Thought for the Week:
Every success is built on the ability to do better than good enough.

Math @Home

Drawing to Scale
Fold a sheet of paper that is 10cm square, into 16 small squares. Draw a simple picture on the paper. Then take a sheet of paper that is twice the size, (20cm x 20cm) and fold it into 16 squares. Help your child to see how the folds on the smaller page can help them recreate the original picture at twice the size, on the larger piece of paper.

Welcome back to everyone to a new and, as always, busy 4th Term! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break with your family and that you managed to get away for a few days. We welcome Kristin to Year 2 and hope that and her family enjoy a long and happy association with Elliott Heads SS! Attendance will be really important this term, with end of year assessments and reports due.

SWIMMING STARTS NEXT MONDAY
Water confidence (P-3) and Swimming lessons (3-6) start next Monday 12 October. Payment of $40 for 8 weeks can be paid in full or in $5 weekly instalments.

PLEASE GET PERMISSION NOTES BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO ORGANISATION CAN BE FINALISED. AT THIS STAGE WE ONLY HAVE 9 PERMISSION NOTES RETURNED ACROSS THE WHOLE SCHOOL AND WE ARE STARTING NEXT MONDAY.

This activity is part of our school curriculum and ALL students are expected to participate. Please don't hesitate to discuss the program with us, if you have any questions.

FENCE FRIENDS
Have you seen our Fence Friends? Thanks Brent Whittaker! There are more in the pipeline as Mrs T has been working through the holidays. Get your photos in so we can keep her going. 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.

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION
Some months ago, Jillina Whittaker and I put in an application for a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to install a new climbing playground for Prep to Year 3. I'm very pleased to tell you that we have been successful! We have just over $31,000.00 to spend. The company who helped us prepare a quote for the submission will be here this week to help us plan our new playground. If you are interested, let me know. At this stage Geoff will be here on Thursday afternoon at 3.15 p.m.

DISCO POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK
The next P&C organised event is the Disco which was to be held this Friday 9th October. Due to other commitments, we will have difficulty staffing the disco this Friday, so we are holding it NEXT FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER INSTEAD.
See next page for further details.

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning

Great state. Great opportunity.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS:
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 17-09-15
P/1: Jake-Being a quiet achiever
2/3: Robert-Working well in groups with other students
3/4: Kiah-Improving spelling to move up in Words Their Way
3/4: Moana-Working to the best of her ability and producing quality work
5/6: Sarah-Working independently to complete assessment tasks.

CLASSES OF THE WEEK
PE: 2/3 MUSIC: 3/4 LOTE: None
Playground tokens: Spencer, Mia, Casey, Bella H
Attendance award: Jay sponsored by the school
Mathletics awards: Silver-Tyson; Gold-Libby
Newsletter Reader – Bella K
ROCKET INTO READING: 20 NIGHTS: Jayden, 90 NIGHTS: Sonny, 120 NIGHTS: Slade, Jaden, Jack

CLASS NEWS
ECHOES from PREP/1
It is great to be back from September break and hear about everyone’s exciting holiday events.
Term 4 will keep our students busy as we complete assessment pieces used to inform Reporting for semester 2.
In English we will be completing our Rhyming Unit which students will write and present their own poems as well as a group song Down by the Bay.
We look forward to meeting those students enrolling for Prep in 2016 and getting to know them through both playgroup and Prep Open Mornings this term. (Dates to be advised soon) We strongly encourage participation in these school readiness activities to assist a smooth transition to school.

KATHERINE, LIZ & DENISE

THE SCOOP from 2/3/4
It is the beginning of term 4 and we will be working hard to complete all areas of the curriculum required to be finished by the end of the year therefore it is important that every child is at school every day unless they are genuinely sick.

In English we will be focusing on persuasive text and poetry in different stories.

In Mathematics we will focus on every strand of the curriculum during the term including number, measurement, patterns and algebra, space, chance and data.
Throughout the next couple of weeks in Science, we will be completing our last unit on toy design, as well as the completion of our last Geography unit on our connections to places in the world.

We might need a few extra supplies to get us through to the end of the year so notes will be coming home if anything is required. Thank you. I will also be sending home some unused books, etc. that will not be required by the end of the year. You might be able to use them for younger children in the family or use them next year so please keep them somewhere handy.

Don’t forget that Homework and Library books are 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
Welcome back to the last term for 2015. We have busy and exciting weeks ahead.

