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.

TOASTED SANDWICH DAY
Thanks to everyone who supported the P&C by ordering a toasted sandwich on Wednesday. Thanks also to parents who helped out in the tuckshop.

FREE DRESS DAY
The next free dress day for a gold coin donation for the fair will be on Tuesday 11th June.

$50 GIFT VOUCHER
All students who bring in a gold coin for free dress day, or an item for their class baskets will receive a raffle ticket for a $50 voucher. 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

TUCKSHOP HELP
At next week’s meeting we’ll be discussing whether or not the tuckshop will go ahead in any form next term. We have asked for at least 5 volunteers to do one Wednesday during the term. So far we have 4 volunteers who have sent in a slip. We have children say their mum, dad or grandma is going to help out, but we don’t have those slips. Please get them in.

FACEBOOK PAGES: Elliott Heads Parents and Staff Elliott Heads State School Markets

DATES TO REMEMBER
10 Jun Public Holiday: Queen's Birthday
11 Jun Free Dress Day
12 Jun Discus & 800m
14 Jun P&C Meeting
19 Jun All day Athletics Carnival
20 Jun Reports sent home
21 Jun P-3 excursion to Peter Pan
4-7 trip to Lowmead SS
End of term 2

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EXCURSIONS
On Friday 21st June our whole school will be ‘out and about’. P-3 have an opportunity to see a life theatre performance of Peter Pan, at the Moncrieff Theatre. The combined cost of theatre ticket and bus fare is expected to be around $7.00 per student, a very reasonable cost. The excursion will start with a visit to Lady Ellem Park, for fruit break, play and lunch (brought by students in their lunch boxes) followed by the theatre performance. It is expected students will be able to eat afternoon tea in Buss Park, opposite the theatre, during the Intermission. Parents and toddlers will be welcome to attend, but will have to meet us at Lady Ellem Park and/or the Moncrieff Theatre. All students will travel by bus.

Grades 4-7 will be travelling to Lowmead SS for the day. You might remember earlier in the year, that we collected boxes of library books, donated by the town library, to the flood ravaged school. We have been unable to deliver them until now, because the library is still under reconstruction, but this is expected to be completed during the upcoming holidays, so we thought this was a good day to go and deliver the books. Donna Morgan and Kelly Brown were instrumental in getting these books donated and delivered to the school, and Paul Brown’s workplace is donating the truck to take the books along. Parents are also welcome to come along, if there is room in the bus. More details about the cost of the bus later.

Students will have lunch at Lowmead and spend the day playing games and interacting with the students.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
We have 2 Athletics Days coming up. The smaller one is next Wednesday, 12th June, when we will be holding Discus and 800m events. Discus will be held during PE times, so 9-13 year old will be doing their events between 9-11am. While parents are welcome to attend, we don’t usually get many spectators for these events, because it is hard to give exact times.
Each group from age 8 and up (Grades 3-7) will run their 800m event in the afternoon, after 2nd break, about 1.45 pm. Only ages 10 and up will be eligible to attend the District Carnival next term, and they must throw qualifying distances, or run qualifying times, to get in.

Our main Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 19th June, beginning at 9.00 a.m. Parents are very welcome to add to the atmosphere on this day, where our whole school is involved in races, shot put, long jump, ball games and tabloid sports (P-3). Children are encouraged to wear their house colours (Red for Turtles and Blue for Dolphins). Streamers in house colours are allowed, but students and parents must be willing to help clean up afterwards, as we don’t have a groundsman.

LUNCH ON ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DAY

The P&C are running a BBQ lunch on the day of the Athletics Carnival. It usually operates close to the oval, so that parents helping out on the BBQ can still see the events taking place. Our P&C are all parents too, and will want to see their children race, just as other parents will. If you can give even one hour on the day to help out by relieving a P&C member, it would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in the tear off slip if you can help.

