FROM THE P&C

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We had a great meeting last Friday and we thank all those parents who took the time to join us. It was a long meeting (Thanks Mrs Patterson!) because a lot of beginning of the year approvals needed to be gotten through, but future meetings shouldn’t go any longer than an hour and a half. The next meeting will be Friday 19th April at 9.00 am in the Library. Topics for discussion will be the election of a school patron, the Mothers’ Day Stall and the school disco.

This meeting time could change, if the personal circumstances of the P&C Executive changes, but at present, the 9.00am timeslot on a Friday seems to suit most people.

The school would like to sincerely thank the outgoing committee for their outstanding service to the school over the last two years, especially during the Centenary Year in 2012, a huge event in the school’s history. Thanks go to the outgoing President, Briana Corry and the outgoing Secretary Mandy Hall.

A new executive was elected, and for the first time in a few years, we have a full committee to begin the year. Thanks go to new parents who have stepped up to the plate! The 2013 P&C Executive members are:

President: Amanda Hamzat
Vice President: Sarah Patience
Secretary: Donna King
Tuckshop Convenor: Kristy Walton
Treasurer/Uniform coordinator: Belinda Biggs
Fundraising/Social Media Monitor: Briana Corry

UNIFORMS

Uniform orders close TOMORROW. If you need extra uniforms for your children they MUST be ordered by TOMORROW. Once the order goes in, the Uniform Coordinator will not be responsible for the lack of supplies in some sizes if parents have not placed an order.

FACEBOOK PACES

Our P&C communicates with parents and staff via a Facebook Page. You need to be logged on to Facebook,
STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION

At 2.00 pm this Friday our local member, Mr Stephen Bennett, will be officiating at our school leaders’ induction ceremony. Our School Captains, Sports Captains and Student Councillors will take their pledge and receive their badges. The ceremony will conclude with afternoon tea for the leaders and their parents. Mr Bennett will also present a new Australian Flag to the school at this ceremony.

BULLYING – NO WAY!

In recognition of the National Day of Action Against Bullying, Grade 5/6/7 students will lead small groups of students through some activities to heighten students’ awareness of all the things that are considered bullying. It will culminate with a school photo for the Newsmail. Congratulations to Grade 5/6/7 students who came up with the idea themselves and have been enthusiastic in their preparation for their Peer Support Activities.

MUFFIN MONDAYS

Grade 7 students have been cooking up a storm with the assistance of Chappy Kelli and a local Coral Cove resident, Pam Hadaway, who has kindly volunteered her time to help. Muffins will be sold for 50c every Monday at second break. The muffins are cooked from scratch, not packet mixes and I’m sure those who sampled last Monday’s were happy with the outcome!

Fruit needed for muffins

If you grow fruit at home (bananas?) or have any contacts with people who work in supermarkets or fruit shops, we would really appreciate donations of fruit for our muffins. Old bananas past their best, apples gone floury and fresh or frozen blueberries are ideal for muffins. Just drop them in to the office or tuckshop.

ADULTS ONLY

Frothy Coffee

Chappy Kelli would like to sell coffee and muffins to parents on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon, before Assembly and before Active After School Sport. Before we go ahead and buy a machine, we’d like to know if parents would be interested. Coffee would be $2 a cup. Please fill in the TEAR OFF SLIP.

Novels for Adults

The school has been thinking of setting up a section in our library for novels for adults. To get us started, we are looking for donations of novels you might have sitting on the shelves at home that you’ve read and no longer need. From there on in, you can come in and exchange books for those donated by others, for a small fee of $1 per book. What better way to spend an afternoon than with a good coffee and your nose in a book!

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council will continue to sell ice blocks on Fridays for 50c. We ran out last week, but new stock has been purchased – thanks Belinda! The Student Council will have their Monthly meeting next Tuesday at first break.

LEVEL REWARD DAY

Level Reward Day will be held at Nielsen Park, Bargara. A sausage sizzle and drink will be provided for lunch. Students will have fruit break before they leave and can bring their own afternoon tea. The school will subsidise the bus fare for the trip. Students who have not reached Silver are expected to attend school as usual, and will engage in normal supervised lessons. We ask that parents DO send their children along on the day, to support the schools efforts to build self-discipline in children, in accordance with the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, passed at the recent P&C Meeting.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Grade 7 student, Shane, who was successfully selected to represent Bundaberg in Basketball last week! The Wide Bay Trials will be held in Gympie early in Term 2.

