FAMILY BBQ THURSDAY NIGHT

We would love to see EVERY family in the school at our family BBQ on Thursday night at 5.00 p.m. We hold this BBQ every year so that we can have a social night with staff, parents and children in a relaxed atmosphere. ALL family members are most welcome, including other members of your immediate family (older and younger children) who live with you.

All food is free; you just need to have your order in by tomorrow morning at the latest so that we can shop. We’ll even supply the insect repellent! Drinks will be on sale on the night, for $1, except for milk poppers which are $1.50.

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION

We had a lovely ceremony to celebrate the induction of our new school leaders yesterday. Mr Stephen Bennett, State Member for Burnett was in attendance to award the badges.

Congratulations to our School Captains, Sarah, Rebecca and Toby; Turtles House Captains, Lachlan and Bella K; Dolphins House Captains, Sahara and Keely and Student Councillors Slade, Charlee, Mitchel M, Tyson, Riley, Ashanti and Mitchel B.

Congratulations to Sarah and Bella for the fine speeches they made on behalf of their fellow captains. Congratulations also to Gage and Levi who did a great job of running our special assembly, and to Kaleb, Caliou and Kaylem who helped tidy everything away after the ceremony. Thanks boys!

Our three school captains will be attending a leadership conference today, to develop their skills as leaders. We hope they have a great day.
AGM meeting: Monday, 16th March, 2015 at 9.15 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.
Our email address: pandc@elliottheadss.qs.edu.au

President: Amanda Hamzat
Secretary: Monica Ale
Treasurer/Vice: Belinda Biggs
FACEBOOK PAGE: Please ask to join!
Elliott Heads Parents and Staff- It's a great way for us to keep in touch with you!

YESTERDAY’S P&C MEETING

We had a good roll up at yesterday’s meeting, but would love to see some new faces at the AGM next month.

Topics discussed included starting up tuckshop one day a week, since we have had quite a few people from our local community offer their help. Can you help one day a month? A meeting will be called shortly for all those who expressed an interest in helping, to decide the beast day, menu, etc. We also discussed applying for a grant to replace the junior climbing playground.

Our P&C kindly pays for all students in Grades 3-6 to access Mathletics, an online Maths learning program, that can be accessed at school and at home.

At next month’s meeting the P&C will present a possible plan for fundraising this year. Please come along and support this dedicated group of parents who work hard to support YOUR children.

NEW ENROLMENT DETAILS

If your child/ren have recently transferred from another school, you might need to update your phone and address details. When we ‘pull’ you into our system, your child/ren come across with the details as they were entered at the previous school. Thanks!

STAFF MEETINGS

Staff meetings this year are on a Monday afternoon. Your help in not tying teachers up in discussions for too long on a Monday afternoon would be appreciated, so that we can get underway by 3.15 p.m.

CASUAL TEACHER AIDS AND VOLUNTEERS

We had 14 people at our training yesterday afternoon for all our Rotary Reader Volunteers and our casual teacher aids. It was fantastic to see everyone there to be brought up to date on topics such as Student protection, WHS, Right to Information, Privacy & Confidentiality and Code of Conduct. We have 4 new Rotary Readers doing their training today. This service is invaluable to our students. Our Rotary Reader Program and our Great Results Guarantee Program will both get underway next week. Many thanks for your help!

BARK CHIP

We have a large pile of fresh bark chips, from the removal of trees around the tennis court, for sale at $15 for a regular trailer/ute load. If you would like some, please call into the office to pay for your load and get the key. Please feel free to spread the word amongst the local community.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR 2015

1. Attendance: Regional target better than 96%
2. Reading: Success Schools Project
3. Numeracy: Number Strand
4. Progress into the Upper Two Bands-U2Bs

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

17 Feb GRIP Leadership Day for Captains
17/19 Feb Chappy at Induction training. Brekkie Club will still go ahead.
19 Feb Family BBQ, 5.00 p.m.
23 Feb Success Coach Katrina Kruger in school, working with teachers.
26/27 Feb Mrs Patterson@Principals Conference
04 Mar Mrs P@Cluster Meeting Keppock 4pm
4/6 Mar State Training for Chappies
09 Mar Success Coach Katrina Kruger in school, working with teachers.
12 Mar Commissioning Service for Chappy Jess@2.00pm, followed by Assembly
13 Mar EQ Speech Pathologist visiting
23 Mar Dental Van due at school

SCHOOL FOCUS FOR READING

STRATEGY FOR THIS FORTNIGHT-PREDICTING

Predicting helps us think about what we’re going to read.

Predicting lets us use what we already know about the topic or text we’re about to read.