Hamburgers, Chicken Burgers, Vege Burgers and Sausage Sandwiches will be on sale on the day, along with hot and cold drinks. As we have for our last couple of hot food days, an order form will come home next Monday, and will be due back by the following Monday, AT THE LATEST, so that the P&C gets an idea of how much stock they have to order in. Orders must be stuck on paper bags and returned to the office, with money inside. Drinks, yoghurt sticks, chips and sipper cups will be on sale but don’t need to be ordered. They can be paid for on the day.

WORKING BEES

Next Wednesday, 12th June, we will be taking delivery of several items from Bunnings and we will be needing parent help to get these projects up and running.

Shelving for the new shed

We are collecting 22 sets of free standing shelves for our new shed: 11 for the P&C side of the shed and 11 for the school side of the shed. The shelves come in flat packs and need to be assembled. We want to get this done as soon as possible, so we’ll be having after school working bees on Thursday and Friday afternoons, to try and get them assembled and put in the shed. We are looking for some parents and grandparents to give us a hand. Can you help for an hour after school on either of those days? That should be all it takes, if enough people put their hand up. It takes two people to work on one set of shelves. Pip Thompson and I did the first two sets a few weeks ago. Please fill in the tear off slip.

Fence Friends

As part of being a KidsMatter School, every student in our school will be making a ‘fence friend’. These are life sized cut outs of a child, painted and decorated by each child. They will be fixed to our front fence and should look fantastic when they are finished.

Thanks to the efforts of Kelly Brown, Bunnings are donating ALL the plywood needed to make the cut outs. We need some Dad and Grandad expertise with jigsaws to help us cut out the shapes. Mrs Brown has all the templates ready to go. Children whose parents are able to help out with this job, will be the first to choose and start painting their ‘fence friend’. At this stage, we’re probably looking at starting this project early next term. We also need some advice on the best way to make our ‘fence friends’ relatively weather proof, so that they don’t swell up and disintegrate in the first storm. If you can advise us on how best to seal the timber, we’d appreciate it. Yes, there’s a tear off slip at the end of the newsletter!

MUFFIN MONDAY & BISCUIT TUESDAY

On Mondays, Grade 7 students are baking muffins with Chappy Kelli. Money raised goes to chaplaincy projects around the school, such as buying supplies for Brekky Club. Muffins are 50c

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. $1.00 for a bag of biscuits.

KEPNOCK SHS GRADE 5/6 PARENT MEETING

Next Tuesday afternoon, 11th June, from 4.00 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. Kepnock State High School are holding a meeting to get the opinions of Grade 5 and 6 parents with regard to how Junior High School should look for our first lot of Grade 7 students in high school (our current Grade 5s). Kepnock SHS has been working really hard with primary principals, listening to what we feel might be the biggest fears for younger students entering high school, but they want the opinions of parents too. Please take the opportunity to go along and hear what they have to say, and give your thoughts on what you are most worried about.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: Parents are welcome to attend at 2.30 p.m. each Monday.
ASSEMBLY 27th May

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1: Chloe: Giving her best especially in assessment tasks

Grade 2/3: Tim: Improved sentence writing

Grade 3/4: Kyle: Working hard on spelling and writing

Grade 567: Jesse: Working hard on his Eureka Stockade PowerPoint

LOTE AWARD: Sharnee, Year 7

CLASSES OF THE WEEK: PE: 5/6/7

MUSIC: 2/3

PLAYGROUND: Jordan G, Chloe, Libby, Ella H

NEWSLETTER READER: Sharnee

ASSEMBLY 3rd June

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1: Charlie D: Excellent start to sightwords & improvement in handwriting & literacy

Grade 2/3: Bailey: Always being willing to help

Grade 3/4: Sahara: Applying herself consistently to her work

Grade 567: Falon: Always giving his best and being a polite, well-mannered student

CLASSES OF THE WEEK: PE: 5/6/7

MUSIC: 3/4

PLAYGROUND: Tim, Nikita, Carly, Madalin

NEWSLETTER READER: Cleo

CLASS NEWS

PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS

We are busy in class completing many assessment pieces for the reporting period. The Preps have been busy preparing their retell for the story Bear and Chook which they will begin presenting this week. Both Preps and Year 1s are doing their Science assessment exploring materials and their properties by constructing a wind chime. They will be discussing the properties of the materials used and reasons for selection.