FORMER STUDENT, AND CURRENT ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER COACH, TARYN GOLLSHEWSKY (DAUGHTER OF TRACY IN OUR OFFICE) HAS QUALIFIED TO COMPETE IN THE WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES IN RUSSIA. CONGRATULATIONS TARYN!

PARENT CAPERS

Briana Corry, former President of our P&C, is entering the World’s Greatest Shave to be held on 16th March to aid Cancer Research. She is undertaking the shave in memory of her father who died from the disease a few years ago. If you would like to sponsor Briana go to http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/brianacorry

FAMILY PHOTOS FOR OUR DISPLAY

We’ve received a couple of family photos for our display. It would be a shame if any of our students were not able to see their family photo displayed.

Please complete the tear off slip to send in with your photo at the end of the newsletter. If you email it, make sure you give us your family name!

OUR FOCUSES FOR 2013

Every year the school establishes its Annual
Improvement Plan. This is shared at a P&C Meeting and becomes the focus for classroom teaching. This focus includes:

**Reading Strategies:** concentrating on the *explicit teaching of reading strategies*. The first of these is **PREDICTING**.

**Spelling Strategies:** improving our spelling program. All classes work at their year level, studying the same sound across the school each week, using Soundwaves.

Years 2-7 work in remedial groups in **Words Their Way** which diagnoses a student’s specific spelling difficulty. Teachers work with small groups of students and teach the skills required.

**Kids Matter:** Staff has undergone training in this Mental Health initiative. The first component, Positive School Communities, was the focus of the training. We are working on building positive relationships with each other, students and parents.

We are building a **family snapshot wall**, under the slogan “Every Face has a Place at Elliott Heads State School”. Please send in a family photo if we did not take one at our Kids Matter BBQ.

**BOOK COVERING**

We have purchased over 200 new home readers! Thank you to Tami and Karmen who assisted covering books. We still have lots to go so if you can come and help for an hour or so that would be appreciated. See Mrs Taske in the Library.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

We have received a few enquiries regarding Outside School Hours Care. We appreciate that this service would be used by many parents in the community, but unfortunately our school is unable to provide this service. One of the formal requirements is that it must be held in a separate building from the school designated for the specific use of OSHC that has a food preparation area.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS: Ice Blocks**

Student Council will continue to sell ice blocks for 50c at 1st break every Friday while the warmer weather continues.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Assembly will be held at 2.40 p.m. next Monday. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**PREP/1:** Keenan

*For:* excellent effort with homework, especially home reading

**YEAR 2/3:** Libby

*For:* putting her best effort into her work

**YEAR 3/4:** Cleo

*For:* working hard on all her tasks

**YEAR 5/6/7:** Rohan

*For:* being willing to help others with their maths

**CLASSES OF THE WEEK**

**PE:** Prep/1

**MUSIC:** 5/6/7

**UNIFORM:** Prep/1

**LOTE AWARD:** Ella B

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:**
Shane and Blake W

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Bella H

**MATHLETICS AWARDS:**
Silver: Sharnee

Congratulations to students who received their Silver Certificates at this week’s assembly!

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING PROGRAM**

Each year, the school offers opportunities for our more talented students to test themselves against a national standard by participating in the University of NSW testing program. The cost involved for the testing is listed on the tear off slip. If you would like your child to participate past, please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return it with payment.

**OUR BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY**

At the P&C Meeting held last Friday, discussions were held regarding our Behaviour Management Policy. With the support of staff and the P&C, there have been a few adjustments made. We are now in the process of producing a revised booklet which will be printed and sent home to all families in the near future.

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS**

A reminder that Show and tell is NOT part of our class program and we encourage parents to talk to their children about leaving toys and personal objects at home as they are a big distraction to learning and risk breaking or getting lost.

