ELLIOTT HEADS REVIEW
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Thought for the Week:
Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.

FROM THE P&C
Our next meeting is 23 August at 9.00 a.m.

Upcoming events:
- Pizza Day 14th August
- Toastie Day 28th August
- Fathers’ Day Stall: 28, 29 & 30 September
- Walkathon and Hot Food Day 11th September

Our email address is: pandc@elliheadss.eq.edu.au and we will be happy to bring up your issue for you.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER
02 Aug  Athletics Salter Oval
06 Aug 123 Magic for Parents 9-11.30
08 Aug  Future Leaders Eco Challenge Tour
 Selected Grade 5-6 students
13 Aug 123 Magic for Parents 9-11.30
 Grade 7 Transition to Kepnock SHS
 Parent transport help needed
14 Aug  Pizza Day
20 Aug 123 Magic for Parents 9-11.30
28 Aug  Maths Team Challenge
 Selected Grade 5-7 Students
28 Aug  P&C Fathers’ Day Stall
29 Aug  P&C Fathers’ Day Stall
30 Aug  P&C Fathers’ Day Stall
11 Sep  Walkathon & Hot food day

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
Thank you to those parents who have returned their school opinion surveys. There are, however, still quite a few not returned. This survey helps us make decisions about what to change in our school, based on the opinions of staff, parents and students, and also lets us know if you think we are doing a good job. PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEYS TOMORROW, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THANKS!

EXEMPTION FROM COMPULSORY SCHOOLING
Student absences of 10 days or more require an ‘Exemption from Compulsory Schooling’ process to be completed. This regulation has extended to include illness with a medical certificate provided. Should you need to remove your child from school for more than 10 days, you are required to make an appointment with Mrs Patterson to complete the necessary forms.

WRITERS CAMP
On Tuesday, two of our Year 5 students attended the Writers Camp held at Bucca Retreat. Kepnock State High School organised and sponsored the day to encourage the writing talents of up and coming students. Aimee and Caitlin learnt many new strategies to help them develop their skills. Thank you to Kepnock for providing this great opportunity for our students and Mrs Taske who accompanied the girls on the day.

DANCE FEVER
Dance Fever continues today. This program is part of our curriculum and all children will be participating. Your help in paying your invoice of $27 for the nine week program, as soon as possible, will be appreciated. If you can’t pay the $27 up front, please pay $3 per child per week. Thanks!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS

Our very own 123 Magic Course
We have managed to get our very own 123 Magic Course right here at Elliott Heads SSI Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lee have attended this course for teachers and highly recommend it.

They have been implementing it in their classroom for the last 4 weeks and are having success with it. If your child has any behavioural difficulties, or you just want to find out about what is being implemented in the Prep/1 classroom, please consider signing up. We are running the course on Tuesday mornings during Playgroup time, so that we can help out with babysitting while parents are at the course. The school will also provide morning tea.

Come along to learn how to manage difficult behavior in Children from 2-12:

✓ To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
✓ To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance
✓ To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent
WHAT: A 3 session program for parents/carers
WHERE: Elliott Heads State School Library
WHEN: August 6, 13 and 20, 2013
TIME: 9.00-11.30 a.m.

Please sign up using the TEAR OFF SLIP

Maths Course
A brochure was sent home last week about a Maths Course for parents from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday 28th August at Bundaberg Central State School. I know there have been lots of parents at interviews saying they can’t help their kids with Maths homework, because it’s all different from when they went to school. We’ll here’s your opportunity to catch up with how Maths is taught now and why it’s changed!

Our teachers will be there at the same time, at a teacher Maths course. Please send in the TEAR OFF SLIP if you are interested in attending.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE
Please note the new web address as we had it printed incorrectly in last week’s newsletter. It is: https://elliottheadss.eq.edu.au. Save it in your favourites for easy access and don’t forget to download the QSchools app to get updates every time an alert or new news story is added to the website.

