Thought for the Week: Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons.

ABC’s of Student Success

C is for CHOICES.

According to Jim Fay, author of Becoming a Love and Logic Parent, giving children choices is more effective than making demands. He suggests...
- Never give choices if it might cause problems for you or anyone else.
- Give only two options for each choice, both equally okay with you. For example, Would you like peas or carrots? or Do you want to do homework now or in 15 minutes?
- If the child doesn’t decide within 10 seconds, make the choice for him or her.

DANCE NIGHT

Our Dance Night will be held at the Elliott Heads Hall in Lihs Street on next Friday evening, 29th August.

Our survey is already showing good support for a sausage sizzle instead of meals, as advised earlier. We were starting earlier to accommodate the Bowls Club. I apologise for the confusion with start times. They have gone around in circles! We will begin with a sausage sizzle from 5.30-6.15 p.m. Please get your orders in now so we know you and your children are coming, and so the P&C can organise everything they need.

Families do not have to come for dinner, if they prefer to eat at home before arriving for the dancing. Drinks, chips and ice-creams will be available throughout the night.

Students are asked to generally dress up in a “country style”, but parents are asked not to go to any added expense for the night. Whatever students already have in their wardrobes will be fine.

Dancing will start at 6.15 p.m. with Prep/1 and go until about 8.30 p.m. or a little earlier. If you can help from 3.00 p.m. onwards with setting up the hall (putting out chairs) please fill in the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter.

We are really hoping for a good roll up! I am particularly looking forward to it, as I was unexpectedly in hospital for our first dance night a few years ago. I have my fingers crossed for this one!

RAFFLE

Our raffle will be drawn on Dance Night. There are still tickets outstanding, if you could get those in, we’d really appreciate it.

ROAD CROSSING DUTY

I know that this question has been asked in the past, and it is my fault for not acting on it then, but we are getting to the stage soon where we will have no-one to do crossing duty, because both Mrs Lee and Mrs Tasker will be on leave at the same time next term. If those who gave their names earlier this year are still interested, or others would like to volunteer, please put in a tear off slip so we can organise training.

We are unique in that our school is the only one in the state with trained VOLUNTEER crossing people. Your commitment as a volunteer is to undertake training and a health check (both paid for) and to volunteer one or two afternoons a week for approximately 20 minutes: 2.50 pm – 3.10 pm.

FATHERS DAY STALL

The P&C will be holding a Fathers’ Day Stall before school on 3rd, 4th and 5th September. Gifts will range from approximately $1 to $5 each. If you have any items lying around at home that would make good fathers’ day gifts, and you have no use for them yourself, the P&C is always grateful for donations.
Next meeting: Wed, 15th October, at 9.30 a.m., in the library.
All are most welcome to come along.
Our email address: pande@elliottheadss.eq.edu.au
President: Amanda Hamzat
Vice-President: Sarah Patience
Secretary: Monica Ale
Treasurer: Belinda Biggs
FACEBOOK PAGE: Elliot Heads Parents and Staff
Ask to join us. It's a great way for us to keep in touch with you!

2014 FUNDRAISING PLAN
- 29 August: Dance Night Food Stall/Raffle Draw
- Late Term 3: Fathers' Day Stall
- Early Term 4: Family Portraits

CHAPPY CHAT
Wondering about high school next year, new friends and people to know??
Then why not come to our end of year camp especially designed for Grades 6 & 7 called “Up Grade”.
Get to meet and know other students going to your high school along with the chaplains so you will know some friendly faces when you arrive.
Upgrade is an action packed teambuilding style of camp happening at the Bucca Retreat Campsite on the 12th 13th 14th of December 2014.
This is SU Qld camp run by your local school chaplains. For more information or to register for camp please go to http://www.sucamps.org.au/campSearch.php and click on “Up Grade” and follow the instructions.
Places are limited so get in early so you don’t miss out!!!!

