**Thought for the Week:**
It is never too late to become what you might have been.

**DISCIPLINE AUDIT**
Our school discipline policies will undergo an audit next Thursday 7th August. The Discipline Auditor, Michael Sawbridge, will be phoning parents at random, on Friday, to talk to them about discipline at the school and the School’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

Attached to this newsletter is a summary of our review of the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, discussed at our Parent Meeting a few weeks ago. Thanks to staff and parents who have helped us prepare for this audit by participating in these discussions and meetings.

**BEHAVIOUR TARGET FOR THIS WEEK**
We have noticed an increase in inappropriate personal contact at school recently and will be targeting this in classrooms this week.

The behaviours we have been noticing include hugging and kissing. While these might seem harmless enough, many students do not like this invasion of personal space. In some cases the hugging is done with such force and enthusiasm that children are knocked over on the walkway as they arrive at school.

We will be approaching this issue from the point of view that hugging and kissing is reserved for close family and relatives, or lifelong friends whom you have not seen for a long time.

We will discuss with students the fact that it is not necessary for students to hug or kiss classmates that they saw only yesterday, or in some cases at the last play break only 90 minutes ago!

We would appreciate your support at home in bringing this to the attention of your children.

**LEVEL REWARD AFTERNOON**
This Friday afternoon, 1st August, we will be holding our first Levels Reward Afternoon. Except for newly enrolled students, all students have now received their Bronze Ribbon and quite a few reached their Silver Ribbon at yesterday’s assembly.

**Bronze Reward** will be an ice block and free play afternoon.

**Silver reward** will be a movie with popcorn and a drink.

Students on Silver may choose their preferred reward (play or movie). The movie is rated PG (Lego) so requires parent permission. If your child is on Silver please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter.

**SCOOT-A-THON NEXT TUESDAY**
Next Tuesday 5th August, the P&C will be holding our biggest fundraiser for the year: a Scoot-a-thon. Sponsorship forms went home a few weeks ago. This year we are going with Adidas, as the company to provide us with incentive prizes for children who raise money for the school. Although the form says Walkathon, it will be a Scoot-a-thon. Sponsorship forms need to be returned, with money by Monday 11th August.

We will be running the Scoot-a-thon in a similar way to the scooter day, with each class only out of school for 45 minutes on the day. All riders will need a helmet. Those without scooters might be able to borrow one from a friend in another class. It will be up to students and their parents to make arrangements between families to borrow/ lend scooters.

**Scoot-a-thon Timetable**
4/5 will be on the track at 9.45 a.m.
Prep/1 will be on the track at 11.45 a.m.
5/6/7 will be on the track at 12.30 p.m.
2/3 will be on the track at 1.45 p.m.
Come along and join your child on the track!

**P&C RAFFLE**
The P&C Raffle will be drawn on the Dance night. Please get your tickets in before then. Thanks for all those who have already returned them.
P&C PICKINGS

Next meeting: Wed, 20th August, at 9.30 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.

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President: Amanda Hamzat
Vice-President: Sarah Patience
Secretary: Monica Ale
Treasurer: Belinda Biggs

FACEBOOK PAGE: Elliott Heads Parents and Staff

Ask to join us. It’s a great way for us to keep in touch with you!

2014 FUNDRAISING PLAN

- 05 August: Scoot-a-thon
- 13 August: Pizza Day
- 29 August: Dance Night Food Stall/Raffle Draw
- Late Term 3: Fathers’ Day Stall
- Early Term 4: Family Portraits

DANCE NIGHT

Our dance night is on 29th August. Students have been learning dances in their Arts lessons and will present them for parents on the night. Parents will be invited to participate with their children! We hope to have the local bowls club offering meals for families at reasonable prices. Watch this space!