FACEBOOK PAGES
Teachers are increasingly using the Elliott Heads Parents and Staff Facebook page to upload photos of class and school activities. If you want to look at these photos you need to go to our Facebook page and ask to become a member.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
On Tuesday 13 August, Grade 7 students will have an opportunity to attend Kepnock SHS for a Transition Program that involves lessons in some of the Key Learning Areas. As there is only a small group, we usually get parent help for transport. There will be a separate note coming home later.

MATHS TEAM CHALLENGE
On Wednesday 28 August, some of our more talented Mathematicians in Grades 5-7 will have an opportunity to participate in the Maths Team Challenge, where they will pit their skills against students from about 30 other primary schools.

SOCIAL MEDIA
The internet, mobile phones and social media provide wonderful opportunities for you to network and socialise online. While these technologies provide positive platforms for sharing ideas, they also have the potential to cause pain and suffering to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

It is important to remember that sometimes negative comments that parents post about their school community have a greater impact than expected. Reputations of teachers, schools, principals and even parents can be permanently damaged – and in some cases, serious instances of inappropriate online behaviour are dealt with by police and the court system.

Being aware of a few simple strategies can help keep the use of social media positive and constructive:

- Before you post something online, ask yourself if the community or individual really need to know. Is it relevant, positive and helpful?
- What you post online is a direct reflection of who you are. People will potentially form lasting opinions of you based on what you post online.
- Be a good role model. If things get heated online consider logging out and taking a few moments to think. Hasty, emotive responses could inflame situations unnecessarily.
- Be mindful when commenting, try to keep general and avoid posting anything that could identify individuals.
- Online discussions between you and your friends can very quickly be shared with a wider audience.
- Taking a few moments to think about the content you are about to post could save upset, embarrassment, and possible legal action.
- As a parent you have a role in supervising and regulating your child’s online activities at home and its impact on the reputation and privacy of others. Parents are their child’s first teachers - so they will learn online behaviours from you.

Is it appropriate to comment or post about schools, staff or students?

Parental and community feedback is important for schools and the department. If you have a compliment, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to the school about the matter, rather than discussing it in a public forum.

While many schools use social media to update parents of school notices, the department prefers that parents contact schools directly with a compliment, complaint or enquiry due to privacy considerations. Imagine if your doctor, accountant or banking institution tried to contact you to discuss important matters via Facebook.
If you have raised an issue with a school or know that another person who has, consider refraining from discussing those details on social media, particularly the names of anyone involved. Keep comments calm and polite, just as you would over the telephone or by email. If you encounter negative or derogatory content online which involves the school, hinders a child's learning and/or affects the school community at large, contact the school principal.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has had a good start back to Term 3 and we look forward to sharing the morning with children who visit from our community. We have explored the short vowel sounds this term and have enjoyed lots of hands on activities including painting, sandpit play, obstacle course, playdough, dress ups, block play, computers, threading, printmaking and interesting activities such as walking on eggs! Playgroup is an excellent opportunity to assist with the transition to school and it is recommended that parents with children due to commence school in 2014 try to begin attending. Parents of children commencing Prep in 2014 should commence the enrolment process through the office so we are able to include you in future communications, including Prep Transition in Term 4.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

MUSIC AWARD:  Prep/1
PE AWARD:  3/4
LOTE AWARD:  Olivia

PLAYGROUND AWARDS:

Kody, Charlie D, Carly and Soren

NEWSLETTER READER:  Keely F

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

P/1  Zoie: always trying her best, especially in English and Maths
2/3  Isak: amazing dance move and always willing to have a go
3/4  Soren: For enthusiasm and effort in writing.
5/6/7 Sharnee: Fantastic improvement in spelling
Shane: For great work on his balloon car

CLASS NEWS

PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS

Week 4 has brought out the inner poet in our students. Prep students have composed their own short poem using rhyming knowledge they have developed through our Term 3 English Unit. They will be practicing and performing these for our class next week, please practice with them at home also. Year 1 students busy completing individual reading and comprehension assessments and continuing to develop their understandings of characters through exploring rhyming text. In health this term we will be exploring personal hygiene which is especially important within the winter months in helping to prevent the spread of illness. On this topic, please make sure that you inform the school of any absences illness related or other so they can be accounted for, that children bring a jumper each day and keep it in their bag if they do not wish to wear to school and that a healthy snack is packed that is a fruit or vegetable for munch break each day. Don't forget the 1, 2, 3 Magic Course for parents starting at our school next Tuesday, we highly recommend this program which we are using in the classroom to assist behaviour management. Katherine, Denise & Margaret

