Thought for the Week:
If there is no struggle, there is no progress.

FENCE FRIENDS
Mrs T has finished about 12 fence friends now. Brent Whittaker is putting them up for us this week. I will post photos of the Fence Friends and their owners on our Facebook page this week, so you can see how life-like they look. PLEASE get your photos in to us so your child can have a Fence Friend too. We’d like to keep Mrs T busy during the upcoming holidays. Just email a face shot and a full length shot to the school email address: the.principal@elliottheadssss.eq.edu.au, or print your photos and send them in an envelope. Thanks.

CHORAL FEST
Congratulations to our beautiful choir, who achieved a Bronze Medal in the recent Choral Fest. We are all very proud of your efforts! Well done.

MATHS TEAM CHALLENGE
We are also very proud of Sarah, Levi, Sam, Rebecca and Toby who represented our school at Maths Team Challenge last Thursday. They weren’t successful on this occasion, but represented our school well.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
Child Protection Week began yesterday. To make our students more aware of the issues surrounding child protection, and how to keep themselves safe, Grades 4-7 are going on a short excursion to YMazing at the local YMCA in Quinn Street on Thursday. There will be police and other child protection experts in attendance to talk to students. Some of our students will have the opportunity on the day to be media advocates for child protection, using a mobile van set up especially for broadcasting on the day. This is a very exciting opportunity. The Rotary club are providing a free sausage sizzle for the event. Students need to bring Morning tea, hats, water bottle and a note pad and pencil in case they need to write for any of their activities. Please return permission note, media permission note and $5 to cover the bus fair, ASAP. Thanks!

FATHERS’ DAY
We hope all our dads had a great day yesterday and were spoilt by their children, who were hopefully cheerful, helpful and well behaved ALL DAY for their dads!
A big thank you to our P&C who prepared and set up the Fathers’ Day stall last week. I’m sure you’ll agree that they sold quality gifts at good prices. The stall made approximately $170.00 in profit. Thanks ladies!

Math @ Home
Electronic Flash Cards
Use the electronic flash cards at the links below to practice maths facts:
http://www.aplusmath.com/Flashcards/
http://www.allmath.com/flashcards.php
http://www.aaamath.com/
http://www.blackdog.net/games/math/flash/
http://www.mathplayground.com/MathAttack.html

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Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning
Suddenly, your life changes.

You wake up one day and realize that the world has changed.

In the old world, there were rules. Now, there are no rules.

In the old world, there was a beginning. Now, there is no beginning.

In the old world, there was an end. Now, there is no end.

In the old world, you could trust people. Now, you can't trust anyone.

In the old world, you had a family. Now, you have no family.

In the old world, you had a job. Now, you have no job.

In the old world, you had a home. Now, you have no home.

In the old world, you had a future. Now, you have no future.

In the old world, you had a past. Now, you have no past.

In the old world, you had a, you know, you had.

Now, you don't.

But it's okay. Because in the new world, you can be whoever you want to be. You can do whatever you want to do. You can have whatever you want to have.

It's like a dream come true.

But it's also kind of scary.

Because you have to figure out who you are, and what you want, and how you're going to get it.

And it's easy to get lost.

But it's okay. Because in the new world, you can always start again. You can always try something new.

And maybe, just maybe, you'll find something that you love.

And maybe, just maybe, you'll find a way to be happy.

So don't be afraid. Don't be sad.

Just be brave.

And go out and find your new world.

Because it's waiting for you.
3/4: Moana – working to the best of her ability and completing tasks to a high standard.

5/6: Rebecca – excellent work habits and attentiveness

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: P/1 MUSIC: 2/3 LOTE: None

Playground tokens: Marley, Jay, Kiah, Jack

Attendance award: Toby sponsored by the school

Mathletics awards: SILVER: Nick, Archer, Sammy, Kai

GOLD: Blake

Newsletter Reader: Sonny

ROCKET INTO READING: 110 NIGHTS: Zeb and Spencer

FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE

Students can now download the Microsoft Office suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, etc) for free, to their personal devices. If you are interested, please call in to the office for instructions.

