P&C EXECUTIVE

If you are unable to attend meetings and have an issue you wish to have discussed, contact us via our email address: pandc@elliheadss.eq.edu.au and we will be happy to bring up your issue for you.

President: Amanda Hamzat
Vice President: Sarah Patience
Secretary: Donna Morgan
Tuckshop Convenor: Kristy Walton
Treasurer/Uniforms: Belinda Biggs
Fundraising/Social Media: Briana Corry

FACEBOOK PAGES

Our P&C communicates with parents and staff via a Facebook Page. You need to be logged on to Facebook, in your own account, or sign up for an account to access our school Facebook page. Once logged in, in the box that says search for people, places and things, search for Elliott Heads Parents and Staff. Once you find the page, click on JOIN and one of the administrators will provide you with access.

Our Facebook page is naturally a closed site. There are some rules about what is and is not permitted on our page, but I’m sure you’ll observe those request.

We also have Markets Facebook Page. Again, once you’re logged in, search for Elliott Heads State School Markets.

SATURDAY MARKET DAYS

The P&C has set the dates for this year’s Saturday Markets. They will be held during each of the three upcoming school holidays, in order to make the most of holiday makers visiting the area, looking for a way to occupy their weekend. Market days will be held on April 6th, October 5th and will be combined with our school fair on 6th July.

TUCKSHOP

We are currently unable to purchase yoghurt sticks from our supplier due to a shortage of stock. We are selling yoghurt frogs instead of yoghurt sticks for 15 cents each with a limit of 5 per child.

Tuckshop will operate next week as usual.

SHED NEARING COMPLETION

We have run into a problem with getting the shelves for the shed. They are a lot more expensive than we anticipated, so we’re looking into other alternatives. Watch this space!

UNIFORMS

Our uniform coordinator, Belinda, will be placing the order NEXT THURSDAY. It should be ready for after the holidays. Don’t forget, school photos are coming up in May. If you want your children in new uniforms for the photos, PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!

DATES TO REMEMBER

25 Mar Prep photos are in the Newsmail today
27 Mar Cross Country 9.00 a.m.
                      Level Rewards Day @ Nielson Park for all Silver Certificate holders 11.00 a.m.
28 Mar Last Day of Term 1
15 Apr Students and staff return for Term 2
24 Apr School ANZAC Day Ceremony 2.00 p.m.
25 Apr Community ANZAC Day Service @ Submarine Lookout: School choir and Captains involved
26 Apr School Disco
09 May School Photos

OUR FOCUSES FOR 2013

The explicit teaching of reading strategies. We’re on our 2nd focus: ACTIVATING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

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 using 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: The 1st component, Positive School Communities, is our current focus. We’re working on building positive relationships with staff, students and parents. We are building a family snapshot wall, under the slogan ”Every Face has a Place at Elliott Heads State School”.

FAMILY PHOTOS FOR OUR DISPLAY

We have received a few more family shots for our display. Please send in your favourite family snap. It would be a shame if any students weren’t able to see their family photo displayed. Please send in or email us your photo by the end of term. Make sure you give us your family name!
A SURPRISING ACT OF PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy was a word in the Grade 7 spelling list this week, and when they asked what it meant, we looked it up in the dictionary. It means using your good fortune for the benefit of others. We’ve seen a lot of that in our community during the recent floods and tornadoes, but I was able to give our students a first-hand example that happened at our school this week!

The owner of an Auto Electrical shop in Rockhampton, hearing of the floods in Bundaberg, has donated $200 to the school to help us out. We did not seek the donation, but her daughter is a school teacher, and lost all her gear in the 2011 floods in Brisbane. At that time, other people helped her daughter, so she wanted to help a school and chose us.

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Merle Thompson of Highway Auto Electrics.

STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION

Congratulations to our school leaders who all received their leadership badges last Friday, from Mr Stephen Bennett, State MP for Burnett, and Mrs Amanda Hamzat, our new P&C President. It was a lovely ceremony and all of our students behaved really well throughout the ceremony. Thank you for representing our school so well. Thanks also to Mrs T and Mrs Lee for organising the ‘after party’.