WHAT'S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2 / 3

In English we are preparing to start our assessment piece, writing a procedural text based on the wonderful medicine that George created for his father in the amazing book "George's Marvellous Medicine" by Roald Dahl. It's fantastic that students have realised that we can follow a procedure that doesn't consist of a recipe.

In math we are exploring units of measurement. We are confident in measuring length with cm and mm. We are still examining how we measure the capacity of different containers.

In history we are continuing our in-depth research regarding our unique local Aboriginal history. We are learning how to read through a text of information and highlight key words that will assist in our note taking. It's great to see that some students have shown initiative and have begun researching our local history at home, keep up the good work.

Pip 

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

It's great to be back with the class this week. Thanks to Mrs Pickard for doing such a great job while I was away. This week we have started reading 'Nanberry Black Brother While' a true story about the beginning of colonisation in Australia. It is very interesting so far. In Maths, we are working hard to 'smash' our learning of 2 times tables. Year 3's are also working on number bonds to 20.

Science has been super cool this week. We have made a cold pack using bicarb and citric acid - very cool!
A short piece for a short week! With my absence yesterday and most students at Jumps Day and Salter Oval this week, there hasn’t been a lot happening in our room. It was nice to get back today and hear from the relief teacher that she’d had a good day yesterday. Thanks kids! This week in Maths we’ve been testing out rules for divisibility, something we’ve been having some trouble with, but it now seems as if everyone has a handle on it. The students who have been with me today have worked really well all day. We think all the naughty people in our class must be at Jumps Day!!!! Mrs Campbell has also appreciated some help from our girls in Prep/1 today.

Teeny and Bob

COMMUNITY NEWS

**BARGARA STRAWBERRY FAIR**

WHERE: Coral Coast Christian Church
Cnr Windemere & Back Windemere Rds
WHEN: 3rd August; 9.00am-3.00pm
WHAT: Lots of free fun activities for families

**BUNDABERG QUILTERS TAKE OVER AUGUST**

Quilting Competition and Exhibition
WHEN: 10th & 11th August, 10am-4pm
WHERE: Bundaberg Family Centre @ the Showgrounds, Kensington & Walker Sts
COST: Gold Coin Entry

Textile Art Group Exhibition
WHEN: 18th August, 10am-4pm
WHERE: School of Arts Building in Bourbong St
COST: Gold Coin Entry

**Norville State School Fete**

The Norville SS P & C Association is excited to present the bi-annual Norville SS Fete. The Fete will be held on Sunday 11 August from 10am to 2pm. Entertainment and fun for the whole family! There will be a variety of rides on offer such as jumping castles, mini jeeps and merry-go-rounds. Food will be available including burgers, pies and fairy floss. There will be an array of stalls displaying items for sale and games to play. We will also be holding a continuous raffle featuring a huge number of prizes. Our students will be providing a full schedule of entertainment throughout the day. Come and join in the fun at Norville SS on Dr Mays Road, Bundaberg.

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**BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT**

Bundaberg SHS is currently taking enrolments for Year 8 2014 and parents of Year 7 students are intending to enrol with us are invited to contact the school and commence the enrolment process. Please contact the school on 41545302 for further information or to arrange an enrolment package be mailed to you.

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**TEAR OFF SLIP - MATHS FOR PARENTS**

Name: _________________________________
Phone: _______________________
I am interested in attending the Maths Session for Parents at Bundaberg State School on Wednesday 28th August, from 4.00pm - 6.00 pm.

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**TEAR OFF SLIP - 123 MAGIC @ EHSS**

Name: _________________________________
Phone: _______________________
I am interested in attending the 123 Magic Course at EHSS on August 6, 13 and 20, from 9.00-11.30 am

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