This week in English the Year 1’s are reading Mr Grumpy’s Motor Car and Just Jack to form opinions about character and events and discuss text purpose and structure. Preps continue to explore communicating through letters, emails and postcards using the books Dear Mother Goose and Meerkat Mail to further understandings.
In Maths Year 1’s are learning about teen numbers. We have discovered in what year at school the children will become ‘teenagers’ something they all seem to look forward to becoming! 7 years to test parents no doubt!!! Preps are finalising their work on representation of number after identifying numbers in pictorial and numeral form and showing a number using different representations. Preps are exploring and describing patterns in the environment.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

News from the Patch
Prep and Year 1 have kept busy over the past weeks visiting the garden observing the stages of growth from seed to seedling of corn and beans they planted. We have also observed tomatoes flowering and growing small green fruit and capsicum and melons coming to fruit. We harvested basil and have sent it home to families to share. It’s wonderful to hear of the creative recipes families have used their basil for such as homemade pasta sauce, pinwheels, salad and bruchetta. We also saw one of our basil plants in seed and observed the self seeding and growth of new plants! We have used the compost that students made last year to fertilize our seedlings and promote new growth and with the help of other classes are collecting more fruit and vegetable scraps to create more! Thank-you to Kylie who has been making food to share at Playgroup morning tea with produce from our garden and it is pleasing to see many of the children trying the healthy treats. When children are engaged in the growing and cooking process of vegetables or fruit they are much more open to eating them (or at least having a try!)

Katherine & Kylie

WHAT’S THE SCOOP FROM YEAR 2/3?
This week in English we are finishing our good copy of the poem. Students are practicing their poems so they are ready to read the poem to the class on Friday.
In math we are revising place value of two digit numbers. Students have cut up a sponge to help represent two digit numbers. Students are getting good at using the sponge to represent a two digit number.
Over the next couple of weeks in History we will be looking at ANZAC Day. This week we are looking at ANZAC Day dawn services. If your child has been to a dawn service it would be great if you could please talk to them about the importance of attending a dawn service.
Thank you to those who have managed to bring homework back on Friday or Monday, Fantastic©

Pip

GRADE 3/4 NEWS
Finally, some sunshine has allowed us to complete our science investigation into shadows. We are now working on the rest of our assessment for Science using an online project room called Edstudio.
In Maths this week we have been working on repeated addition and multiplication. In English we have started our assessment. Year 3 are writing a new cunning plan for Mr Fox and Year 4 are writing a new Chapter for the book. Fantastic Mr Fox. We have been focusing on using some of the fantastic language features we have learnt about this term.
Kelly

ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS
Our Year 7 Senior Shirts have now been ordered and we should receive them early next term. Many have paid the full amount for the shirt, but those who still owe $14 will be given their shirt on payment.
In History we are trying to gain an understanding about Australia’s early population. We are using details from the archaeological dig at Lake Mungo to help us understand that it is possible to have an educated guess about what you find and how there may be different ways to interpret information.
In reading groups the ice cream has been made, eaten and enjoyed by the Countdown group. Thanks to Mrs G for helping the children.
In Science we have been looking at separation of elements. We have found a variety of methods to let us do this. We have also been finalising our Anti-bullying presentations which we are going to present to the rest of the school in groups on Friday.

Teeny and Bob

COMMUNITY NEWS
BARGARA LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB
Does your child like to run, jump, throw and play games in a fun family environment? The Bargara Little Athletics season is about to start in April. Sign on will be Saturday 23 March at IGA Supermarket Bargara from 8am until 4pm and at Nielson Oval for a come and try family fun day on Sunday 07 April from 1pm to 3pm. For further information phone Fiona on 0427099647 or Kay 41591881.
**SHED SHELVES HELP**
I am able to help assemble the shelves for the new shed:
Name: ___________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________

**SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER**
Please return ASAP
Name: ___________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________

School shirts: (Place a number in the boxes to say how many of each size needed)
☐ x Size 4  ☐ x Size 6  ☐ x Size 8  
☐ x Size 10 ☐ x Size 12 ☐ x Size 14

**ENTRY FORM UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTS**
Child’s name: _____________________________
Grade: _______________

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All entries must be received, with money, by the end of Term 1, 28th March
Amount enclosed: _______________________
Signed: _____________________________

**ANONYMOUS SURVEY**
I have a child in Grade: ___________________
I would come into the school if the school offered:
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**Elliott Heads State School Parents and Citizens’ Association**
Application for Membership
Please complete and return this form to the school office or bring to the AGM scheduled for 9.00 a.m. on 8th March 2013
Name: _____________________________
Address: ___________________________
Phone: Home: _______________________
Work: _____________________________
Email _____________________________
New Membership Yes / No (circle one)
Renewal Membership Yes / No (circle one)

I agree to be bound by the constitution of the P&C and by all valid resolutions passed by the Association
Signature: ___________________________
Date: / /

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY COFFEE**
Yes, I would be tempted to purchase a Coffee and a Muffin to enjoy while I am waiting at school:
Name: _____________________________

**I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME**
Name -
Signed-