**P&C EXECUTIVE**

Our next meeting is THIS FRIDAY 19th April at 9.00 a.m. in the library. It has snuck up on us, because of the recent holidays. 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  
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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. We also have Markets Facebook Page. Again, once you’re logged in, search for Elliott Heads State School Markets.

**SATURDAY MARKET DAYS**

Thank you to all those (parents and students) who helped out on our market day during the holidays. Some were there at 6.00 a.m. setting up and we really appreciate the effort! It was a very successful day, and the weather was perfect. Some very resourceful students bought their own stall between them and set up shop, making quite a bit of pocket money from selling items they’d cooked. Well done kids! The next market day on 6th July will also be our school fair.

**TUCKSHOP**

Will start again next Tuesday. Watch this space!

**DISCO**

Parent helpers will be needed to help with serving food & drinks at the disco. If you can help please phone or drop into the office or let a committee member know.

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**OUR FOCUSES FOR 2013**

The explicit teaching of reading strategies. We’re on our 3rd focus: QUESTIONING 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 and Aides work with small groups of students and teach the skills required. We have just retested and are pleased with the progress students have made. New groups have been formed to start next week.

Kids Matter: Staff will soon be attending training for the 2nd component, Social and Emotional Learning for Students.

**WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES**

We have two new families joining us this week. Welcome to the Wibberley, Carrick and Iacuzzi children. We hope you enjoy your time at Elliott Heads State School and that life on the Coral Coast is all that you and your families are looking for!

**ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES**

Next week is ANZAC Day, a very big event not only in our nation’s calendar, but also on our school and community calendars. Our school is heavily involved in our community on this very special day of remembrance.

**School Ceremony**

Our school ANZAC service will be next Wednesday, 24th April, at 2.00 p.m. Parents are most welcome to attend. We’ll have special guests and the service will be run by our school captains.
Community Services

Our Choir and school captains, Shane, Sharnee and Ella are also very involved in the Elliott Heads 11.15am service held at Submarine Lookout. Our captains already have their poems to practice and our choir has been working hard on the national anthems of Australia and NZ for the event. A letter will go home to parents of those children today.

Traditionally, we have at least 80% of our whole student body, and their parents, even if they are not in the choir, attending our local service. It has been a focal point and great source of pride for our school and community for many years. If students are attending we ask that they wear their SCHOOL UNIFORM so that they are easily identifiable as belonging to our school.

There is also a Dawn Service at 5.30 a.m. Please let me know if anyone is attending as we usually have students lay a wreath at that ceremony.

Thanks to Bunnings

Bunnings Warehouse staff will be coming to the school on Monday morning to give our school ANZAC garden a makeover in time for ANZAC Day. We really appreciate their support. Bunnings has also donated two sets of shelving for our new sheds. Thanks Bunnings and thanks to Pip Thompson for picking them up for us yesterday.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

New after school sports will begin next week. Please note that it will be MONDAY and TUESDAY afternoons this term, as the tennis coach was not available on Thursday afternoons. Notes went home on Monday and must be returned by TOMORROW so that groups can be organised and parents and students notified of their success.

Congratulations

We are very lucky in the quality of our coaches. Our Athletics Coach, Taryn Gollshewsky, was at trials in Melbourne over the holidays and has been selected to represent Australia in the Under 21s Australian Team competing in Taipei at the Taiwan National Championships from 23-29 May. Well done, Taryn!

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS START NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday we will beginning Interschool Sport. All children will be travelling to venues by bus. Cost will be $5 per child. All students will receive permission notes and invoices shortly.

Teams being entered in the comp are:
- Junior Boys Touch
- Junior Girls Soccer
- Senior Boys Soccer
- Senior Girls Netball

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 and boardies.

Food on the night will be pizza and spiders. Pizza flavours are: Cheese; Ham & Pineapple; Meat Lovers; Vegetarian.

An order form is attached to this newsletter. Please glue or tape your order onto a brown paper bag, to make serving easier on the night. Use one order form per child and place the money in the bag.

CHOIR SINGING AT EISTEDDFOD

Our choir have been practising very hard all year for the Eisteddfod, a competition for all forms of the arts: music, drama, oral presentations, poetry, etc. Our choir will be performing on Wednesday 1st May. They'll be going in to the civic centre by bus. Mrs Taske will be going with them and Mr Buckholz will meet them there to conduct. Our segment of the competition begins at 9.00 a.m., but we are not performing until towards the end of the session. I'm guessing that if parents were there by 9.45 a.m. they'd be in time to see our choir sing their two contrasting pieces. Of course you are most welcome to attend from 9.00 a.m. onwards. We expect the choir will be back in time for first break. Have a great day choir members!

READING CINEMA

Hopefully lots of families went to the movies over the holidays and handed in Reading Cinema coupons with our school stamp on it. They were given out with the last newsletter. If you didn't get a sheet, call in to the office. The school gets points for them which we can use as rewards or prizes.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students Shane, Savannah and Dylan who qualified for the District Cross Country to be held at St Luke's on 2nd May. These students need to restart their training schedules to get ready for their events. Entry forms will come home today.

