Newsletter 07: 12th May 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
Time waits for no one, so treasure every moment you have.

MOTHERS' DAY
We hope all of our Mothers and Grandmothers enjoyed last Sunday with their families, and being spoilt by their children!

NAPLAN
Thank you for making sure your children have been at school on time for each day of NAPLAN this week. Our students have tried their very best, which is all we ask of them. Regardless of the results, you should be very proud of the commitment and effort your children have put in this week. Thanks also to staff and students in classes not taking the test, who have adapted well to disrupted routines this week.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Ashanti who has been selected to the Wide Bay Girls’ Rep Football (Soccer) Team. She will now play a four-day carnival in Stanthorpe (Brrrrr!) in June. Who knows, we may have a State Rep soon! Well done, Ashanti.

UNIFORMS
We have had a limited delivery of uniforms (only 15) in only a few sizes. Please collect from Tracy (Mrs G) in the office before school starts, or around 2:30 PM in the afternoon, as Tracy is working in classrooms most mornings, from 9:00 AM. Shirts are $25.00 each.

SHOW HOLIDAY
Show Holiday is on Thursday 26th May. If you’re taking your child to the show, please make sure it is on THURSDAY, or after school hours on other days. Any child away on other show days, to attend the show, will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

MAYOR’S BREAKFAST
Tomorrow morning the Captains, Chappy Jess and I will be joining the Mayor, and representatives from all the other schools, at the Mayor’s Chaplaincy Breakfast. Funds raised will go towards supporting school chaplaincy programs in the Bundaberg area. If you support the school’s chaplaincy service, please write us a short note. We need these letters to continue our funding.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT EHSS
13 May – Mayor’s Breakfast-Mrs P, Chappy, Captains
17 May – Tuckshop special: Fish & Chips
19 May – P&C Meeting, 8:45 am Library
24 May – Tuckshop special: Lasagne & Salad
26 May – Snow Holiday
27 May – Under 8s’ Day
31 May – Tuckshop special: Tacos
31 May – Subject Information & ACES Night Kepnock HS
7 Jun – Tuckshop special?
14 Jun – Tuckshop special: Noodles
16 Jun – P&C Meeting, 8:45 am Library
20 Jun – School Athletics Carnival
24 Jun – Level Reward Day & last day of Term 2

TAPE CHAPPY TO THE WALL
We had great fun today trying to tape Chappy Jess to the wall. See our Facebook page for photos! Students who bought tape were allowed to pose for a photo with Chappy! Ask your children how long she stayed on the wall. Do you think it will be enough to win and tape Mrs P to the wall?

LEVEL REWARD DAY
Today our students had their mid-term level reward afternoon, with many students reaching Silver this time round and earning themselves a free play afternoon and a zooper dooper ice block as a treat. Those on Bronze had a movie in the library and a popper and popcorn treat. Who will get to Gold by the end of Term? Those getting to Gold will be treated to a fun afternoon picnic at Lake Ellen Park in Bundaberg.

HAROLD AND THE LIFE EDUCATION VAN ARE COMING!
Harold the Giraffe, and Kathy (his keeper) will be visiting in the Life Education Van next Monday and Tuesday. Each class in the school will be attending for a 90-120 minute session with Kathy and Harold on a wide range of health related issues including keeping our bodies healthy by exercising and eating the right foods, to Cyber Bullying and the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the body.

Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning

Great state. Great opportunity.
P&C PICKINGS
Next Meeting: Thursday 19 May, 8.45am, in the library.
Email: pando@elliottheads.sss.qld.edu.au
President: Bianca Emerson
Vice President: Lyn Barton
Secretary: Monica Ale
Treasurer: Belinda Biggs
Fundraising: Toni Ellis
FACEBOOK PAGE: Please ask to join!
Elliott Heads Parents and Staff-
It's a great way for us to keep in touch with you!

P&C DAY

Tomorrow is P&C Day. As a whole school community, we would like to take this opportunity to tell our wonderful P&C (Executive and members) how much we appreciate the support they give to our school, especially our students. We could not do the job we do without your support! THANK YOU!

NAIDOC DAY PLANNING

At our next P&C Meeting on Thursday 19th May, we will be starting our planning for NAIDOC Day in July. We invite any of our Indigenous parents who would like to be involved in the planning for this day to come along to the meeting on 19th May in the library.