JUMP ROPE JILL

We had a very entertaining visit from Canadian Skipping Champion, Jump Rope Jill. Several students learnt new skills and Mrs Patterson was ‘roped’ into the program! There are some good photos on our Facebook page! Are you a member? https://www.facebook.com/groups/3183291174918927/

TARYN UPDATE

Tracy has now joined Taryn in Glasgow at the Commonwealth Games. Taryn’s event begins at 5.30 a.m. on Friday morning. At this stage, her final is scheduled for 3.15 a.m. on Saturday morning, with the medal ceremony following at 4.55 a.m., but you’ll need to check out the Facebook page for updates. As her Friday event start time has changed from the original time by 45 minutes, Taryn’s Commonwealth Games Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/TarynPolishawskyGlasgow2014?ref=ts

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Next Thursday and Friday, students who have qualified at our Athletics Carnival, will go to St Luke’s for Jumpa Day and Salter Oval for Athletics and Ball Games. All students have received notes. They’re due in to the office, with $5 per day for the bus, by next Wednesday. The bus leaves at 8.15 a.m. so bus children will need to be driven to school on those days.

CHAPPY CHAT

Hi everyone! Welcome back to term 3. I hope this finds you refreshed after the holidays and ready to go for another term.

I would like to thank you all for your support of the chaplaincy service here at Elliott Heads School. The High Court handed down its judgement and there has been a lot of incorrect information in the media. Below is the press release from the CEO of Scripture Union Queensland.

The Judgement: In line with the Court’s views in the first Williams case, the Court has ruled against the current funding model, meaning another change must be made in order for funding to continue.

This is not an anti-chaplaincy ruling, but rather a ruling about where the balance lies between State and Federal government spending powers. In fact, the High Court’s Chief Justice and four other members of the court have made very positive comments about chaplaincy and how it benefits students:

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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"...it may be assumed that provision of chaplaincy services at a school will help some students. Provision of those services will be of benefit to them. It will be of "benefit" to them in the sense of providing them with an advantage or a good." [School chaplain’s support] "...includes "strengthening values, providing pastoral care and enhancing engagement with the broader community". These are desirable ends."

"For the purposes of argument, it may be accepted that some students would derive advantage from using the services and, in that sense, should do so. But no student and no member of the school community must do so."

Since school chaplains are available to all students and benefit the whole school means that chaplaincy falls outside of the scope of Commonwealth power, which extends only to identified groups of students, rather than the whole school and therefore a new funding model will be needed.

Where does this leave us? Our current funding continues until the end of 2014. The benefit of a quick decision is that the government can put in place a new funding model in time for 2015. I’ll let you know when a solution has been reached.

What has struck me over this time is the incredible community backing for school chaplaincy, shown through signed statements of support, personal emails, and the countless conversations that I’ve had with friends like you. It has shown me the importance of continuing the work that we do.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a beautiful week.

CHAPPY KELLi

Weekly Insight: Don’t try to change others. Work on yourself instead. Your response to others is always your responsibility, and the right response ensures respect all round.

David J. Riddell, Nelson, NZ

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE FUNDING

Earlier in the year our school received funding from the state government to improve literacy and numeracy results.

In a plan approved by the P&C, we used some of this funding to purchase iPads for classroom use and suitable apps for students to use when practising letters, sounds, sightwords, reading, numbers and number facts. We have decided to concentrate on reading, since it is the key to all learning.

The rest of the funding was put aside to employ 4 additional teacher aides at the school for 4 hours each per week, to work one-on-one with students on their letters, sounds, sightwords and reading. In this way, we are able to provide individual assistance to approximately 40 students a week (mainly Prep to Year 3), with each student having 3 sessions a week.

We welcome Baliinda Biggs, Nikki Zipt, Donna Morgan and Lisa Leppala to the casual teacher aide ranks at the school. Lisa was with us last term and is currently doing a bit of office
work in Tracy’s absence as well. Belinda, Nikki and Donna have been parent volunteers in classrooms over many years. During that time they have attended courses to improve their knowledge in the area of literacy. Belinda and Donna are currently studying for their Cert III in Child Care, which is the qualification required for a Teacher Aide.  