BULLYING - NO WAY!

Our Grade 5/6/7 students did a FANTASTIC job of running our peer support groups with Prep-Year 4 students last Friday. Everyone enjoyed the activities planned by our senior students, and your child should come home with the High Five Hand that gives them strategies for dealing with bullying, if it occurs. Mr Bennett was also impressed with the students’ behaviour and level of engagement with the activities.

MUFFIN MONDAYS

Grade 7 will be cooking and selling muffins for 50c every Monday at second break. The muffins are cooked from scratch, not packet mixes, and so far the muffins have been scrumptious!

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 afternoon before assembly, Tuesday morning at Play Group and Tuesday afternoon, 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’s been thinking of setting up a section in our library for novels for adults. To get started, we are looking for donations of novels you might have sitting on the shelves at home that you 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 theme of the disco on 26th April has been decided by the Student Council. It will be SPORT, so kids can come dressed in their favourite team jersey, as their favourite sportsperson or in the uniform of their favourite sport. A reminder that clothing must be decent and appropriate, so if swimming was a favourite sport we would expect girls to be wearing a sarong or beach wrap and boys to be wearing a rashie.

Food on the night will be pizza and spiders.

BUSY DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Cross Country

Students have been practising every afternoon (and in some cases every morning, lunch and afternoon tea) for our Cross Country next Wednesday. They have been amazed at how much they’ve improved over the last week or two! Even our little tackers are now completing one or two laps of the course, quite easily.

Our Cross Country will be held next Wednesday morning, at 9.00 a.m. Parents are most welcome to come along and watch their children run and cheer them on along the way.

Once completed, students will return to class until fruit break at around 10.30 a.m. and get ready to leave for our Levels Reward Day. Students with qualifying times will go to the District Cross Country at St Luke’s early next term.

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 need only bring $1 each to the office.

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.
Notes will come home tomorrow regarding Level Reward Day.

**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.

**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:** Ella  
For: improved coping strategies, both in class and on the playground

**YEAR 2/3:** Jessy-James  
For: independently constructing his poem

**YEAR 3/4:** Lachlan  
For: amazing story writing

**YEAR 5/6/7:** Madalin  
For: a fantastic effort in leading the School Leader’s Induction

**CLASSES OF THE WEEK**

**PE:** 5/6/7

**MUSIC:** 5/6/7

**UNIFORM:** Prep/1 & 2/3

**LOTE AWARD:** Dylan

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:** Shane, Montana, Ella B and Kody.

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Madalin

**MATHLETICS AWARDS:** Silver: Shane

**NEWSLETTER READERS**
Each week, students are encouraged to bring in a slip saying that their parents have read the newsletter. A name is drawn out each week at Assembly and the student receives a Tuckshop Voucher.

Last week, I was asked how this will work for parents now receiving their newsletter by email (there are quite a few!). If you get your email, and respond to it to say you’ve read your newsletter, I will put your children’s names in the draw. Last week we only had ONE slip returned. Was there really only 1 parent that read their newsletter last week?

**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, please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return it with payment, by next Wednesday.

**OUR BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY**
A revised Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students will be sent home with each family newsletter today.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN’S DESK**
Hi everyone! Well the grade 7 girls and boys have had a lovely time baking banana and apple muffins in the tuckshop with me and our school visitor Mrs Pam Hadaway. The muffins are made from scratch with a recipe and contain no preservatives.

We have decided to sell the muffins fresh on ‘Muffin Monday’ for 50c each. The proceeds will be used in the school to support Chaplaincy Projects such as Brekky Club, hampers for families in need, program resources.