TUCKSHOP SPECIALS FOR NEXT WEEK

17 May: Fish & Chips
$2.50
24 May: Lasagne & Salad
$3.00

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

Thank you to all the dads (and quite a few of the mums, I suspect!) who helped their children to support the Mothers’ Day Stall. We hope you enjoyed your gifts. The P&C raised about $250!

MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE

We raised about $220 in our Mothers’ Day Raffle. Winners were:
1st Prize: Optimetrics Pack: Tyson Hansen (for mum, Mel)
2nd Prize: Coffee Lovers Pack: James, a community member.

Congratulations to Kane and Emily who sold the most tickets in our raffle. They, too, win a little gift for their efforts.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulating the following students who competed in the District Cross Country at St Luke’s last Wednesday. All our competitors completed their races, and we were very proud of their efforts. There were 30-50 competitors in most races. Well done!

10 YEARS BOYS
Michael Whitaker 41
Sarn Hall 32
11 Years Boys
Lachlan Brown 4
Tyson Hansen 12
12 Years Boys
Lloyd Wilkinson 25

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY REPS

Congratulations to Lachlan and Ashanti, who qualified for the District Cross Country team! They’ll run at the Regional Cross Country in Maryborough on 31st May. We are very proud of you!

UNDER EIGHTS’ DAY

This years Under Eight Week is about “Early Learning, Everyone Benefits, Queensland Celebrating 60 Years of Under Eight Week” events being held each year throughout Australia.

This year’s event for all Elliott Heads, Riverview, Coral Cove and Innes Park Communities is being held on Friday 27th May. The event will be held in and around the Prep Block at Elliott Heads State School grounds from 9.00-11.00 a.m. Children under eight, and their parents, are all invited to explore and participate in fun activities that celebrate this special time in their lives.

During the morning children will be able to make some healthy snacks to eat for morning tea as part of the activities. Please bring along a water bottle, sun safe hat and ensure they have closed shoes (joggers, sandals, runners) on for the morning.

We are looking forward to a fun filled morning!

SOUNDWAVES AND READING EGGS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Elliott Heads does not ask parents to buy text books and this is a substantial saving for you. Instead we have a $20 levy for online programs, from which we print our own booklets. This levy is MUCH CHEAPER than the cost of buying text books. Your help in paying these levies, as soon as possible, is appreciated.

KEPNOCK STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACES NIGHT

Kepnock State High School are running a subject information night for students intending to enrol in Kepnock SHS in 2017 and 2018. In conjunction with this, we will be some information on their gifted and talented program called ACES. Parents in Grades 5-8 who think their children will apply for entry to the ACES program in 2017 or 2018 are invited to attend, to find out about how to apply.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 28-04-16

PREP/1: William – great answering of questions
Aaron – great learning in groups
Seth – great learning of his sounds
1/2/3: Lachlan – always working hard in Math rotations
Kingsley – jumping 8 reading levels
3/4: Moana – great work in Math
4/5/6: Ryan – great work around our school
Joe – great work around our school

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: 1/2/3 MUSIC: P/1

100% ATTENDANCE: Lachlan M, Mitchell C, Griffin, Aryahna

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Kiah, Mia, Harrison, Marley

MATHLETICS AWARDS: Gold – Moana, Silver – Kai, Jacob and Harriet

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: 05-05-16

PREP/1: Scout – trying hard in Math Groups
Julian – trying his best in group work
1/2/3: Jake – designing and constructing a fantastic lunch box
Lyndon – making an amazing lunch box
3/4: Jacob – great work in Math
Archy – trying hard to make good choices
4/5/6: Kai – excellent effort on his Art Project
Lachlan – excellent effort on his Art Project

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE: Holiday MUSIC: Holiday

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Kobi, Casey, Luca and Moana

CLASS NEWS

ECHOES from PREP/1

Almost half way through the term and we are starting our assessment for the semester so it is important all students are at school unless they are sick.

In English we have been working on predicting what is going to happen in a story with the support of the pictures and answering questions in letters. During Maths activities we have been doing more work on counting, number recognition and learning how to listen carefully to use positional words.

In History, we have been sequencing pictures of people from birth to old age and looking at how different things can be significant for different people.

Our Science unit about Light and Sound continues to be exciting and now we are going to make our own items that produce light, sound or light and sound. We again need more recyclable items like empty boxes, wrap tubes, milk bottle tops, any unwanted craft materials like bells, ribbons, material, curtain rings, or anything that could be used to make something that makes a sound.