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**  
Thanks to parents who have requested for a parent/teacher interview. If you are a working parent and you need a later timeslot, please indicate this on the interview sheet and your child’s teacher will phone you to organise a suitable time.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS:**  
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**  
**PREP/1:** Mia: For having an excellent attitude to learning and always giving her best in class tasks.

**YEAR 2/3:** Della: For outstanding story writing

**YEAR 4/5:** Toby: For being a friendly, helpful student

**YEAR 5/6/7:** Jordan: For handling a difficult situation maturely, and being a good sport at Jump Rope Jill.

**CLASSES OF THE WEEK**  
**PE:** 4/5  
**MUSIC:** Prep/1  
**LOTE:** Olivia

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:** Charlee, Tameka, Bella K and Arisa.

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Mia

**READING:** 40 mornings of before school practice - Luca, Noah, Lewis. This is the first time we have been able to award a 40 mornings of before school reading award! Mrs Campbell had to make a new certificate!

**ATTENDANCE AWARD:** Mitchell M knows Every Day Counts! Thanks to the Curry Family for sponsoring the award.

**CLASS NEWS**  
**LITTLE WHISPERS from Prep/1**

In English this week we enjoyed reading another Anthony Browne book, Willy and Hugh. We identified human characteristics and how the author used illustrations to convey his ideas.

In Geography we are learning about caring for places. We have discussed natural, managed and constructed features of places and are discussing how and why they need care.

A great effort from students who returned home readers for checking last Monday. We would like all books to come back each Monday so that sightwords can be checked and weakly packs of readers can be sent home. This allows multiple opportunities for children to re-read and practice becoming fluent readers of these books and understand them better.

KATH, LIZ & DENISE

**WHAT’S THE SCOOP? from Year 2/3**

Congratulations to those who have reached Silver level. Both Bronze and Silver level are looking forward to the rewards day tomorrow.

In English, we are reading the amazing Bob Graham’s book “The spirit of home.” From this story we are going to choose a character, plan and write a new adventure story for them.

In Math, the year 2s are extending strategy knowledge for two digit addition. The year 3s revising their times table.

In Science we have looked at the exciting star which we call our sun. We have asked some interesting questions about the sun and in the next couple of weeks we are going to answer these questions.

In History this week, we have started looking at how to write an historical narrative. We have also completed another section of our assessment booklets looking at Anzac Day commemorations.

**THE BUZZ from Year 4/5**

The weeks are flying by; the end of week 3 is already here. We have been practising for our Dance Night and our coordination is really improving.

We also had a great time watching Jump Rope Jill this week. Our class has been honing our skipping skills over the past weeks, so we found Jill’s jumping skills pretty impressive.

In Maths this week we have been investigating regular and irregular polygons. We even made our own tangrams, but some of us couldn’t get them back together.

In English and Science we are continuing with our assessments on stop motion animation and endangered animals respectively.

This week in History we are exploring the reasons behind establishing a secondary colony at Moreton Bay and what this meant for German migrants to the region.

KELLY

**HOT GOSS from Year 5/6/7**

In English this week, we’ve been reviewing a variety of advertisements, looking at the way in which the creators have positioned text and pictures on the page in order to make particular aspects of the advertisement more prominent. We have also been considering the language used, including plays on words, the use of connectives and the repetition of words to make a message ‘sink in’.

Mrs Orr from Kenwick will be back next week for her final Challenge Maths Session, as we missed one this week due to the Jump Rope Jill performance, in which Jordan and Curtis were stars! Well done boys!

Today, Aimee and Caitlin will be participating in the Kenwick State High School Writers’ Camp out at Riverside Retreat. Next week, Sarah, Cleo and Kaylah will go to the Year 5 Writers’ Camp. Good luck everyone!

Just a reminder to everyone that homework in our class is due on THURSDAY, as the Spelling test is on Thursday and we start our school week on Friday with our new weekly Spelling unit.

TEENY & LIZ

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**TEAR OFF SLIP PG MOVIE**

Name: ________________________

has permission to watch the PG rated Movie, Lego, for Silver Reward Afternoon.

Signed: ________________________