Thought for the Week: The start is what stops most people.

It was lovely this week to have a visit from our Assistant Regional Director, Steve Case (my boss), who says he loves to come out here just to experience the lovely feel he gets when he walks into our school. He commented that the grounds are looking lovely as always (thanks to Mrs T and Frank).

He commented that he visits our school less frequently than others, because he knows that the school and its community work well together to provide a good education for the students, and we don’t give him any cause for worry! It was great to get that feedback! Mr Case visited with Mrs Campbell yesterday, to congratulate her on the fine work she is doing in Prep/1. Next time he will visit with another teacher. He is also impressed with our general upward trend in Reading data over the last 4-5 years.

Another area that impressed Mr Case was our improving attendance data. I know some parents don’t like getting the attendance letters sent out recently, but every school leader is under scrutiny regarding attendance and these letters have had the desired effect in that parents are much more aware of the importance of sending their children to school on every possible day. It is thanks to our parents that this data is improving in our school!

Many thanks to our dedicated staff for the great job they do, to our P&C for the way they support us and to our parents who work WITH us rather than against us, to get the best for their children! Well done everyone!

**NAPLAN TESTS**

Next Week 13th, 14th and 15th May, NAPLAN tests will take place for all students in Grades 3, 5 and 7. 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 TIME 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.

**Brain Food for NAPLAN**

We ask parents to send along some extra food on NAPLAN Days to give students’ brains a bit of a boost on the day. Students will be allowed to take a small container of food into the test to munch on while they work. Food must be relatively healthy, such as nuts, dried fruit, fruit cut up in bite sized chunks (apples, grapes, kiwifruit, orange segments, etc.) Please don’t send anything messy (e.g. orange quarters with peel still on) as this will make a mess of their test papers.

**Supervision of Grades 2, 4 and 6**

Grades 2, 4 and 6 will be supervised in an alternate program on the mornings of the NAPLAN tests and should come to school as normal. They might be in a different classroom, or in the library, but it will be business as usual. As these days are also Music and PE days, we will run an alternate program for these sessions too, so that each student is able to participate.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT**

There are still some places available in Basketball on a Wednesday afternoon, if students are interested in learning this sport. The sport is being coached by visiting American basketballers, who are here in Bundaberg for the season.

Soccer on a Tuesday afternoon is being coached by our own Commonwealth Games hopeful, Taryn Golishewsky! Well done Taryn. We are very proud of you!

**CHORUS AT EISTEEDFFOD**

On Tuesday our choir did us proud once again. From all reports they sang beautifully and received a highly commended award from the adjudicators. There is a lovely photo, taken on the day, on our Facebook page! Congratulations kids!

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to Caillou, Brodi-J, Cleo, Sarah, Toby I, Rebecca and Dylan who also did us proud at the District Cross Country at St Luke’s on Tuesday afternoon. Everyone of them completed their race and ran their hardest. Well done, kids!

**RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS**

Many thanks to the handful of parents who came along to our meeting about the changes to the school’s responsible Behaviour Plan for Students today. They had a sneak peak at what the new plan will look like, and what the proposed new “Behaviour Passport” for students will look like. A vote will be taken at Next Week’s P&C Meeting.

**NUDE FOOD DAY**

Thank you to parents who supported their children in providing them with their food ‘nude’ last Tuesday! Unfortunately with staff and students missing at choir, District Cross Country, a meeting in town and a Reading course running, staff forgot to write the tickets. We’ll draw two winners next time. Our sincere apologies!

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**Safety, Responsibility, Respect and Learning**

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Great state. Great opportunity.
IN OUR CLASSROOMS

For the first three weeks of term, the reading focus in every classroom has been QUESTIONING. Questioning is an important reading strategy as it helps our students understand the kinds of questions they are often asked in comprehension tasks. We are teaching students to identify the kinds of questions being asked, e.g.

- **Right there** (answer is on the page)
- **Think and Search** (answer is on the page, but might have to be gathered from different locations across the text and a few clues to be brought together for one answer)
- **Author and me** (the answer is in my head, but the author has given me clues in the text-the answer is not directly stated)
- **On my own** (I have to use my own background knowledge. These questions often start with "Why do you think...")

In our School Wida Positive Behaviour Plan, we are looking at teaching appropriate **Toilet Behaviour**. This might include:

- urinating in the right place (as simple as that sounds, little boys often don't know what a urinal is for)
- leaving the toilets clean for others
- using paper, soap and paper towel without wastage
- not playing in toilet areas
- not taking food into toilets
- not deliberately locking doors and crawling underneath, stopping others from using them

We have also had an increase in the number of students bringing phones, tablets and iPods to school. There are occasions teachers permit these to be brought to school for a specific purpose. However, generally these items are NOT permitted at school for very obvious reasons. They’re EXPENSIVE and can be easily lost, stolen or broken.