BEHAVIOUR TARGET FOR THIS FORTNIGHT
Our targeted behaviour for weeks 5 and 6 is physical misconduct. In particular we are focusing on play fighting and how that often leads to misunderstandings and possibly real fighting. We are also looking at the rough or unfair play that is occurring during soccer, and revisiting how we should act if physical contact is an accident.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
PREP/1: Ashton: For applying himself in dance lessons and giving his best efforts.
YEAR 2/3: Joel: For improved effort to complete work independently
YEAR 4/5: Mitchel: For applying himself to tasks and participating well.
YEAR 5/6/7: Toby: For enthusiasm in Maths
GOLD MATHLETICS: Keely
SILVER MATHLETICS: Mitchel, Sahara, Bella, Sam
CLASSES OF THE WEEK
PE: 4/5
MUSIC: Mr Buckholz absent
LOTE: Kailah
PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Luca, Kayla, Sahara, Aimee
NEWSLETTER READER: Mitchel M
READING: 40 mornings of before school reading-Mia
ATTENDANCE AWARD: Ashanti knows Every Day Counts! Thanks to Coral Cove Restaurant for sponsoring the award.

FUNDRAISING FOR YEAR 4-7 EXCURSION TO BRISBANE
It would really be appreciated if parents could get their slips in to let us know whether they are considering allowing their children to go on the excursion to Brisbane in November, so that we can make bookings, etc.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
21 Aug: Future Leaders Eco Challenge
26 Aug: Maths Team Challenge
29 Aug: Dance Night 5.00-7.30 p.m.
02 Sep: ACE Science Day Kepnock SHS for 3 selected students
03 Sep: Fathers’ Day Stall
ACE Program Application Information evening Kepnock SHS 6-7pm
04 Sep: Fathers’ Day Stall
05 Sep: Fathers’ Day Stall
09 Sep: Kepnock SHS Enrolment evening Grades 7&8 2015, 3.45-6.00pm

To assist with the cost, especially for families who have more than one child in these year levels, we are considering a chocolate drive. Students take boxes of chocolates and sell them, with $20 from each box sold, coming off the cost of their excursion. A separate note will come home to students in Years 4-7 tomorrow.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT
At a meeting yesterday, it was disturbing to find that very few parents from Grades 6 & 7 had enrolled their child for high school in 2015. Kepnock SHS are well and truly prepared for Grade 7 in high school next year and are looking forward to welcoming both Grade 7 & 8 students.
In the next few weeks, staff will visit the school to get first-hand information from us regarding the learning needs of our students when they transition to high school. No other high school in the area will be asking us for that information.
Their staff is undertaking specific training to help them understand the social, emotional and learning needs of younger students.
Kepnock SHS staff has offered to come and run enrolment interviews at the local primary schools, during school hours, for those parents who find it difficult to get into town. The next enrolment afternoon is on 9th September.

ACE PROGRAM

Academic Challenge and Excellence Program - ACE
This Academic Challenge and Excellence (ACE) program challenges and extends high achieving students across English, Science, Mathematics and The Arts.
The ACE program, exclusive to Kepnock State High School, provides opportunities for highly motivated students to excel in their learning. Kepnock has engineered a program that delivers focused assessment and learning experiences that support the unique learning needs of gifted and talented students. This program is facilitated by English, Science, Mathematics and The Arts teachers who have proven success in supporting high achieving students.
Kepnock High believes that students who are focused on academic success have needs that are just as significant as any other learning group; they have the ability to succeed in a range of learning environments. By fostering the gifts and talents of these learners we create our community’s next doctors, lawyers and engineers.

Key Dates
- ACE Applications Open September 4th, 2014
- ACE Application and Information Evening
  - 6pm, September 3rd, 2014
  - Kepnock SHS, RJ Young Hall
- ACE Applications close 3.30pm October 23rd, 2014

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CLASS NEWS: LITTLE WHISPERS from Prep/1
This week we started our new English unit, Retelling Cultural Stories. We read the text How the Kangaroos Got their Tails, discussing the aboriginal cultural elements in the text and practiced retelling events from the story.