CLASS NEWS

ECHOES from PREP/1

In English, we are enjoying analysing rhymes and rhyming stories to identify rhyming pairs and adding these to our rhyming families in preparation for our assessment task early in Term 4, where students will write their own rhyme. We have enjoyed listening to and group reading One, Two Buckle My Shoe, Down by the Bay, Over in the Meadow and Baby Bilby Where Do You Sleep?

We enjoyed showing Mr Nestasi (Our school Literacy Coach) last Tuesday how fantastic we are at individual reading and buddy reading and how this helps us become more expressive, fluent readers and practice our comprehension strategies.

We have been very busy investigating the properties of different materials in our Science lessons this term. Students spent time investigating how materials react to wind and water. Using this knowledge, the students designed and constructed and tested a wind ornament. These marvels of design were taken home last Friday for your enjoyment.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Portner who is completing her prac in our classroom this week and wish her all the best in her future studies, we are sure you will make a wonderful teacher when you graduate!

Just letting parents also know that Mrs Campbell will be taking long service leave for Week 10 and will be replaced by Miss Jo who is very familiar with the students and classroom routines.

KATHERINE, LIZ & DENISE

THE SCOOP from 2/3/4

Our information narratives unit in English is almost completed and we will be up to our assessment on writing information sentences from a narrative this week.

In Mathematics our focus has still been on number but we have looked at multiplication and division and three digit adding and subtracting. We have also been doing fraction work with halves, quarters and eighths. This week we will be doing more on multiplying and completing assessment.

We have been doing lots of push and pull experiments in our Toy Factory Science unit over the last week. Students will be designing their own products and will require a variety of construction materials, for example: drinking straws, bamboo skewers, pop sticks, milk bottle tops with a hole in the centre, ping-pong balls, sheets of cardboard, sheets of plastic (hard and soft plastic, and bubble-type wrapping), aluminium foil, paper plates, corks, beads, small rectangular cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls thanks), plastic containers, plastic or paper cups, scrap paper, other recyclable materials. If you have anything suitable could you please send in to school this week as we will be starting our toys in week 10?

In Geography we have been exploring our connections to the world and have looked at our personal, local and regional connections. We will discover if we have connections on the national and world scale too. If you have friends or relatives living in other parts of the world can you please discuss this with your child so they are aware of their connections if they don’t already know 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

Happy Father’s Day to all our Dads. We hope you had a lovely day on Sunday and enjoyed our toolboxes.

This fortnight we have been busy completing assessments. We have written and presented our poetry adaptations, on which we did a fabulous job. Students showed their prowess in using rhyme, rhythm, adjectives, onomatopoeia and alliteration in their writing and their control over volume, tone, pitch and pace when presenting.

Our Year 3s have planned and run a Multiplication Fair, showing their knowledge and understanding of multiplication. Our years 4s have completed a fractions assessment.

In Science we are looking at Erosion and Weathering and this week investigated examples of this within our school and community.

Look out for an invitation to a Term 3 Homework Party. For students who have completed their homework for 7 out of 9 weeks, we will be having our homework party in the final week of school.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 5/6

We hope all our dads had a lovely day on Sunday!

In English we have continued our News/Media looking at a sample of what is required of the assessment task which we will begin this week.

In reading groups, we have continued with our focus on vocabulary and inferring, as a reading strategy.

In Maths we have been focusing on long and short multiplication, which is still tricking a few people. Don’t be afraid to work on this one at home! Thanks!

It is close to the end of term and we are at the beginning stages of our History and Geography assessment tasks. Should all things go to plan these will be completed a few weeks into next term.

In art we have been looking at Picasso, and putting the final touches on these ready for display in our room. We have completed the background stage of our next art work which will be a silhouette based on the work of Jan Pinekowsi. Please look forward to enjoying your child’s art work as some of their pieces are beginning to be sent home.

Mrs Patterson will be on long service leave next week to visit family. Mrs Shield will be on class all week and will be relieving as Principal as well. Thanks Liz!

LIZ & TEENY

COMMUNITY NEWS


INNES PARK WALK 4 WILLIAM: CANCELLED-due to the illness of the organiser.

ELLIOTT HEADS SURF LIFESAVING CLUB – Join us at our sign-on and pool proficiency on Sunday 13 September at Bundaberg Swimming Academy, Norville from 9am to 11am. Phone Brandon Harvey on 0439 275 420 for more information on how to be a life saver.