When predicting we can use the

• title
• front and back covers
• blurb
• pictures or diagrams
• table of contents

We can think about the

• topic
• author
• what kind of text it is – a narrative? factual report? recount? poem?
• what kinds of words we’ll expect to see in the text
• what the contents of the text might be

Good readers keep making predictions and adjusting them all through their reading.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 05-02-15
PREP/1: Slade Great start to the year; always learning and an engaged and respectful student
YEAR 2/3/4: Charlee A respectful learner in class
YEAR 3/4: Stephanie A great start and great all round effort
YEAR 5/6: Calliou A positive start to the new year

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: All classes MUSIC: 3/4 LOTE: Brooke

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 12-02-15
PREP/1: Marley Always giving his best efforts, and trying hard
YEAR 2/3/4: Jacob Doing excellent Maths work this week
YEAR 3/4: Sam Being a pleasure to teach and always giving his best
YEAR 5/6: Mitchel Excellent participation in Maths Groups

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: P/1 MUSIC: 3/4 LOTE: Bella H

NEWSLETTER READER: Mia
100% ATTENDANCE AWARD: Luca knows every day counts! Thanks to the Whittaker family for sponsoring!

CLASS NEWS
ECHOES from PREP/1
We are well and truly on our learning journeys after ironing out some initial kinks. Prep/1 students will participate with the Year 2/3/4 class each morning in ability based literacy groups for Spelling, handwriting, phonics, reading, comprehension and word work.

In Middle and Afternoon session we will then work on a P/1 program for English, Maths, History, Art, Technology and Health. On Friday Mrs Shield will be doing English revision, Maths and Science. Our English unit this term is Enjoying our New World. Children will be working with literary and non-literary texts to explore predictable text structures and common visual patterns. So far we have read some wonderful stories such as The Magic Hat, I Went Walking and Imagine as well as some digital texts. In Maths we will be covering different focus areas of the curriculum weekly, which align to the revision sheets included in the homework booklets.

We will be teaching and assessing History this semester beginning with the Unit-Tell a Story About the Past. Our Art and Technology program will be linked to helping us represent our understandings of history concepts. In Health we will be explicitly teaching the You Can Do It program and health and safety practices required for school. We all enjoyed the official start to the Playgroup program last Thursday morning and were excited about the amount of new and returning playgroup friends for us to learn through play with.

KATH, LIZ & DENISE
THE SCOOP from 2/3/4
We have been settling into a new routine and getting used to the higher expectations of the Year 2/3/4 workloads. This is challenging some students and they are becoming more tired by the end of the day so please ensure your child is in bed early each night and had a good breakfast each morning. In English we have been focusing on Activating Prior Knowledge and emotions of characters in a variety of texts. Maths has been focusing on Number Representations and Shape which include 2 digit numbers and 2D and 3D shapes. In History we are discovering about changes in technology and how this has changed the way of life in the world. We are investigating Living Things in Science and will be having a class animal and plants that we will be caring for over the year. If you have any interesting old items that the students could look at and see the changes over time, we would love to borrow them for a day to explore.

TANYA
THE BUZZ from 3/4
We have had a great few weeks in grade 3/4 to start our year. Everyone is working hard and I am enjoying teaching them all.

Homework has started off well. You may have noticed a number of changes to homework already as I sort out the best options for your children. I have decided to make the Homework Grid a fortnightly sheet, but students still need to complete their spelling words and maths sheet each week, and read each night if possible. I have altered the maths homework and have pretested students and added extension words if necessary. Homework is sent home on Monday and is due in on Monday. We will have a Homework Party at the end of the term for students who consistently complete their homework.

In Maths, Year 3s have been working on counting sequences, odd and even numbers, place value and partitioning numbers in standard and non-standard ways. Year 4s have revised strategies for addition and subtraction and have been working with equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, and adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators.

In English we have continued our work on Persuasive texts. We have read "I wanna Iguana" and two different versions of "The three litle pigs" where we compared different points of view.

In Science we have been working on grouping items as scientists would, and developed a key for discovering which breakfast cereal we were looking at, as well as an ID card for our vegetables.

In History we've been able to pose questions and use sources to investigate the answers. We have also looked at what makes a place significant to different members of our community.

It has been a busy couple of weeks so I hope you all enjoyed your Valentines Gifts from your children.

KELLY
HOT GOSS from 5/6
We have had a busy start to the term, with Speeches, Captains and School Council Elections and Leadership Ceremonies, but the majority of students have settled in really well, and have been living up to expectations.

It is wonderful to be back on deck and back on track with our History, Geography and Science. The students have been working brilliantly on all of our tasks to catch up. This week in History we have been exploring the causes and effects the Gold rush had on the colonies of Ballarat and Bendigo. Today in Geography, we will be exploring where Australia sits in relation to other countries as well as review what the meaning of BOLTTSS. In Science, we will be exploring the structural and behavioural adaptations of animals and creating some habitat murals to demonstrate our understanding of and the effectiveness of camouflage for animal survival.

Please remember that homework is due on Tuesdays.

TEENY & LIZ
COMMUNITY NEWS:
Elliott Heads Book Club
Meet up once a month to meet new friends, enjoy good company, book discussion and a glass of wine. Each person hosts a month and chooses a book to read and discuss. We can work out the details at the first meeting.

Come along on Thursday 26th February, at 7.30 p.m. To Donna Bray’s home at 201 Atkinson’s Road, Elliott Heads. Contact Donna on 0432 255 341, if you are interested in coming along.

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