Please check hair for head lice as we have had an outbreak again. Some parents are finding that using conditioner and combing out the eggs every day for two weeks has broken the cycle without using expensive lice shampoos. They are then checking each day and regularly using conditioner to ensure their child is louse free.
Please return homework and library books every Thursday as we can mark them and return on Friday. Thank you for your support in helping your child learn to the best of their ability.

Playgroup News
It has been wonderful seeing our Playgroup friends each week. We have been having fun exploring different musical instruments, light reflecting items and different obstacle course items. We enjoyed making special cards, heart paintings and butterflies last week and hope every Mother had a special day on Sunday. Under 8’s Day is approaching at the end of the month so look out for information on this so you don’t miss the fun with your young children. See you all again soon. Tanya and Denise

TANYA, DENISE and BELLINDA

THE SCOOP from 1/2/3
We are half way through and at the business end of the term. I would like to congratulate all of our students for making an amazing variety of lunchboxes for their Science/Technology assessment last week. Individual photos are in our room if you would like to come and see.

Over the last two weeks in Maths, we have been working on 2 Dimensional and 3 Dimensional shapes. Students have worked hard at creating 3D mobiles and prints of shapes. We have even been discussing terminology such as face, edge, vertex and apex!

In English we have been working together to practise their upcoming assessment piece. We have studied two versions of Hansel and Gretel – noting what we did and didn’t like about each story and writing a persuasive response. Next week the students will begin this task by themselves with a different text.

Due to Friday afternoon sport beginning for the Grade 3s we have had to change our Library day to Tuesday. Homework is still due on Monday’s along with readers. Students are welcome to come and change their readers more frequently if they wish.

We are also off to visit Harold in the Life Education Van early next week – we will keep you posted!

Thank you for supporting your child’s learning.

LIZ

THE BUZZ from YEAR 3/4
Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of our Year 3/4 students on their amazing efforts during the NAPLAN testing. Everyone showed positivity and persistence. I am very proud of you all and know that you tried very hard.

In the past fortnight we have completed our reading of ‘Charlottes Web’ and are getting ready to hone our dialogue writing skills in preparation for our next assessment task.

We are planning a big science day in the coming week to catch up on some extra lessons. We have been investigating heat; how it’s made, where we find it and where it goes.

In Art we have completed our Mothers’ Day work, which I’m sure you all loved, and have started on a creative painting of the beach.

Well done to everyone on their behaviour so far this semester - I am sure you will all have enjoyed your rewards afternoon.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from 4/5/6
Congratulations to our Grade 5s who have really put in a wonderful effort with their NAPLAN tests. Whatever their results are, they gave it their best shot and we are proud of their efforts.

In English we are continuing to work on developing our Moral Dilemma stories, which we are either turning into a cartoon strip using an online cartooning program, or a video, or a hand drawn cartoon strip.

In Maths, we have completed a past NAPLAN paper for practice. If students do as well in the real thing, I’ll be VERY happy. This week we have started looking at odd and even numbers, square and triangular numbers, multiples and factors.

Students have had a great time working with closed circuits in Science. They have been testing different objects to examine whether they are conductors or insulators.

History students have been investigating Sir Henry Parkes as they prepare to create the front page of a newspaper. In Art students have produced beautiful creative Mothers’ Day presents involving a lot of hard work and persistence. Well done everyone.

I am getting some amazing samples to taste test from homework cooking. I hope students and parents are enjoying doing the cooking, as much as I am enjoying the samples! Photos of students cooking are also more than acceptable. The proof isn’t only in the pudding!

HOMEWORK IS NOW WEEKLY: Due Monday 16th May and Monday 23rd May. SPELLING TEST is also Mondays and LIBRARY DAY is Wednesday. Thanks © TEE & LORI

COMMUNITY NEWS

CELEBRATING
25 YEARS
of BUNDABERG
CAREERS EXPO
TUESDAY 24th MAY 2016
BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE
PUBLIC SESSION - 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Agriculture - Aviation
Business and Finance - Construction
Defence Forces - Construction
Employment Agencies - Hospitality
Manufacturing - Tourism
Police Recruitment - Universities and So Much More!

Saturday 21st May 2016

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

9:00 am Registrations @ School Hall
9:30 am ABC Radio Broadcast
11.15 am Devonshire Tea
11:30 am Bundaberg Caledonian Pipe Band
12:00 pm Official Ceremony, Decade Roll Call, Time Capsule, 125 Cake, Photographs
1:30 pm BBQ Lunch
2.00 pm Multi-Draw Raffle
6.00 pm Close

125 Anniversary Dinner @ Bundaberg
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