This week we are continuing our English unit looking at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Stories, identifying language features, ideas, relationships and messages in the stories.

In Maths, year 3s are working on symmetry and shapes while year 4s are looking at measuring length, mass, temperature and capacity.

In Science and History we are completing assessments ready to start new units of work for this term.

Homework is starting this week, so please help your child to schedule some time to complete their maths, read and learn their spelling words.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 5/6
It is good to be back after an extended break to visit my parents in the Snowy Mountains of NSW, and I thank Mrs Shield for holding the fort during my absence. We hope you also had a great two weeks relaxing with your children

This week in English, we will be wrapping up the assessment item from our Term 3 Unit on News Media, before going on to our next unit, where we will be turning a factual text into a literary text for young readers.

In Maths this fortnight we will be looking at solving problems involving division by a one digit number, including those that result in a remainder and using efficient mental and written strategies and apply appropriate digital technologies to solve problems.

Next week we will have a visit from Central Queensland University who will present a personal development program designed especially for Grade 5 and 6 students as they prepare for high school, called “Who am I?”

Homework will start this week. Students will get their homework books on Wednesday and it will be due next Tuesday 13th October. This term, we will be having a homework party similar to the one held in 3/4, in the second last week of Term. Students who are invited to attend will need to have completed AND handed up AT LEAST 6 out of 8 weeks of homework. This includes 4 nights of spelling homework and two pages (one page front and back) of maths homework each week. We hope you will encourage your child to aim for the goal of attending the homework party, and in the process improve their spelling scores for the final term.

PLEASE HAVE CAMP DEPOSITS AND CHOCOLATE DRIVE BOX ORDERS IN ASAP, so we can finalise numbers. Thanks

LIZ & TEENY

COMMUNITY NEWS

Great Barrier Reef Clean-up 17-25 October 2015
Queens Park, Sat 24 October, 8.30am–12pm
Taking part in the Great Barrier Reef Clean-up will help reduce marine debris entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon in our region and raise awareness about marine debris issues.

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME
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Signed -

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**SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Thank you to those parents who make an effort to check what their children are bringing to school in their lunch boxes. Things have improved slightly, but there is still a lot of packaged food coming in, with fresh food. We know most students in the senior class are old enough to get their own lunches, but they still need their lunch boxes to be supervised by a parent. Thanks for helping to monitor that. We are asking parents to make sure their children have at least:

- a sandwich, wraps, rice cakes, or something similar
- tins of tuna are popular with many students
- salads
- leftovers from last night’s dinner
- a couple of pieces of fruit
- cheese and crackers, or cheese sticks
- water bottle

Please limit packaged food such as chips or muesli bars to a maximum of two pieces.


**CHAPPY CHAT**

Hello everyone.

Back to school, yay! I hope you all have had a lovely break and are ready for the adventures of term 4.

This month of October is Random Acts of Kindness Month. The aim is to encourage the students to think of others before themselves. As parents we can help too by encouraging them to do small things like baking a cake for their next door neighbour or picking some flowers for Nana as a ‘just because’ gift. There are so many ways we can make someone’s day a little brighter, so let’s all make a conscious effort to be kind to everyone we spend time with this month.

“Spread the love everywhere you go, let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”

Also, just a reminder that we do brekkie club every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.20am. Every student is welcome to join us; we love seeing their happy faces. We have Wheat-bix, toast and the very popular cheese toasties.

Have a great week.

Chappy Jess J

**CHAPLAINCY GRANT IS RUNNING OUT!**

In the next few weeks, we need to put in our application for the next three years of funding for the school’s Chaplaincy Program. As part of this grant, we need to prove that our school community supports the chaplaincy program. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could write or type a short letter telling us what you think of the Chaplaincy Program in our school, particularly the support provided to you and your children, by Chappy Jess. If your family has not had any direct assistance from Chappy Jess, but you support the ideals of the Chaplaincy Program, your letters would also be appreciated. If we can have something from you by NEXT MONDAY, that would be great. I’m also happy to take verbal comments from anyone wanting to let us know how you feel about the Chaplaincy program in person, to me or Chappy Jess. Thanks in advance for your help!

This support will also be discussed and put forward as a motion at next Monday’s P&C Meeting. Please feel free to come along at 12.00 to discuss the program and other issues relating to the school.

**FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE**

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