SCHOOL MOTTO: Every Hand Strives for Success
SCHOOL RULES: Respect, Responsibility and Safety

Thought for the Week:
There was once a cross-eyed teacher who couldn’t control her pupils. (Not at Elliott Heads of course)

FROM THE P&C
Next meeting: Thursday, 20th Feb 2014, at 9.00 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.
Our email address: pandc@elliottheadsss.eq.edu.au
COMING EVENTS: Watch this space!
FACEBOOK PAGE:
• Elliott Heads Parents and Staff
  Please ask to join our Facebook Page, as it is a great way for us to keep in touch with you. We post reminders, let you know when there are specials on school supplies and, most importantly of all, we post photos on the page after most of the school’s special events. This page is a closed group, so only parents and in special circumstances, other close relatives, are accepted as members.

GREAT START
Thank you to our students, parents and staff for a wonderful start to the new year! All students have settled in well, and most have all of their equipment and books. I am on leave for a few days this week, due to a long standing appointment in Brisbane. Mrs Shield will be on class and Mrs Brown will be relieving principal in my absence.

PLAYGROUP STARTS NEXT THURSDAY 13th FEB
Elliott Heads State School runs a playgroup for birth to 4 years of age. It is held in the Prep/1 classroom on Thursdays from 9.00-11.00a.m. Activities are organised for the children, who work in with our prep students. It is an ideal way for you to meet other mums in the area, as well as a great way for your 4 year olds to become familiar with the school environment before they make their big step into Prep next year. The morning finishes with morning tea, so please bring a plate to share.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
05 Feb  First assembly@2.30pm. Parents welcome
06 Feb  Miss Thompson on leave. Ms Jo relieving
05-10 Feb Mrs Patterson on leave.
        Mrs Shield on class; Mrs Brown relieving
12 Feb  Captain’s Speeches at Assembly
14 Feb  Captain’s announced
18 Feb  Leadership Conference for Captains
19 Feb  House Captain’s Speeches at Assembly
21 Feb  House Captains announced
20 Feb  First P&C Meeting for 2014
25 Feb  Prep Photo
26 Feb  Captains’ Induction Ceremony (To be confirmed pending arrival of badges)

Term Dates
Term 1: 28/01/14 to 04/04/14
Term 2: 22/04/14 to 27/06/14
        21/04/14 Easter Monday Public Holiday
        25/04/14 ANZAC Day
        09/06/14 Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Term 3: 14/07/14 to 19/09/14
Term 4: 07/10/14 to 12/12/14
        06/10/14 Labour Day Public Holiday
        20/10/14 Pupil Free Day

PREP PHOTO
The News-mail will be coming out to take our Prep Photo on the 25th February at 10am. Please ensure your Preppie is dressed neatly in full school uniform on this day. There is a tear off slip at the back of the newsletter to confirm your consent for this photo.

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER COMING
Don’t forget our new newsletter will be coming soon.

New Look—New Name!
We are running a competition, with a small prize, for the catchiest title for our new look newsletter! Submit your entry on the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter, in the box provided in the office.

Advertising
The newsletter is free to us, through local advertising. If you would like to advertise, complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter to register your interest. To look at designs or find out more about advertising, go to www.http://austnews.com.au/newsletter_services.php

NEW WEB AND EMAIL ADDRESSES
Please note that our school email and web addresses have changed. If you have these bookmarked at home, please remember to change them.
School email: the.principal@elliottheadsss.eq.edu.au
CAPTAIN’S SPEECHES
On February 12 and 19, we will hear from our prospective School Captains (12th) and Sports Captains (19th). Parents are welcome to come along and listen. Since both Grade 7 and Grade 6 are graduating this year, students in both grades are eligible to stand for School Captains and House Captains. In the event that there are not enough candidates for House Captain, Yr 5 students will be invited to apply.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT
Otherwise known as SWPBS!
This year, our school will join the growing ranks of schools undertaking School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. This includes staff, parents and students all being on the same page with regard to expectations. This week and next, we are focusing on SAFETY. The aspect of safety we are concentrating on is WALKING ON ALL CONCRETE AREAS. You can help by ensuring that when your children are under your care, before and after school, you remind them to observe this rule when coming into, or leaving the school grounds. Thanks for your help.

