ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Yesterday, despite the heavy rain, we managed to get the discus events for 9-13 year olds finalised. Many thanks to Taryn Gollshewsy, Mrs G, Belinda Biggs and Mrs T for their help and organisation.

Unfortunately, we did not get the 800m in, with further heavy rain in the afternoon, so we'll have to try and get it done one afternoon next week.

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 next 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.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Parents are welcome to attend at 2.30 p.m. each Monday. No assembly this week due to the Monday public holiday, but watch this space for next week's winners!

FREE DRESS DAY

Thanks to everyone who has supported our free dress days with gold coin donations. It has helped give us the funds to buy prizes for the various stalls we will be holding at the Winter Magic Festival on 6th July

LAST CHANCE!

Next week is the last chance for students to bring in an item for their class basket and get a free ticket in the raffle 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 tomorrow’s P&C 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 each 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
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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. Notes and invoices went home today.

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.

A preliminary letter went home yesterday. Thanks to all those who responded by today. Tomorrow I will make a decision about the bus. At that point the official permission notes will go home. Thanks to parents who offered to assist with transport if we decide to go by car.

WORKING BEES

Today we took 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 have 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. It takes two people to work on one set of shelves, so talk a friend into coming with you. You can work on the shelves at any time that suits you. Even putting up one set of shelves will help. Please fill in the tear off slip or call into the office when you arrive and we'll point you in the right direction.

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 have donated 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/grandparents 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!

CLASS NEWS

PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS

The days are getting shorter and so is our term! Only a few days to go until we are on holidays. A reminder to name winter clothes so they can be returned to their owners, and check the lost property to locate those items that haven’t come home.

This week we are finalising our units for Term 2 and have had some fantastic presentations this week. The Year 1s should be commended for the excellent job they did presenting their poems and all of Prep/Year
for amazing drama performances of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. We look forward to seeing the orchestra of wind ornaments adorning our room soon as we complete our science assessment task and demonstrate our understandings the properties of different materials.

Most teachers spend this time of year busily collating, grading and reporting on student work, it is such a time consuming task but one of which is immensely powerful as we reflect on student growth socially, emotionally and academically.

It is wonderful to see how far each and everyone of you has come... to think back to Week 1, Term 1: students just beginning your learning journey slightly unsure of what lay ahead to the confident, keen students we have now. What a difference 6 short months can make with the right attitude! Thank you each and everyone of you for allowing us to support your learning and help you to reach each personal milestone. Each student and their parents should be proud of their achievements this semester. Enjoy reading through your reports next week and reflecting on the positive growth you have achieved.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

WHAT'S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2 / 3

This week in English, we are refining our persuasive skills. Some students are becoming experts at arguing their point, so be prepared for some well thought out arguments to get what they want.

In maths we are revising arrays and groups of. It’s fantastic to see that most of us are making the connection between ‘groups of’ and the multiplication symbol.

In our SOSE unit, we are finally making our string puppets. I am seeing some amazing designs, and some fantastic group work. With any luck we will be finished this week ready to paint them next week. Students are still encouraged to bring in the recycled material their group may need to make sure the puppets are looking awesome.

Pip

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

Another busy week with lots of things on the go. In English, students are completing their Procedural Dialogues. They are doing a great job and have understood the requirements of this text very well. I will be great to hear them presenting their work to the class next week.

In Science, we have been completing our tasks on living and non-living things. We have made predictions, investigations and justifications. Most of the students have developed a clear understanding of the content and have learned a lot about the scientific processes involved in an investigation.

Yesterday, notes were sent home to students who have earned the right to come to our homework party on Thursday next week. If you believe your child has done their homework most weeks and has not returned it to school for checking, please send them with their completed homework otherwise they will not receive an invitation.

We are all looking forward to the exciting events coming up next week. Hope to see you all here on Sports day to cheer us on!

Kelly

STUDENTS COUNCIL

Our student council, and Ella in particular, has been organising heats for our talent show. I was lucky enough to be present at the heats today and was surprised by three things: the talent of our students, their confidence in getting up in front of their peers and the good manners of the audience.

Congratulations to all those who have entered. If today’s heat was anything to go by, the final should be really something! The final will be held at the Winter Magic Festival on 6th July.

As part of our events planned for the upcoming school fair, the Student Council is running an Art Show. Students are encouraged to enter a drawing, collage, painting or sculpture. Mrs Brown has the slips for entering the artwork. Please take your item to her before the end of term. They will be displayed in the library reading for judging. Hopefully we will have a lot of great entries. Thanks to Libby in grade 2 for the great idea.

ELLIOtt SENIORS NEWS

We have had a finishing off week this week. We have had a number of students away, so they have been finishing off assessments. We’ve had a Maths tests this week too, and lots of art work being completed. Thanks Mrs T! Mrs T has also been working with some students to paint a board for our coin toss activity at the fair on 6th July.

We’ve also had a great talk by Janet from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, on how we can do lots of little things that will help keep the Great Barrier Reef and its animals healthy. Students were surprised at how much broken down plastic was found when sifting just 2-3 cups of beach sand through a sieve.
After an early torrential storm yesterday, we eventually got our discus event in, and we had some great throws from unexpected quarters.

Teeny and Bob

Thank you to all the ladies who have helped cover our new readers (all 406 of them) - in particular Tami and Karmen. They are finally finished and in the system.

Mrs Taske

Thanks to Casey’s Grandma for posting in her Woolies Earn and Learn stickers!

CHAPPY CHAT

Queensland Father of the Year, is proudly hosted by SU Qld. Do you know an outstanding dad who deserves to be recognised? Nominate him for the 2013 Queensland Father of the Year Award and he could win a five night holiday for him and his family at Sea World Resort & Water Park and the Gold Coast’s Favourite Theme Parks. If your nominee is named Queensland Father of the Year, you’ll win an Apple iPad Mini! Nominations are open until 15 July at qldfatheroftheyear.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

TEAR OFF SLIP: PETER PAN P-3 EXCURSION

I am interested in coming along to the Peter Pan Theatre Performance and will need ______ extra tickets @ $2 each.

NAME: ____________________________
PHONE: ________________

TEAR OFF SLIP: HELP ON SPORTS DAY BBQ

I can help for an hour on the P&C BBQ on Sports Day.

NAME: ____________________________
PHONE: ________________

TEAR OFF SLIP: WORKING BEE FOR SHELVES

☐ I can help on Friday 14th June to put some shelves together (any time that suits you).

NAME: ____________________________
PHONE: ________________