Thought for the Week: A word of praise is a ‘verbal trophy’ for a child.

ABCs Of Student Success

D is for DETERMINATION.

Children need to hear their parents say that making an effort, working hard, and planning ahead are important. We need to encourage children to set reasonable expectations, and celebrate with them when they make progress toward their goals. Children need to learn that sometimes they must sacrifice to achieve a long-term goal. Struggling with learning tasks from time to time is part of a student’s “job.” In the end, the feeling of accomplishment they get will lead to bigger and better accomplishments in the future.

DANCE NIGHT TOMORROW NIGHT!

Our Dance Night will be held at the Elliott Heads Hall in Lihs Street tomorrow night, 29th August.

We will begin with a sausage sizzle from 5.30-6.15 p.m.

PLEASE ensure your notes and money are in FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING, if you have not already put one in.

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 don’t 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. Thanks to those who have offered their help to set up. It is much appreciated.

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.

VOLUNTEER ROAD CROSSING DUTY

No offers so far. Is there anyone out there who can spare 20 minutes one or two afternoons a week?

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.

SAFETY AT SCHOOL

1. There are still parents NOT using the crossing, and encouraging their children not to use the crossing as well. Please, for the safety of your children, set them a good example and encourage them to do the right thing.

2. We had a near miss with a student returning to their car, having forgotten something. They ran behind a reversing car, instead of using the pathway at the front of the cars, along the front fence of the school. Please encourage your children to stay safe at school. The parent who had done all the right things before reversing, was quite shaken.

FATHERS DAY STALL

The P&C will be holding a Fathers’ Day Stall next week before school on 3rd, 4th and 5th September. Gifts will range from approximately $1 to $5 each.

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning

Great state. Great opportunity.
**Next meeting:** Wed, 15th October, at 9.30 a.m., in the library.
All are most welcome to come along.

**Our email address:** pandc@elliottheadssss.eq.edu.au

**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!

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**2014 FUNDRAISING PLAN**
- 29 August: Dance Night Food Stall/Raffle Draw
- 3, 4, 5 August: Fathers’ Day Stall
- Early Term 4: Family Portraits

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**NAPLAN REPORTS**
For parents in Grades 3, 5 & 7, you will have received your child’s NAPLAN Report for 2014. It was accompanied by a letter explaining some of the features of the report. Overall, our students have made some significant gains since sitting the test two years ago. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher if you would like further information about the report.

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**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!!!!

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**BEHAVIOUR TARGET FOR THIS FORTNIGHT**
Our targeted behaviour for weeks 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.

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS:**

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**PREP/1:**
- **Luca:** Practice and commitment to improving reading
- **Noah:** Practice and commitment to improving reading

**YEAR 2/3:**
- **Nikita:** For writing a fantastic story

**YEAR 4/5:**
- **Kyle:** For doing a great job representing our school
- **Toby:** for doing a great job representing our school

**YEAR 5/6/7:**
- **Sarah:** For doing a great job representing our school
- **Cleo:** for doing a great job representing our school
- **Rebecca:** for doing a great job representing our school

**GOLD MATHLETICS:** Kaleb
**SILVER MATHLETICS:** Riley

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**CLASSES OF THE WEEK**

**PE:** P/1
**MUSIC:** 2/3
**LOTE:** Kailah

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:** Charlee, James, Bella K and Dylan

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Keely

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**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**
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 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
10 Sep: Bicycling Queensland – Safety talk 10.00
11 Sep: PCYC Excursion – Years 3-5

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**READING:** 10 mornings of before school reading-Jaden
60 mornings of before school reading-Lewis, Luca, Noah

**ATTENDANCE AWARD:** Della knows Every Day Counts! Thanks to Coral Cove Golf Club for sponsoring the award.

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**FUNDRAISING FOR YEAR 4-7 EXCURSION TO BRISBANE**
Thanks parents. Many students have now returned their slips. If we do not have your child’s slip by tomorrow we will assume that you do not wish them to attend.
Chocolates for the Chocolate Drive, to raise funds for the excursion, will be ordered over the weekend.