ANDREW NADER
Andrew Nader, a past student of our school, has been selected to represent Central Queensland in the Cyril Connell Cup, the ultimate achievement within the U16’s Rugby League community. A fundraising raffle is being held to assist with costs. First prize is a choice of a signed Jersey from either the Penrith Panthers or the Cronulla Sharks. The Jerseys are valued at $750 each and the raffle is limited to 100 tickets. If you would like to purchase a ticket complete the tear off slip and return it to the office.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS
Yesterday, students from Burnett Heads visited us as part of the Chinese New Year Celebrations. We were very fortunate to see the Chinese Dragon and Lions in a short performance in the undercover area. Check the Bundaberg Regional Council website for more information on the celebrations in the Bundaberg area this weekend.

INVOICES
Invoices will come home soon for the additional programs we use in our classrooms. The P&C is already paying the student subscription for Mathletics, which saves parents $15/year. We also have a reading subscription that covers good quality school reading magazines used in reading lessons in the upper school and Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress online in the lower and middle schools.

In addition this year there is a subscription for Soundwaves online, which is much cheaper than parents buying the student workbooks, and much more flexible for teachers to use in class.

ROAD CROSSING SAFETY
Oops! We forgot to attach our road and crossing safety information sheet. It’s attached this week. Can parents please set a good example to their children by always crossing at the flagged crossing, both when it is manned in the afternoon and when it isn’t in the mornings? It gets your children into good habits. Thanks!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:
Assembly is held at 2.30 p.m. each Wednesday. Parents are most welcome to attend.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
PREP/1: Charlee S
For: Being a really responsible student who does her best at all times.

YEAR 2/3: Adara C
For: Settling into her class work quickly and quietly.

YEAR 4/5: Kody W
For: Starting 2014 off amazingly.

YEAR 5/6/7: Jesse W
For: A really positive start to the year.

CLASSES OF THE WEEK
PE: 2/3
MUSIC: -
LOTE AWARD: None last week

PLAYGROUND AWARDS:
Playground awards starting this coming week.

NUDE FOOD PRIZE: Olivia H
NEWSLETTER READER: Joel B
ATTENDANCE AWARD: Zeb G

Students who attend school every day of the previous week, go into a draw for a $10 gift voucher to encourage good attendance.

Many thanks to the Marshall and Chesney families who are already sponsoring one of our weekly awards. That only leaves 8 to go. If there are any other families, or businesses would like to sponsor one of these awards, we’d love to hear from you.

CLASS NEWS
PREP/YEAR 1
Welcome to all of our new families starting Prep this year and to Konna
who joins us in Year 1! We have had a very busy start to the school year and have settled in really well. We are enjoying working with all the students and getting to know each of them better as they gain confidence. It is pleasing to have our Year 1 students modelling great behaviour and kindness in helping out and befriending their younger peers. Our big focus early this term is routines and transitions and knowing the appropriate way to conduct themselves in each setting. This includes gaining independence in morning routines, toileting, getting drinks, eating lunch, playing, lining up, moving to specialist classes, parade and many more. We are also learning lots about how to be a successful learner and strategies we can use to redirect or focus on learning such as 1-2-3 magic, whole body listening, fidget toys and deep breathing. If you have any concerns, would like to know more about how your child is going at school or the classroom program please come and chat with the class teachers Katherine or Liz before or after school.

Kath, Liz, Denise & Margaret

What’s the scoop? in YEAR 2/3
Wow what an amazing start to the year, and a huge welcome to our new students. Everyone has settled into our classroom routine quickly, which is fantastic. We have surely hit the ground running. The year 2’s are discovering how important it is to write on demand and the year 3’s are rediscovering how vital editing their work is. I’m super impressed with the effort all of the students have put into their writing so far.

In Science we are exploring objects, materials and the properties they are made of. And in maths we have named our rotation groups after some famous mathematicians. Just a quick note, maths homework is only one page per week; however Soundwaves homework involves completing the unit (which is two pages). We encourage Home Readers to be changed as frequently as possible and homework is due back either Friday or following Monday. I look forward to another incredible year at Elliott Heads and please if you have any queries come and see me.

Pip ☺

The Buzz in YEAR 4/5
We have had a great start to 2014 and have welcomed 2 new students into year 5, Mitchel and Kaylem.