SHELVING FOR OUR SHEDS

We are trying to source shelving for our new shed. We need quite a bit of it: 24 sets of modular shelving, which is quite expensive to buy. Bunnings have very kindly donated two sets. Does anyone work in the hardware industry that might be able to get us a good deal on the remaining shelves?
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

This week our Rotary Readers program gets underway, with community people who have been trained and are volunteering to help our students get some extra reading practice. We are really grateful for your help.

We also have a number of people who help in the Prep/1 classroom and I know Kath and Denise have thanked you and really appreciate your help as well.

I'd also like to give a big thank you to Donna Morgan, who has been coming regularly to work with small groups of students who need extra help. Knowing that you are there consistently really helps us to plan ahead.

You might have noticed a lot of gardening and clean-up operations going on around the school over the last few weeks. Local community member, Frank Mara, has been volunteering with us since just before the holidays and once again we are so grateful for his assistance. He's been a big help also, to Mrs T who is planting out the garden behind the new tuckshop. Thanks Eve!

Last but not least a big thank you to our hard working P&C who work tirelessly to help out staff and students by taking on a lot of behind the scenes jobs that considerably lighten the load for staff. Thanks ladies!

CROSSING HELPERS

This is a final appeal for one or two parents to assist with road crossing of an afternoon. I had two parents who volunteered to be trained, but one has had to withdraw for work reasons, which we can appreciate.

We do have a lot of parents in the school of an afternoon, and it only takes 20 minutes at the most, 1 afternoon per week, from 2.50-3.10 pm. Can you help?

Tami, who has been doing it for nearly three years now (thanks Tami) will be going on holiday later this year and we need to get her covered with another volunteer.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

No assembly this week, as it was the first day of school. Watch this space for next week's star students!

CLASS NEWS

PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS

Welcome back! Hopefully we are all rested and ready for another fantastic term of learning. We had a pleasant start back to the week with the class settling well and seeming so much more grown up. It is pleasing to see they have remembered our classroom routines, rules and expectations and are able to do these very independently. If you are still in the habit of helping your child by completing their morning or afternoon jobs Term 2 is a good time to give them a little more responsibility in doing tasks. Verbal reminders are a good way of doing this if you are dropping them off to the classroom and of course lots of PRAISE! when they complete the task well with a happy disposition. Mrs Lee will be extending her holidays to help look after her new Grandson Dexter and will be back with us again next week. Prep will be focusing on Personal Recounts in their English studies and Year 1's are focusing on Characters in Stories. In maths this week Prep is learning about the concept of length and Year 1's are focusing on time using o'clock intervals. We are also starting our new Science unit which is focusing on investigating materials.

Katherine, Helen & Denise

WHAT'S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2 / 3

It has been a great start to the second term. First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Staff and Parents at Elliot Heads who have made my first term here a fantastic and unforgettable one. I am really looking forward to spending the rest of the year here at this lovely school.

This week in English we are extending our knowledge of biographies by exploring a new book "Fox" by Margaret Wild.

In maths we are exploring chance and the language used to describe the possibility of some events occurring at Elliot Heads State School.

In History, we are examining the importance of the ANZAC day ceremony and what the monuments mean to the way we commemorate and remember the ANZAC's.

Pip

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

Welcome back to term 2. I am very glad to have everyone back safe and sound, and rested. Also welcome to our new classmates Kyle and Toby in year 4.

We are getting straight back into things this week. Both year 3 and 4's have been investigating place value and partitioning in standard and non-standard ways.

In English we are continuing our unit on persuasive writing. Learning the best ways to persuade mum to give us what we want!

In Science 2/3/4 are beginning their study of living and non-living things.

Please remember to bring along some fruit or vegies for our fruit break each morning.

Kelly
Students have settled back in very nicely and we welcome a new student in Grade 7, Carly. The girls are already taking good care of her!

We have begun NAPLAN practice in earnest, during Reading and Maths group rotations. Grade 6 is also joining in to get some extra practice for next year!

In English we have begun a unit on Persuasive Text, also in preparation for NAPLAN.

In Science, the topic will be chemical reactions and in History, Grades 5&6 are researching the events of the Eureka Stockade while Grade 7s research Ancient Egypt. For Technology this term, students will be designing and building bridges. The bridge will have to pass the strictest of design tests to be considered successful, so get your thinking caps on!

In Maths we’ve been adding & subtracting fractions.

Teeny and Bob

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Accident insurance cover for students**

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents. Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

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PH 4151 0288 OR www.rheetaekwondo.info

**1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course**

A three session program for parents and carers to learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12 years old will be held at Engaging Early Learners Centre at Woondooma Street (Opposite the Library) on May 01, 08 and 15 at 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. A registration fee of $10 per participant which includes a workbook and supper. Contact Cheryl or Amanda at Engaging Early Learners on 41311333 or Amanda on 0448197075 to book your place.

**TENNIS LESSONS**

MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learning commences this week for Term 2 at Rotary Park Tennis Courts, 69 George Street. All ages and skills are catered for. Group and Private lessons are available. For more information and to Register, phone Murray on 0407639824 or Kevin on 0409520753.

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

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