and I are very proud of your efforts!

In Maths we've introduced Algebra as a topic. Students have undertaken a range of activities to help them develop their understanding of how letters can take the place of an unknown quantity, to help them solve a problem.

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 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.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

The Federal Government Grant for school chaplaincy has stayed the same for 7 years. Extra funds are needed to keep up with the increasing costs associated with Chaplaincy employment.

To help meet these expenses there are some fantastic initiatives that could greatly relieve some of this pressure from schools, Local Chaplaincy Committees, 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: 07 3426 9943
Email: events@rspscaqld.org.au
Local contact Amanda Yates | 0415 285 586

UNDER 8’s COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WITH WIDE BAY KIDS

WHAT: Activity Play Date
WHEN: Monday 20th May, 9am-12pm
WHERE: CBD Pavillion, Bourbong Street
COST: Free

WHAT: Multicultural Story Telling Live Show
WHEN: Wednesday 22nd May, 9am-12pm
WHERE: WIN Stadium Flint Street Bundaberg
COST: $5 per child. Adults Free

MORE DETAILS at www.widebaykids.com.au

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!

TEAR OFF SLIP-FAMILY PHOTO

We’d like Mrs Brown to take a family snapshot for the Family Photo display outside the office:
Name: __________________________________
Phone: __________________________________

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

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Signed-

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