Thought for the Week:
All learning begins with the simple phrase 'I don't know.'

ABCs Of Student Success
I is for INDEPENDENCE.
As parents, our job is to work out of a job!
One of the most difficult days in parenting is the day we send children off to school for the first time. We swallow hard and let our children go. It must be harder to wave goodbye than to leave, we think. We wonder if our children will miss us. We worry about how they'll behave. We remind ourselves that our children are old enough to handle this challenge, and that they are going to face many more challenges in their lives. This one is practice for the next, so we cheer them on as we let them go!

A BIG THANK YOU TO PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS
We have a number of parents and community members who are really helping us out. "THANKS!"
Kylie Myers has done training to help us on Crossing Duty and is doing a great job. Our school was the first in the state to have trained VOLUNTEER crossing supervisors! Others have now followed our lead.
Faye and Barry Biggs have renovated our long lost Ham Wheel, found in a sports shed clean up last term. They've oiled it, removed rust, repainted and numbered it and fixed pegs. The P&C hopes to put it to good use at the Christmas Carols on 6th December.
Parents are helping on a regular basis at swimming.
Many thanks to Donna Bray, a trained swim teacher, who's offered to help out in both sessions, as well as Belinda Biggs, Donna Morgan and Amanda Mills.
Frank Mara, who has been doing our gardens for the last 18 months, on a "New Start" program with Centrelink, has now officially retired, but is coming each Friday morning for a few hours to help us out.

As well as these we have Jim Monsour and Margaret Schuller who help out with reading several mornings a week to assist students who need extra support. They are part of our Rotary Readers program.
In the tuckshop, helping Chappy Kelli with Brekky Club are Ron and Cheryl Johnston and Margaret Watts who are here faithfully, week after week, making breakfast for hungry little bodies, even if they HAVE had breakfast before they've come to school, as many of them do.
Shane Hall and Myles Christensen come about once a term and pack up all our aluminium cans and take them to the recycling centre for us. They money they collect goes towards the Student Representative Council to spend on child centred projects.
We also have several parents who come into class every morning and read with their children, or go through their sightwords with them. You should see these children powering through their reading levels! Do you know that we have three of our Year 1 students who have read to their parents before school, for 80 MORNINGS so far this year! Now that's dedication, parents. Well done to the Kylies and Kelly!
Next meeting: Wed, 19th November, at 9.15 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.

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Treasurer/ Vic: 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
Late Term 4: Carols by Candlelight, Glow products, Ham Wheel and Sausage Sizzle

FAMILY PORTRAITS
The P&C has had to postpone the idea of Family Portraits as a fundraiser, as it seems we’ve left our run too late for delivery before Christmas. We will try to organise this one for Late Term 4 next year, to get quality shots in time for Christmas delivery.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Each year Elliott Heads Ratepayers and Residents’ Association organises Carols by Candlelight on the Foreshore. Unfortunately the Association has disbanded due to the lack of interest of others taking up positions on the committee.

Thankfully we still have a group of dedicated residents who, along with the school, will continue to organise two major community events throughout the year- ANZAC Day and Carols by Candlelight.

This year’s Carols by Candlelight will be held on Saturday, 6th December. Our choir will be part of the entertainment, so please put the date on your calendar.

The P&C will be looking for help to sell glow products, such as candles and brooches. They will also need volunteers to help out with selling Ham Wheel tickets and cooking and selling at the sausage sizzle.

SWIMMING LESSONS
We got off to a great start with swimming. Thank you to parents for supporting your children in developing this very important skill. We understand that financially it can be a strain, especially for those with 3-4 children. We do appreciate your effort!

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
Thanks also to parents who have already paid a substantial deposit for the trip to Brisbane for Grades 4-7 on 21st November. Again we know it’s not easy for those with several children in those year levels.

To help out parents with more than one child in Grades 4-7 we will be holding a car wash on Friday 31st October. Parents in Grades 4-7 whose children are going on the trip are asked to send in a bucket, large sponges, chamois or car wash detergent for use on the day.

Staff, parents, family members and neighbours are asked to bring their cars for a wash, at reasonable rates, to help the kids out in their efforts!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:
None this week because Assembly has moved to a Friday because of swimming. Watch this space!

Tomorrow’s Assembly is at 11.45 a.m. just before Level Rewards afternoon starts.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
17 Oct Levels Reward Day Silver-Movie & Popcorn Gold-Beach & Sausage Sizzle
20 Oct Pupil Free Day
04 Nov 1st Prep Transition Morning-9.00-11.45am
18 Nov 2nd Prep Transition morning-9.00-11.45am
21 Nov Grade 4-7 trip to Brisbane
06 Dec Carols by Candlelight
09 Dec Grade 6 & 7 Graduation Dinner
10 Dec Kepnock SHS Orientation Day for Gr 6 & 7 Semester 2 reports sent home
11 Dec Presentation assembly and class parties
12 Dec End Term 4

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER IS A PUPIL FREE DAY
Each year the Minister of Education awards a Pupil Free Day for teachers to undertake professional development. THIS MONDAY staff will be developing their curriculum for next year, with our new class configurations in mind, without Year 7. We will be focusing on Maths.

STUDENT NUMBERS FOR 2015
Staff and the P&C have discussed class configurations for 2015. At this stage we have 88 students enrolled for next year, but this is only 10 students over the number required to keep 4 classes, so we are PLEADING with parents to let us know whether you think you will be leaving our area, or moving your child to another school.