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**ZOOPER DOOPERS ON SALE FROM TOMORROW**
From tomorrow, senior students will be selling Zooper Dooper ice blocks for 50c (and chocolates once they arrive for $1) to help raise funds for families with more than 1 child in grades 4-7, to offset costs for the excursion.

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**HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT**
It would be appreciated if Grade 6 & 7 students could get notes in, indicating which high school they intend to go to next year.
In the next few weeks, Kepnock SHS 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. 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. Once I have notes with an indication of who would like to meet with a representative from Kepnock to complete the enrolment process, I’ll make arrangements and let interested parents know.

The next enrolment afternoon at Kepnock SHS is on 9th September. Here is the link to the latest Kepnock SHS newsletter.
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**ACE PROGRAM**
The Academic Challenge and Excellence Program at Kepnock SHS provides opportunities for highly motivated students to excel in their learning. The program runs in Maths, English, Science and The Arts. Students who want to succeed academically, and are prepared to work hard towards their goals, have the opportunity to apply to the program.
There is a parent and student information night next Wednesday evening, at Kepnock, from 6.00-7.00 p.m. You are strongly advised to attend if your child wishes to apply.
Application packages will be given out on the night, or can be obtained from the Kepnock SHS office from Thursday 4th
September. Applications close at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 23rd October.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**
For those students who have been keeping track of your home reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge, the challenge closes on 5th September. Students need to have their reading record sheet, signed by your parents or teachers to show you’ve read the required number of books, back to your teachers by next Friday.

**MATHS TEAM CHALLENGE**
Congratulations to Rohan, Aimee, Sarah, Toby K and Liam who were victorious at the Maths Team Challenge on Tuesday. They came first, making this the second year in a row! Well done.

**FUTURE LEADERS ECO CHALLENGE**
Kyle, Toby I, Sarah, Kailah, Cleo, Rebecca represented our school at the Eco challenge at Baldwin Swamp last week. Thank you to Mrs Taske for attending this event with them.

**CLASS NEWS:** **LITTLE WHISPERS from Prep/1**
This week we have focused on nouns, verbs and adjectives when reading the cultural story The Magic Colours.

In Maths we are focusing on patterning. We have developed our understandings of repeating, number and growing patterns.

We are so excited to show you our amazing dance efforts this Friday night. Prep and Year One will start off the night with our display dance Gummi Bear and then demonstrate the Heel and Toe Polka before asking parents to join us on the dance floor. We have also enjoyed perfecting the Chicken Dance, Macarena and Nutbush which will be offered for all children and families to participate in between class displays. Parents with young children who wish to leave after our class dances, can exit quietly while the Year 2/3/4/5 classes set up. Hope to see you there!

KATH, LIZ & DENISE

**WHAT’S THE SCOOP? from Year 2/3**
Tomorrow is our Bush Dance night, and I know all of the students are excited to show off their amazing dance skills they have been practising all term.

In English, we are starting our new unit, procedure within a novel. This week we have looked at Graeme Base’s book “Jungle Drums.” In this book we have looked closely at verbs and how the author uses particular words to convey feeling.

In Math, the Year 2s are focusing their attention on money, especially how to give the correct amount when buying something. The Year 3s are revisiting the tricky word of subtraction and addition. I was blown away see the 3s adding 6 digit numbers together.

In science we are waiting for a sunny day to conduct our science experiment based on shadows. Hopefully Friday will prove to be a sunny day.

The Year 3 NAPLAN results were sent home this week. I am excited to say that the 3s achieved some pleasing results, and they should all be very proud of themselves. If you have any queries regarding the results please don’t hesitate to call or come in and see me.

In History, we have put together a jigsaw puzzle of Australian states and territories. It was a great lesson as many students learnt a lot about our own Country.

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

NAME: 

PHONE: 

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**THE BUZZ from Year 4/5**
This week our class has been busy learning lots of interesting things. In Maths we have investigated scale on maps, directions and angles. In English we have continued looking at advertisements and the use of features such as language, colours, camera angles and framing that makes them persuasive. In Science we have drawn scale diagrams of the planets and learnt some amazing facts about the universe.