If you are yet to become a member of the schools Facebook page (search- Elliott Heads Parents and Staff), you may wish to become a member and view some photo collages of Under 8’s Celebrations and Playgroup have been uploaded, as well as many other school messages and notices. I will make every effort to continue to add new photos of events as they occur throughout the year; another fun way to share in your child’s learning experiences!

Katherine, Helen & Denise

WHAT'S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2 / 3

In English this week we are learning the art of persuasion. We are examining the power of evaluative and forceful language when writing a persuasive response. Students are enjoying this style of writing.

In maths this week we are examining money, especially common combinations we could put together to help us count it faster and more effectively. Students are showing particular enthusiasm in combining notes and coins to give correct change.

In SOSE this week we are starting to design and create our recycled string puppets. I would like to send a huge thanks to those students and parents who have bought in recycled material for us to utilise. I can’t wait to see the end product!!

Pip

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

Another busy week in the classroom. Well done to everyone for completing their assessments.

In English this week we have started working on procedural dialogues using the text Charlotte’s Web.

In Maths we have been revisiting numbers up to 10 000. I would like to encourage you to work with your children on basic number facts as part of their homework: Addition and subtraction using numbers up to 20, and for Year 3 -x2, x3, x5, x10 tables and for Year 4 - all times tables.

Kelly

ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS

We have all been busy, as most classes are at this time of year, finishing assessments going into the reporting period.

In reading groups, we are looking at Self-monitoring as a reading strategy. This requires students to recognise when they have made a mistake, stop, and try and figure out what the problem was and reread that section. Students need to understand that reading has to make sense, and if they’ve read something that doesn’t make sense, they need to check that section out again. Good readers do this naturally. Self-monitoring is also about knowing when to slow down in reading. Texts about an unfamiliar topic, or containing a lot of jargon, are harder to read and need us to slow down and give it a little more attention.

In Maths, we’ve been looking at algebra, and after the initial shock of seeing letters in mathematical equations, are actually quite enjoying the challenge.

Teeny and Bob
Hi everyone! Well term 2 is rushing by so quickly. I found this story during the week and thought it was something to reflect on in the busyness of home, school and work life.

A friend of mine opened his wife’s underwear drawer and picked up a silk paper wrapped package. He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box. "She got this the first time we went to New York, 8 or 9 years ago. She has never put it on, was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is it." He went to the bed and placed the gift box next to the other clothing he was taking to the funeral house, his wife had just died. He turned to me and said: "Never save something for a special occasion. Every day in your life is a special occasion."

I still think those words changed my life. Now I read more and clean less. I sit on the porch without worrying about anything. I spend more time with my family, and less at work. I understand that life should be a source of experience to be lived up to, not survived through. I no longer keep anything 'for good'. I use crystal glasses every day. I’ll wear new clothes to go to the supermarket, if I feel like it. I don’t save my special perfume for special occasions. I use it whenever I want to. The words, some day and one day, are fading away from my dictionary.

I don’t know what my friend’s wife would have done if she knew she wouldn’t be there the next morning; this nobody can tell. I think she might have called her relatives and close friends. She might call old friends to make peace over past quarrels. I’d like to think she would go out for Chinese, her favourite food. It’s these small things that I would regret not doing, if I knew my time had come. I would regret and feel sad, because I didn’t say to my brothers and sisters, son and daughters, not enough times at least, how much I love them.

Now I try not to delay, postpone or keep anything that could bring laughter and joy into our lives... and on each morning I say to myself that this could be a special day. Each day, each hour, each minute is special.

Cheers Chappy

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ZUMBA**

The Zumba class on Tuesday evening from 6-7pm, is being moved to the Progress Hall in Lihs Street. Turn up for a fun hour of fitness, dance and music!