Homework has begun. Your child will have a unit of Sound Waves to complete (2 pages) and a page in their Maths booklet, each week. The home reader can be changed as often as required. All homework needs to be handed in on Friday or the following Monday. In English, we have started reading ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl and have been investigating noun and verb groups, text connectives, pronouns and direct and indirect speech. In Maths, we have been working on numbers up to 10000 and have been partitioning them in standard in non-standard ways. In Science we are looking at the properties of various materials and their purposes. Our first lesson was very messy as we investigated a very slimy substance. It has been great to see everyone remembering their fruit/veg for fruit break. We have this at 9.45am each day and it really helps to regain focus for the rest of the morning.

Kelly

YEAR 5/6/7
We have had a fantastic start to the year. It does help that most students were with us last year and know the classroom routines, and the Year 5s who have joined us, and our new students Seth, Rebecca and Raymond, have all settled in well too.

Our English unit this term is on short stories, and we have been reading ‘GLADYS’ by Jackie French. We have also started Spelling this week, with homework being sent home on Monday. After this week, our homework will run Friday to Thursday, when it will be marked. Last week’s ‘Word of the Week’ was ‘procrastinate’, which means to put off doing something that needs to be done (like cleaning up the bedroom!). This week students offered suggestions and we have decided to go with ‘zephyr’ (pronounced zeefer) which is a gentle breeze. Although we don’t have a fruit break, students are welcome to bring into the classroom cut up fruit, grapes, nuts and dried fruit, an apple or banana that they can hold in their hand, so they can munch while they work.

Teeny

In History this term, we are focusing our studies on why and how Australia became a nation and discover how Australian society has changed throughout the 20th century. The assessment for this unit will be a collection of work throughout the term and completed during class time. In Science we are taking a look at ‘Matter’. We will be observing how matter can change as well as examine these changes as either reversible, irreversible, recycling. We are hoping that time will allow as to investigate changes of matter via a variety of experiments and scientific discussions.

This year we are kicking off our Geography curriculum which replaces the subject area of SOSE. Each unit of work within Geography will span a whole semester therefore we will cover two units over one year. We have begun this year with a unit which concentrates on the students gaining the knowledge of exactly what Geography is and what the term diversity means in
relation to place.
If you have any questions regarding these particular curriculum areas, please feel free to touch base with me before or after school on either a Wednesday or Thursday.

Liz Shield

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR CLINICS @ CORAL COVE GOLF CLUB
Ages 7 – 12      Tuesday's 4pm – 5:30pm
From Tuesday 18th Feb to Tuesday 1st April 2014

Ages 13 – 17     Wednesday's 4pm – 5:30pm
From Wednesday 19th Feb to Wednesday 2nd April

These lessons will cater for children to learn the game of golf whilst also getting outdoors, meeting new friends, and having a great time. Students will learn the basic fundamentals of the golf swing including chipping, pitching, putting, and full swing as well as being able to play on the beautiful Coral Cove Golf Course. COST: $70 per child ($10 per week)
Includes the use of Coral Cove Golf Club facilities, all golf equipment, and drinks.

SEA EAGLES MINI MOD RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN ON. Saturday 8th February at the new training grounds, Springfield Park. From 9am to 11am. Open to boys and girls 8 to 13 years. Phone Scott 0429021422

TEAR OFF SLIPS
There is a box for Tear Off Slips on the counter in the office.

Tear Off Slip: Raffle Ticket
I would like to purchase a raffle ticket to assist Andrew Nader. I enclose $10
NAME: __________________________
CONTACT NUMBER: ______________________

Tear Off Slip: Name Our Newsletter Comp
My suggestion for a new title for our school newsletter is:
TITLE: ___________________________________
NAME: _________________________________
CONTACT NUMBER: _________________________

Tear Off Slip: Volunteer Crossing Helpers
I am willing to undertake training to help out as a crossing supervisor:
NAME: _______________________________
CONTACT NUMBER: _______________________

Tear Off Slip: Weekly Attendance Awards
Our family or business is interested in sponsoring one of the weekly attendance awards for $40/year.
NAME: _______________________________
CONTACT NUMBER: _______________________

Tear Off Slip: Email Newsletters
I would like to receive the newsletter by email:
NAME: ___________________________________
Email: ___________________________________

Tear Off Slip: Prep Photos
I give consent for my child to be photographed with the Prep Class, to be published in the News-Mail:
Childs name: ___________________________
Parent Signature: ________________________

Students returning their “I read my Newsletter” slip go into a draw for a prize at assembly.

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME
Name -
Signed-