The school will NOT accept any responsibility for items stolen or damaged at school, unless they are handed in before school at THE OFFICE for safe keeping and collected at the end of the day, as our school policy. Last week, we had a number of electronic devices at Friday Sport. These are also to be left at sport and collected from the office after sport on Friday. The iPods and phones are also being used on the bus, mainly for listening to music, but also for taking PHOTOS. This is against Education Queensland policy. Photos of students are NOT permitted to be taken by students. All it would take would be for one student to have an argument with another student and the photo could find its way onto Facebook, with damaging comments, etc.

I have spoken to all bus travellers about this issue, as it is causing major concern for the bus driver, with students rushing up the bus while it is moving, to see the latest photo. Students reported as taking photos with their electronic devices, will have them confiscated and not returned until a parent comes up to the school to collect it.

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**P&C PICKINGS**

Next meeting: Wednesday, 14th May, at 9.30 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.

**Our email address:** oandc@elliottheadss.eq.edu.au

**President:** Amanda Hamzat  **Vice-President:** Sarah Patience

**Secretary:** Monica Ale  **Treasurer:** Belinda Biggs

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Elliott Heads Parents and Staff

Please ask to join. It’s a great way for us to keep in touch with you.

**JAKE’S CANDY FUNDRAISER:**

Thanks again for your support. Orders went home on Monday. If you didn’t receive it, you might need to have a little munchkinch!

**MOTHERS’ DAY STALL**

Thanks to Jackie Mara (Frank’s wife) and her neighbour Annette for their generous donations of items for the Mothers’ Day Stail. Much appreciated ladies!

Tomorrow morning will be the last day for purchasing gifts from the Mother’s Day Stall before school. Gifts range from $1-$5. Hopefully, where possible, all the Dads out there will provide their children with a few dollars to buy a nice gift for Mum.

**P&C WRAPS DAY**

Wednesday, 21st May, will be our next Food Day for this term. We will be offering a variety of Wraps. An order form will be attached to next week’s newsletter. Please return it by TUESDAY 20th May at the latest.

**DISCO**

Our first disco for the year is planned for Friday evening 23rd May from 5.30–7.30pm. An order for will come home soon, for food orders on the night. The Student Council will meet soon to set a theme for the night! Put the date on your calendar.

**2014 FUNDRAISING PLAN**

- Mid Term 2: Pie Drive-Chic’s Pies
- Early Term 3: Walkathon
- Mid Term 3: Bush Dance Food Stall
- Late Term 3: Fathers’ Day Stall
- Early Term 4: Family Portraits

**FRIDAY SPORT**

Parents are most welcome to come to watch their children play sport on a Friday afternoon.

- 6/7 Girls-Netball@Kendalls Flats, Mrs Patterson
- 6/7 Boys-Soccer@Kendalls Flats, Mrs Gollishewsky
- 4/5 Girls-Soccer@Kendalls Flats, Mrs Taska
- 4/5 Boys-Touch@Bundaberg Touch Grounds, Mrs Brown

Many thanks to Donna Morgan who is taking a Nellie skills training session after school on a Wednesday afternoon during After School Sports time. If your daughter can attend it will be much appreciated.

**COLDER WEATHER AND SCHOOL JUMPERS**

With the onset of cooler weather, many students are coming to school in a variety of coloured jumpers, sweatshirts, leggings and track pants. Parents are reminded that our school colour for winter clothing is navy blue. Navy blue sweatshirts, zip up jackets and trackpants are readily available quite cheaply at outlets such as Big W, KMart, Target and Best and Less. It would be appreciated if parents could assist their children to be dressed in proper school colours. We do have some 2nd hand jackets that are available for $5.00, if you would like to have one.

**Beans & Hoodies**

Although we understand that students might be cold in the morning on their way to school, especially if riding or walking, and like to wear a hoodie or beanie to keep their ears warm, a hoodie or a beanie is NOT a substitute for their school hat at play time. The ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy still applies in winter. If your child is wearing a navy blue hoodie or beanie to school, please make sure they also have their school hat in their bag.

**LIFE EDUCATION VAN & HAROLD**

It has been some time since the Life Education Van has visited us. Harold now has a lovely new van thanks to community donations. Harold will be here on 22-23 May.

For those parents who do not know about the Life Education Program, Harold the giraffe and his partner Kathy Bayliss, teach students life skills, including healthy eating, looking after our bodies, abusive use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Lessons range from 1.5-2 hours per class. Information and payment envelopes have been given to each student.
WHAT'S THE SCOOP FROM YEAR 2/3?

In English we are revising an imaginative recount and I have read some amazing work from the students. We are also continuing with the novel “Matty Forever” and it’s great to see that everyone is getting into the book.

In Maths, the year 2s are exploring patterning with objects and simple pattern rules. We have learnt some new words and can now use increase and decrease correctly. The year 3s are extending their knowledge of patterning and realising that a pattern does not necessarily mean the increase or decrease of a set number.

In science, we are still exploring life stages. This week we looked at our own life stages and examined how we might change during each stage. We have also planted some marigolds so we can watch a plant’s life stage over the next several weeks.