Please contact me if you have been flood/tornado affected and I haven’t caught up with you yet. We have access to some vouchers and community organisation resources that may be helpful in getting you back on your feet. That’s what communities are for and Elliott Heads is a wonderful community. I know that there are lots of people around Bundaberg that have been affected and you may feel that there are those worse off than you. Each school community is looking out for one other and being taken care of. You are part of our community so we want to make sure you are okay too. Looking forward to catching up

Cheers, Chappy Kelli

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS**
The term is quickly drawing to a close and Prep and Year 1 are busy conducting many assessment pieces before the holidays. Please avoid having time off school that is not necessary as assessment is an important part of the school program. Our class should be commended on the huge social, emotional and academic growth that they have shown throughout Term 1 and we are enjoying reflecting on the progress made. Please visit our room to have a look at our Nature Collage display, the students have collected natural items to print, cut out their prints and made some very creative living things. We look forward to adding a display on the opposite wall of Man Made things and creating a non-living object. Training is also well underway for our annual Cross Country with the students doing really well running the distance and enjoying the physical exercise. Please join us on the morning to help support your child and a great whole school event. Our Prep students photo will be published as part of the Newsmail’s, Our Future, Our Leaders feature on the
25th of March if parents wish to get themselves a copy. It is pleasing to have our schools biggest ever cohort of Preps in 2013! All younger siblings and community members are invited to hop in to Prep and Year 1 next Tuesday for the last playgroup of term and a special Easter celebration!!! Playgroup will commence the first week back in Term 2.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

What's the scoop From Yr 2 / 3

This week in English we are starting our new unit. By the end of this unit Students will be able to write a biography of a character from one of the books we will read over the coming weeks. I'm excited about it, and so are the students.

In math we are learning and revising addition and subtraction strategies. It's fantastic to see all the students are putting in an effort to learn and remember these strategies.

In History, Keeping with the ANZAC theme, this week we looked at the origins of ANZAC's, that is the Gallipoli campaign. Students are learning that in History we often feel empathy for those we are learning about.

It would be great if those students who have had family members fight in a war or have medals could bring them in to discuss with the class.

Pip

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

The kids have written some fantastic plans and chapters this week for their assessment. Many of them have effortlessly used the language features we have been learning this term. Great work 3/4's.

We have started working on persuasive texts, this week examining modality and the effect of certain works on the persuasiveness of a text.

In Maths we have continued looking at fractions.

In Science we are working on completing our EdStudio tasks.

I will be sending letters home this week to students who will be invited to our homework party next week.

Kelly

ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS

The return of homework has been much better. Thank you parents for supervising your child in this area. First term was a bit of a settling in period, while we gauged where students were at, so some students will be receiving slightly different homework, more suited to their capabilities, starting next term. We will also be reducing maths homework to one page, rather than two, and hoping that students will spend more time working more carefully in Maths rather than rushing through trying to get it all finished. I hope you enjoy doing the Auz Quiz, sent home each week, with your children. We enjoy marking them and finding out some new facts about what is going on in the world.

In Maths, Grade 7 has been doing fractions (adding, subtracting, simplifying, finding equivalent fractions) and for some students it has been such a 'light bulb' moment that they are keen to have some extra practice over the holidays! I'm sure, however, that that feeling will wear off before next week arrives!

Grade 6 has started doing some work on percentages and have grasped the concept well, finding equivalents for related decimals fractions and percentages, e.g. 0.35 = 35/100 = 35%

Grade 5 has been looking at using Powers of 10 when reading and writing large numbers, e.g. 30000=3x10^4.

In English, we have completed our assessment tasks for short stories and are getting ready to start a new unit on Persuasive Texts which is the writing topic for this year's NAPLAN Test scheduled in mid-May.

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.

FINGERPRINT FUN

A school holiday workshop is being held by the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery on the 09 & 10 April to create fingerprint ‘friends’ The workshop is for children aged 6-16 years of age (Children aged 6-7 yrs MUST be accompanied by a parent). The cost is $5 per child. Book now on 41304750.

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Eastern Suburbs Magpies Junior Rugby League Football Club requires players from Under 7s through to Under 11s. If you are interested in playing contact Kym Yates on 0407 728373 for further information.
ENTRY FORM UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTS

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER
Return by Thursday at the latest

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

ANONYMOUS SURVEY

I have a child in Grade: ____________________
I would come into the school if the school offered:

_______________________________________
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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: ________________________________

We’ve included some extra Newsletter reader slips for those families who have more than one child. Extras are always available at the office.

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

Name - ________________________________
Signed - ______________________________

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

Name - ________________________________
Signed - ______________________________