Thought for the Week:
Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. 
Autograph your work with excellence.

ABCs Of Student Success
T is for TESTING.

We all know test results are important. They are important because they help us measure the impact of our instruction. To encourage kids to do their best on a test, we can:
- encourage a positive attitude: It may be tough, but you can do it!
- be sure they eat a good breakfast. Kids think better on a full stomach.
- tell them not to worry if a question seems tricky: Reread it. Answer the best you can.
- Remind them to go back to make sure they didn’t make careless mistakes.

It is by pure chance that this ABC appears this week!

I'M BACK!
It is great to be back. Hopefully this will be the last of it. I'm sick of being sick! Thank you to all who sent well wishes while I was ill. Thanks also to staff, especially Kelly Brown, for holding the fort while I was away.

ANZAC-OUR STUDENTS DO US PROUD
Congratulations to all our students for their behaviour last week during ANZAC Day services, but special thanks go to our Captains for the great job they did in both our school and community ANZAC Day services, and to our Choir who sang so beautifully. We received many positive comments about our students’ participation in the community events. Thank you parents for your efforts in getting your children to the services. It is very much appreciated. We were able to take some lovely photos of the students and our Australian Digger Statue. They are up on our Facebook page. We also had two articles published in the News-Mail, and online. There are links to these articles on our Facebook page as well, if you missed them!

NAPLAN TESTS NEXT WEEK
On Monday 12, Tuesday 13 and Thursday 14 May next week, NAPLAN tests will take place for all students in Grades 3 and 5. This is a national testing program in Reading, Language, Spelling, Punctuation, writing and Numeracy, administered annually to all students across Australia in these year levels.

We ask parents to try and ensure their children are at school on these days. Although the tests can be made up on the Friday, if necessary, children doing a make-up test rarely do as well as those who do it on the proper day.

Please make sure they have a good breakfast, and bring extra food to school on these days, to keep their brain going.

There will be an alternative program for Grades 6 and 4 as well, as their classes will be disrupted with the testing programs happening each morning.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO BE AT SCHOOL ON TIME AS TESTS START AT 8.50 a.m.

HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY & MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
We hope all our mothers, grandmothers and those women who play a nurturing role in the lives of our children, have a lovely day with their families on Sunday!

Mothers’ Day Stall is on this week: Wed, Thurs & Fri before school! Dads, don’t forget to send your children with a few $$$

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning

Great state. Great opportunity.
DENTAL VAN LEAVES SOON
The Dental Van will be moving from Elliott Heads State School on 20th May. If your child hasn’t seen the dentist and you’d like them to, please bring in a dental form as soon as possible, or ring the office on 4159-6242 to arrange for a form to be sent home. The nurses have tried to contact several parents and have left messages, but a few have gone unanswered.

THANK YOU!
Many thanks to our 9 tuckshop volunteers, including three local community members, who allow us to have a three week rotation for Tuckshop Duty, for the first time in years!
Tuckshop is on every Tuesday! Please support it.

SCHOOL FOCUS FOR READING: MAKING CONNECTIONS
Connections are links readers can make between what they are reading and things they already know. Good readers make connections to better understand what they are reading. Good readers use their own background knowledge and prior experiences to make connections.

There are 3 different ways a reader can make connections

Text – to – Self: These are connections that readers make between the text (what they are reading) and their own past experiences and/or background knowledge.

Text – to – Text: These are connections that readers make between the text they are reading and other texts they read before. Other kinds of texts might include books, poems, scripts, songs, or anything written. You could even include movies or television shows that you have seen before.

Text – to – World: These are connections that readers make between the text and the bigger issues, events, or concerns of society. To make these types of connections the reader must think about what is going on in the world around them, so watching the news, current affairs programs and documentaries is very important.

PLAY VAN VISITS PLAY GROUP THIS THURSDAY
The Play Van will be visiting Play Group this Thursday to make it a very special day. At 10am Mrs Campbell is planning a special Mothers’ Day morning tea for all our Playgroup mums. Please come along and join in the fun! New playgroup parents and children are always welcome. Please help spread the word!

LIBRARY BAGS AND CHAIR BAGS
I noticed quite a few chair bags in classrooms this week when I returned. They are available for $2 each, with money going towards the student council. Please ask at the office.

JUMPERS
Several parents have already taken advantage of the second hand school jackets, and sweat shirts in NAVY BLUE that you can purchase for a very reasonable price: Jackets $10, sweatshirts $5. Please see a P&C member or Tracy in the office. After school is the best time to catch Tracy as she is often doing teacher aide work in reading groups first up in the morning.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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HATS
We have a number of students who continually don't bring their hats to school. This means that:

1. They cannot play: We have a No Hat-No Play policy in place at this school.
2. When they cannot play, they often cause problems in the undercover area, by interfering in other games, sometimes earning a detention.
3. They cannot participate in PE lessons. This means they cannot be assessed for this part of the curriculum.

ANY broad brimmed hat is fine. If you want to purchase a school hat, they are available for $5. Please see Tracy.

CHAPPY WEEK 17-24 MAY
Chappy Week is coming up May 17th-24th. This is a week that is run every year by SU QLD to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains and to raise funds to support school chaplains. SU QLD Chaplains provide spiritual, emotional and practical support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business; helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to drug abuse, stress and anxiety. At Elliott Heads State School we are celebrating Chappy Week on Thursday 17th May.

CRAZY HAIR DAY: On Thursday 21st, wear crazy hair to school and bring a gold coin donation. Proceeds of this event will go to Scripture Union QLD.