To all the year 3.5.7 students, good luck with NAPLAN next week. I know that my class has been studiously preparing for it and are completely confident and ready to knock it out of the park.

In Geography, we are working on part of our assessment booklet where we are creating our own town, with all the necessary key features. We are plotting it on a map of Australia and marking on some other features such as the Equator and Tropic of Capricorn. PHP 🌊

THE BUZZ FROM YEAR 4/5

This week we have been working hard across the curriculum. In English we have completing assessments and have started writing a report giving our opinion on the best way to manage fruit bats.

In Maths we have started looking at chance and probability. We have found out about dependent and independent events and have looked at the likelihood of events occurring.

In Science we have started a new unit called “Ready, set, grow” where we are investigating living things, life cycles, adaptations, relationships and endangered species.

In Geography we are still studying maps. We are looking at all the elements of a map, in particular scale. I am extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and accuracy that student can determine the distance between two places. Keep up the good work.

Also, this week we welcomed Ashanti to the ranks of Student Councillor. Congratulations!

KELLY

HOT GOSS FROM YEAR 5/6/7

In English we are continuing our Unit from Term 1 on Ned Kelly, based on the book ‘Black Snake’. This week we completed a Reading Comprehension assessment task. In Reading Groups over the last two weeks, we have also been doing past NAPLAN papers, just to get into the right mode for the upcoming tests.

In Maths, all grade levels have been doing a NAPLAN style practice test on Mathematics, as well as completing some unfinished pages in their text.

Isn’t it an amazing feeling when you can see the light at the end of the tunnel? We have been working so industriously on our History and Geography tasks that we have nearly completed all of the required assessment for this semester. I would like to thank all the students for doing a wonderful job and they should all be proud of the work they are producing. We have just one more task to complete for each of these curriculum areas and with such a busy few weeks ahead, every lesson is going to count.

TEENY & LIZ

CHAPPYS NEWS

BACK OUR CHAPPIES

Hi everyone! Thanks so much for your support in the Back Our Chappies Campaign. The case is in court this week with 3 possible outcomes:

- The challenge could be overturned and funding continue as usual
- Funding could be redirected through states, rather than at a federal level, and we’d have to seek funding via the state government.
- All chappi payments beyond 2014 could cease permanently.

I will keep you updated as I find out what’s happening.

TERM ACTIVITIES

This term I will continue to have Chappy’s Chat lunch time group with spiritual input, games on Thursday lunch, small group Friends for Life program, one on one appointments and support with students and families.

CHAPPY WEEK

It’s Chappy Week coming up May 18-25. We will be celebrating at Elliott Heads on Thursday, May 22 with some crazy lunch time Chappy Challenges and a crazy hair day.

MAYORAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT BREAKFAST

Please come along and support our local school chaplains and the important work that they do within our regional schools. Our school chaplains help to bring hope to our young generation through their one-on-one service. Through positive and supportive relationships they help our young people with everyday life matters, as well as the more critical issues like substance abuse, relationship issues, family breakdown, depression and low self-esteem.

GUEST SPEAKER is Petar Coviciceva

This is also your opportunity to hear guest speaker Petar Coviciceva discuss his NRL career, how he has worked with children through that career and how now, in his new role as the NRL Community Engagement Ambassador he is working with communities and school children to show them the wider benefits of participating in rugby league. Tickets are $25 (must be pre-purchased) For more information contact Kim Owens 41304262 or email kim.owens@bundaberg.qld.gov.au.

CHAPLAINCY RAFFLE

As part of the fundraising for chaplaincy there is a raffle - $2 a ticket, Chappy Kelli will be set up at a table with the tickets next Tuesday afternoon if you wish to purchase some or see Chappy at breakky club.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

Assembly is held at 2.30 p.m. each Wednesday.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREP/1:
- Konna: Excellent effort and ideas in writing tasks
- Year 2/3: Jessy-James: Outstanding work ethics
- Year 4/5: Lily: Good work at spelling
- Year 5/6/7: Seth: Great contributions to class discussions

CLASSES OF THE WEEK

PE:
- NONE (visiting teacher)

MUSIC:
- NONE (Mr Buckholz at Eistedffod)

LOTE:
- Raymon

PLAYGROUND AWARDS:
- Jordan O, Bella K, Blake W, Sahara

NEWSLETTER READER:
- Spencer

ATTENDANCE AWARD:
- Kiah M - knows that Every Day Counts!

CLASS NEWS

PREP/ONE

This week we have enjoyed reading the story Just Jack. We are learning about repetition in text, inferring and ordering events in a stories plot. In Maths Prep’s have focused on the concept of visually recognising groups of numbers to 6. Year Ones focused on tens and ones. They enjoyed representing numbers with MAB. We have all continued to practice our counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s to 100 and we ask that you support this at home this term.

Wishing all Mothers, Grandmothers and carers a wonderful Mothers’ Day. I have a feeling there will be some very proud and excited children with handmade and independently purchased gifts come Sunday!

KATH & DENISE

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