As always at this time of year, your children come to school, saying that they are moving, or going to another school next year, but often we don’t hear from parents until quite late in the year. Knowing NOW helps us plan better for the year ahead. If you are going, please let us know using the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter. Please be advised that children in our catchment area (Elliott Heads, Riverview, Coral Cove and Innes Park) DO NOT receive travel subsidy (car/bus) to Woongarra State School, as it is not their closest school.

CLASSES FOR 2015
If we retain 4 classes next year, we hope to have a:
• Prep/1/2 of approximately 38 students, with 2 teachers, Mrs Campbell/Mrs Shield, and Mrs Eizenberg. This will avoid splitting next year’s Year 1 students into a Prep/1 and a 1/2.
• A 3/4 of approximately 25 students-Mrs Brown
• A 5/6 of approximately 25 students-Mrs Patterson & Mrs Shield.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
We have ordered 16 more boxes of chocolates for those families who requested them. We can’t send boxes home to any child who has not returned money for other boxes so please get your money in ASAP.
If you work or have a business and can put a box of chocolates on your counter at work, for staff or customers to purchase, please let us know. We would appreciate your help, even if your children are not involved in this excursion. Thanks in advance!

FRIDAY CHOCOLATES AND ZOOPER DOOPERS
Tomorrow, Grades 4-7 are selling iceblocks for 50c and chocolates for $1, to raise money for their Brisbane trip.
CHAPPY CHAT

Random Acts of Kindness (RAOK) Month

October is RAOK month - the schools in Bundaberg take part in this event to encourage everyone to be kind - not just in October - but all year round. Each class is doing a special project that you can be involved in. Keep a look out for information from your child’s class teachers.

See if, as a family, you can come up with some ideas for RAOK month to participate in together. You can all be doing kind acts for your family and neighbours too!

This Term

I have a few programs running this term at school - Fun Friends, Friends for Life, lunch time activities (e.g. loom bands, card making, colouring), lunch time group with spiritual content (separate permission notes required).

I can be contacted through the school office or a note in Chappy’s Mailbox (located at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the admin office) and I will get back to you.

Have a great week, Chappy Kelli

CLASS NEWS

LITTLE WHISPERS from Prep/1

This week we have enjoyed reading the imaginative story My Mum Tarzan and learning about strategies to make us better readers! We have practiced using our up and down voice and using punctuation. Already our reading sounds so much better! Make sure your children practice these skills in home reading too!

We were all excited to begin swimming lessons. Just the bus trip was exciting for most without even having to get wet! We levelled students into competency based groups this week and look forward to learning vital water safety skills next week. If you have any questions or concerns please make time to discuss with staff. We are more than happy to assist.

We enjoyed our second visit from the play van at playgroup this week. It is really important that our 2015 Prep student begin attending playgroup sessions to assist with their transition to school and allowing them to become confident in the P/1 environment in a fun, non-threatening way. In addition we will be holding two more structured Prep Transition mornings on 4th and 18th November for our incoming 2015 Prep students.

KATH, LIZ & TIARNA

WHAT’S THE SCOOP? from Year 2/3

We had a fantastic day swimming on Wednesday, a really good start to the term. We eat our lunch before we go but because swimming uses up so much energy if you could pack a little extra to eat in their bag that would be great.

In English, we are about to start assessment. The Year 2s will be writing a procedure and present it to the class as a PowerPoint presentation. The Year 3s are working in pairs to create a dialogue between two characters based around Fantastic Mr Fox and a procedural text.

In Maths, the Year 2s are writing questions, surveying classmates and recording the data to create a bar graph. The Year 3s are conducting chance experiments and recording the data collected in the form of a table and bar graph. Both year levels have displayed a tremendous ability to create very colourful graphs.

In Science we are starting our new unit, ‘Turn up the heat’. This week we observed heat and discovered that heat is actually an energy that can be generated from several different sources.

In Geography we have been looking at the natural features of the Queensland landscape. We found that we have some of the best natural features in the whole world.

PIP ☺

THE BUZZ from Year 4/5

This week we have been busy getting lots of work done. In English we are now comparing the Lorax story with the movie adaptation. In Maths we are following a guided investigation to answer the question “What is the shortest distance around Australia?” We even had a go at free hand drawing Australia – that was interesting!

In Science we conducted our crater experiments. We dropped asteroids from different heights into our moon (flour, sprinkles and cocoa). We measured the diameter of the crater, the depth and the length of the ejecta rays.

A quick reminder that Homework is due in Fridays or Mondays. We also have quite a few students not participating in our fruit break, please try and bring in some fruit or veg to snack on.

This week in Geography we are examining urbanisation and the job of a town planner (which I think we have discovered is harder than it sounds).

KELLY

HOT GOSS from Year 5/6/7

We have had a fantastic week in class. Thanks Kids! Remember homework is due on Thursday in 5/6/7.

In English we are continuing with our Author Study, working out what techniques Jackie French uses to ‘hook’ children into her books.

In Maths Grade 6 & 7 are working on adding and subtracting fractions, while Grade 5 is reviewing addition and subtraction strategies and problem solving.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Please don’t forget to send in photos for Graduation.

TEENY & LIZ

TEAR OFF SLIP - WE ARE LEAVING

Thanks for letting us know. We’ll be sorry to see you go!

FAMILY NAME: ____________________________

[Image of two students taking self portraits]

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