LUNCH TIME GAMES: I will be running some lunchtime games and activities during Chappy Week for all those who want to participate: 1st lunch - 21st May for Grades 3-6
2nd lunch - 21st May for Grades Prep-2

CUPCAKE THURSDAY: Every Thursday starting the 7th May this term the Year 5/6 class will be helping me make cupcakes and muffins to sell, helping raise funds for Elliott Heads Chaplaincy service, to go towards things like food for Brekky Club and supporting our families. Cupcakes will be sold for $1 every Thursday

Have a happy week,
From Chappy Jess
AUTISM QLD VISITS

Next week we have a visit from the Autism Queensland Outreach Team. Thank you to all the parents who got their paperwork in to facilitate this visit. We don’t know what day they are visiting yet, or how many students and parents they can see off this visit. As soon as we know, we will make contact with you and prepare a timetable.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 30-04-15

PREP/-: Kingsley - excellent effort in reading tasks, listening in class and increasing in confidence

2/3/4: Mia - working hard in every subject in class

3/4: Riley - a happy classmate and doing his best

5/6: Johnathan – always working to the best of his ability. An all-round respectful and responsible student

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: Prep/1  MUSIC: P/1  LOTE: Sam D

NO ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK DUE TO THE TERRIBLE WEATHER!

CLASS NEWS

ECHOES from PREP/1

In English we have enjoyed reading the stories Too Loud Lily, Where’s the Gold and There is a Sea in my Bedroom and identifying the emotions which the characters feel throughout each story. We have also focused on identifying verbs and using these to construct sentences describing characters actions.

In Maths, Preps have practiced counting forwards and backwards to 20 identifying quantities that are more or less. Year 1s are working on counting in 10s and making 2 digit numbers using 10s and 1s blocks. They also are identifying numeral and written forms of recording 2 digit numbers. In History we have enjoyed watching videos and playing Chinese whispers to help us understand that stories change depending on who is telling them. This week we told stories about the history of special objects and recalled and ordered family commemorations.

We really enjoyed visiting the Life Ed van last week and will be following up elements discussed in our health program for the remainder of the term.

We invite all special needs in P/1 student’s lives to share morning tea with us during playgroup on Thursday 7th May at 10am. We are also working on a special art project for Mother’s Day, wishing all the special women in our lives a very special and well deserved day with your families on Sunday.

KATHERINE, LIZ & DENISE

THE SCOOP from 2/3/4

We have been working hard on all areas of the curriculum and in English we looked at various characters and discovered some stereotypes of the past but discovered there are not as many these days.

In Mathematics we have been working on time, shapes and area of objects.

Science investigations have been focused on the use of natural resources in the environment. We have discovered what some everyday items are made of and how we need to conserve the resources for the future.

We have been discovering the history of significant sites, buildings and monuments in the local area including Barolin Homestead at Coral Cove, Submarine Lookout and the Memorial and our school. If you have any historical information on significant things in our local area could you please send in the information or speak with me so that the correct history information can be told to the students.

This Friday the 8th of May, at 2.30 p.m., we will be presenting our toys that we made last term. We would love for as many parents, guardians and grandparents as possible to attend our presentation.

Please ignore any maths homework that has not copied clearly as the photocopier was not working properly and I did not realise until I had sent them home sorry. Don’t forget that Homework and Library Books are due back on Thursday each week. Thank you for supporting your child to learn to the best of their ability.

TANYA

THE BUZZ from 3/4

This week in our class, we have been busy with our History Assessment, learning about Making Connections in reading and continuing our investigations into the language choices of authors who write Traditional Stories.

We have also been working on some NAPLAN style questions in preparation for next week’s test. We have revisited persuasive and narrative writing, tried out some Maths questions in the format of a NAPLAN test and also looked at the types of questions we will find in the Language Conventions part of the test.

I know all of the Year 3s will do their best on the test, but please remember it is one test - it can’t tell me many of the things I already know about your awesome you all are. Good Luck guys, break a leg! (Not you Tamika) KELLY

HOT GOSS from 5/6

It has been great having an extra pair of hands in the classroom, with Mrs Portener doing her prac in our classroom. She has really enjoyed taking lessons and has learnt a great deal about the practical side of teaching and what it actually looks like in the classroom. Heather says: "I have really enjoyed my time in the Year 5/6 classroom. The students have been enthusiastic and have made me feel very welcome. I am very grateful to Mrs Shield for allowing me to do my prac in her room and sharing her expertise with me."

In Grade 5/6 over the last week students completed their History unit of work on the Eureka Stockade. In Science, they have learnt about Matter (solids, liquids and gases). They investigated how gases can be created through a chemical reaction.

In English and Maths the focus has been on NAPLAN test preparation. In Art students have been getting their hands dirty working with clay, making a pinch pot. This week they’ll start a coil pot.

We wish our Grade 5s all the very best with their NAPLAN tests next week. We know they will give it their best shot! Although the test can give us some useful data about our students’ strengths and weaknesses, it is only one test on one day of the year. Don’t get stressed kids! Just do your best; that’s all anyone can ask of you! LIZ, TEENY & HEATHER

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Coral Cove Junior Clinic - for Ages 5 – 12
THURSDAY’S 4 – 5 pm
Starting 14th May
$10 per child per lesson Maximum 10 kids per session
Conducted by Michael Murmane
Meet at the Pro Shop for the 1st lesson

MOVE IT HEALTH AND WELLBEING EXPO:

Saturday 23 May from 11am-3pm, at St Luke’s School, in conjunction with the Ring Road Run weekend,
Professional Fitness Trainers, Health Experts, Fresh Food Products, Local Sporting Clubs.

PLEASE SEND IN ONLY ONE “I’VE READ MY NEWSLETTER” SLIP (ATTACHED) PER CHILD PER WEEK