Our next meeting is 14th June at 9.00 a.m. in the library.
Topics for discussion:
- Tuckshop-will we have one?
- Sports Day lunch
- Winter Magic Festival

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

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Thanks to everyone who supported the P&C by ordering a sausage sandwich on Tuesday.

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
- Elliott Heads State School Markets

DATES TO REMEMBER
- 24 May: Interschool Sport $5/week
- 27 May: Active After School Sport-Tennis
  Zumba 3.15 p.m.
- 28 May: NO Active After School Sport-Athletics
- 28 May: Free Dress Day
- 05 Jun: Jaffle/Toastie Day

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL SPORT NEXT TUESDAY
Our Athletics coach, Taryn, will be competing in Taiwan and we wish her the best of luck!

UNDER 8’s DAY
What a wonderful fun filled day all our Under 8’s had last Tuesday. Thank you to our fantastic staff for all of their hard work organising a wide range of activities including Zumba, storytelling, games and lots of craft activities. The children really used their imaginations in coming up with fantastic costumes for our theme ‘someone in our local community/people from other cultures’. A big thank you to the ladies of the P&C for organising the sausage sizzle. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance and having fun. I know Mrs Campbell was very relieved that the weather was kind to us!

TUCKSHOP
A letter went home on Monday explaining the dilemma we are having trying to staff the tuckshop with volunteers. The tuckshop will not continue in Term 3 if the P&C does not get offers of help from 5 volunteers. Each volunteer would only have to do one half day for the term.

KIDS MATTER FAMILY PHOTO DISPLAY
Have you seen our great family photo wall outside the office? Mrs Brown has done a wonderful job of getting our photo wall up and running. Is your family photo there? If not, please send one in, or get a neighbour to take one on your smart phone and email it to us at the.principal@elliheadss.eq.edu.au and we’ll add your photo to the board.

BISCUIT TUESDAY
Grade 5/6/7 are raising money for camp. They’ll be selling biscuits after school on Tuesdays. Many thanks to Anne and Belinda for doing the cooking! Grade 5/6/7 students are doing the decorating and bagging up. I missed out completely this week! $1.00 for a bag of biscuits. Thanks to Karmen Williamson, Donna Morgan and Carolyn Adams who have donated flour (SR Flour please) and sugar for the biscuits.

Peter Weston’s business, P&R Bob Cats, has also pledged ongoing support for the ingredients.
CHAPLAINCY BREAKFAST

On Tuesday the School Captains Sharnee Fox, Ella Boas and Shane Hawkins went to the Mayor’s Chaplaincy Breakfast at the Civic Centre. Students from schools stood up and delivered a speech about how the School Chaplin helped them get through their problems. For breakfast we had a variety to choose from. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Patterson for driving us into Kepnock High School.

KEPNOCK SHS GIFTED AND TALENTED

Kepnock State High School offer many opportunities for our Gifted and Talented Students. This week our students were able to participate in two.

On Wednesday the Year 6/7 girls payed a visit to Kepnock State High School for a dance class. For the first half hour we enjoyed watching three amazing dances from RAW dance. They performed a live show for a lot of primary schools, including us. Then after that half hour of watching, they invited us to join them and dance. So they showed us a routine and we learnt it. Then we had a dance battle to show off who was better than who! It was the best day ever for the Year 6/7 girls!

By Sharnee

On Thursday, Kepnock State High School invited several of our students to sit a National Science Competition. A bus was sent to collect the students and take them to Kepnock to sit the exam. The results will be analysed and used to allocate students to the ACES program being run in 2014.

KIDS MATTER: SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL LEARNING

What social and emotional learning is all about?

School is not only about reading, writing and arithmetic. It’s also about making friends, learning how to work with others, and knowing how to be more responsible for yourself.

Knowing how to manage feelings and get on with others are important skills for everyone. This kind of learning starts in early childhood with parents and carers as children’s most important first teachers.

Social and emotional skills

Research has found that teaching children social and emotional skills at school as well as at home makes a positive difference to their wellbeing. Social and emotional skills help school children settle in the classroom and get on with learning. Useful skills to learn include:

- coping with frustrations or worries
- getting along with others
- solving problems.

The kinds of social and emotional skills that are important for children to develop have been identified by researchers as:

**Self-awareness**: Understanding feelings, self-confidence.

**Social awareness**: Respecting and understanding others, and appreciating differences between people.

**Self-management**: Managing emotions, being able to set goals and stick to them.

**Responsible decision making**: Choosing wisely and thoughtfully.

**Relationship skills**: Cooperating, communicating, making friends and resolving conflict.

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

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Prep/1: Mitchel, for Excellent reading and sightword recognition

Grade 2/3: Isak, for Changing his reader daily

Grade 3/4: Soren, for showing greater resilience

Grade 567: Aimee Morgan and Ella Boas, for an excellent effort in NAPLAN last week

**LOTE AWARD**: Lilly, Year 5

**CLASSES OF THE WEEK**: PE: 2/3

**MUSIC**: 5/6/7

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS**: Jordan, Soren, Ella and Jordan O