In Maths we are focusing on money and revising our understandings of coin attributes and value. We are introducing the Australian notes.

History was interesting this week where we looked at objects from the past and compared them to present objects that have the same function.

We are tidying up our dances and making sure that they look just perfect for the big night. Not long now! We are all so keen to show you our efforts.

KATH, LIZ & DENISE

WHAT’S THE SCOOP? from Year 2/3
In English, we are well on our way to putting together our short story book by the Year 2/3 class. There are some amazing imaginations out there and we have written some outstanding stories around the theme “Found”.

In Maths, the Year 2s are extending their knowledge of three digit numbers and deciding how to tell which number is bigger and smaller. The Year 3s are revisiting the tricky world of number patterns and subtraction for four digit numbers.

In Science we are still exploring how light affects our everyday living. We are becoming experts on the earth’s rotations and how that rotation dictates the time of day.

We have started a new Geography unit this week. We are looking at places and countries near and far. We shared our ‘special places’ with our classmates.

THE BUZZ from Year 4/5
This week has seen the start of some new units of work. In English we have started working on Persuasive Advertisements and have looked at the ways that advertisers persuade us to purchase their products. In Science we have started looking at our universe. We are checking our knowledge of Space and examining the comparative size of the planets. In Maths we have been looking at maps, cardinal points and scale. We have learnt how to use a compass to find North, South, East and West. It has been great to see more and more parents joining us on ClassDojo. Don’t forget there is an App that makes it really easy too. At the moment we are only giving positive points.

This week in history we are putting the finishing touches on our poster enticing free settlers to Brisbane.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from Year 5/6/7
In science over the past few weeks, students have been investigating what type of materials are insulators and conductors. It has been fabulous to see all the students fully engaged in these tasks and the support they have been giving to each other throughout the learning process.

Hannibal and his significance to the history of Ancient Rome has been our History focus so far this term. Currently the students are researching this and writing a paragraph to demonstrate their knowledge of this. Later in the term, we will be focusing on the role of Gladiators. Many students are looking forward to this section of our learning journey.

We have also been madly learning and rehearsing our dances for the up and coming Dance Night. We are looking forward to showing off our moves and having lots of fun and laughter! Please remember not to purchase anything special for your child to wear on the night.

TEENY & LIZ

COMMUNITY NEWS
Check out www.bundabergregionevents.com.au for events:

- Bundy Flavours Festival, Sunday 14th September at Alexandra Park commencing at 9.00am.

SPRING CARNIVAL
Sat 27th September
Bundaberg Region Athletics Facility

U9 & U11’s: Maximum 5 Events – placegetter medals awarded
U9 & U11’s: Maximum 5 Events – participation medals awarded
Age Calculated 31/03/2014.

Spring in to our Twilight Competition – Run, Jump, Throw

Nominations Close:
17th Sept: Hard copy (mailed or emailed forms)
22nd Sept: e-noms (Centre provided Team Manager file)

Nominations Fees:
LAQ Registered: $10.00/Athlete, $30.00/Pentathlete (gst incl)
Non-LAQ Registered: $15.00/Athlete, $35.00/Pentathlete (gst incl)
Must wear competition clothing that is in line with the LAQ SunSafe & Uniform Policy – see www.laq.org.au

TEAR OFF SLIP-ROAD CROSSING
I would be interested in training as a volunteer crossing supervisor.

NAME: ___________________________________________________________________
PHONE: ___________________________________________________________________

SETTING UP ON DANCE NIGHT-ROAD CROSSING
I am available to help set up down at the hall on the afternoon of Dance Night, 29th August from 2.00 p.m.

NAME: ___________________________________________________________________
PHONE: ___________________________________________________________________

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