**NEWSLETTER READER**: Jesse

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS**

What a fantastic start to the week, increasing participation in the before school reading program Monday and an AMAZING Under 8’s Day Tuesday!! We had such a wonderful day out the fresh air, we kept the cool breeze away with our Zumba dancing. Then kept busy participating in the many activities such as the fire truck, slime, playdough, obstacle course, occupation play, painting, paper craft, clay, musical instruments, face painting, iced biscuit decorating, jewellery making and games. We finished the morning with a parachute song and sausage sizzle. Days like this really show what Elliott Heads SS has to offer its students and our great community spirit. A huge thank-you to community members such as Judi from Zumba, Fire Brigade, parents who volunteered to cook the sausage sizzle and all parents and students who went to great efforts with costumes, morning
tea and excellent behaviour and participation on the day. Please remember to bring in your donations for our class Fair raffle item fitting the theme, Kids Just Want to Have Fun! Please see a staff member so we can check your name off and write your tickets for the $50 prize draw. The weather is getting cooler and unpredictable. A tell tale sign that winter is on its way! Please make sure that all warm clothing is labelled clearly with your child’s name and that you pack a set of shorts in case the weather warms up during the day.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

WHAT’S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2 / 3

This week in English, we are beginning our new unit. We are looking at fractured fairy tales and deciding which side of the story we believe.

In math we are revising the new knowledge we have gained over this past term. It’s fantastic to see that we are remembering a lot and able to apply that new knowledge in different contexts.

In our SOSE unit, 2/3/4 watched “The Giving Tree” by Shel Silverstein. We then reflected on the importance of a living tree for our survival and general wellbeing. It was great to see the enthusiasm in which student engaged in learning about what would happen to humans and animals if we had no trees left.

A big thank you to those who have brought in recycled material for our string puppets.

Pip

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

This week we have been working hard to complete assessments towards our end of semester reports.

In Maths both year 3 and 4 have been investigating properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Today we enjoyed sculpting our shapes with play dough.

In Science we have planted another lot of beans, due to our first lot failing to grow. Hopefully we will have more success this time.

We are still in need of recycling materials for our SOSE and Technology task. If you have any materials at home, please bring them in. We are also collecting class donations towards the upcoming fair. Our theme is “The Great Outdoors”. Children will be given tickets for a prize raffle when they bring in a donation.

Our grade 3s had a great time at Under 8’s day on Tuesday. It was a beautiful (cold) day and we all have a fantastic day. Even the year 4s were able to come out and enjoy some of the activities.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

ELLIOIT SENIORS NEWS

In History we have all been finishing our assessment tasks. Years 5 and 6 have been finishing their article on Peter Laylor and the effect of the Eureka Stockade on modern Australia. Year 7 have been finishing their Powerpoint presentations on Ancient Egypt. There does seem to be a great deal of interest in the mummification process in its full details. We are all looking forward to the presentation of this work soon.

Teeny and Bob

CHAPPY CHAT

Hi everyone! This week in our Fun Friends we have been learning about red and green thoughts. We all have red thoughts during the day - I can’t do this, I’m no good at this, I can’t do anything right, this situation is hopeless. Red thoughts are not helpful and they don’t make us feel brave or happy. We have been learning to say stop to our red thoughts and change them to green thoughts by asking ourselves some questions. For example: Are these thoughts helpful? Are they true?

As adults we can use this strategy in our everyday lives too. Our thoughts affect our feelings, our feelings affect our behaviours and reactions. If we can learn to identify when we have red thoughts that aren’t helpful and challenge them by asking ourselves these questions then we can change the way we think to be more helpful. As adults we can ask additional questions to the ones above. Am I exaggerating? Are you sure that is really going to happen? What is the worst thing that could possibly happen? Are you forgetting the positives? What could be a more powerful, helpful thought?

Training our brain to think differently is like training our body to run the cross country. It takes practise and perseverance. The more we practise and use these strategies the easier it becomes to think in ways that are helpful for us.

Keep practising and keep positive

Chappy Kelli

COMMUNITY NEWS

BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Bundaberg State High School is currently taking enrolments for Year 8 2013. Parents of Year 7 students are advised that enrolment packages must be submitted at the Enrolment Day on Tuesday 30 July. A Birth Certificate is required for proof of identity and age. Please organise these as soon as possible. Children outside the catchment area can apply for special consideration (eg siblings at the
school, attendance at a feeder school, or access to excellence programs). For further information please contact the Principal, Mrs Raelene Fysh at the.principal@bundabergshs.eq.edu.au or the enrolments officer on 4154 5333.

**KNITTING**

Judy Fossey has offered to share her knowledge of knitting with members of our community. If you are interested in learning how to knit you are welcome to come to the Library on Tuesday afternoons after school at 3.00 pm. Parents and children are most welcome to attend.

**WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY**

On Friday 24 May, we encourage all parents, carers and teachers to promote and encourage safe and regular walking.

Tomorrow is Walk to School Safely Day. Perhaps you can walk with your child, showing them the correct places to stop, check for traffic and cross safely. If you live too far away, you might consider parking the car a kilometre or half a kilometre from school, and walking the rest of the way.

**MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW**

Parent–teacher interviews provide a great opportunity for you as a parent to find out how your child is progressing at school. Here are some guidelines to make the most of these interviews:

1. Prepare well. Have a list of questions you want to raise.
2. Attend with a partner if you are nervous or unsure so you don’t miss a point.
3. Allow the teacher to make an assessment of your child’s progress. Don’t take over!
4. Be prepared to give your assessment of your child’s progress – be honest but realistic.
5. Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strengthened. The teacher may have some strategies to assist you.

If there are unresolved issues or you wish to discuss your child’s difficulties in greater detail, consider asking for another interview. This is being respectful of the teacher’s time and of those parents who are to follow.

Once the interview is over consider how you will discuss it with your child. Avoid saying generalizations such as “the teacher says you are a good girl.” Discuss areas that need work in positive terms and talk about strengths or successes first before areas that need more work.

**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!