**PUPIL FREE DAY ON MONDAY**

This Monday, 21st October, is the only pupil free day still on the school calendar. Next Monday, teachers will be attending professional development. In the morning all staff will be at Oakwood State School, joining with them on an introduction to School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB). After lunch we will be working on our NAPLAN results and developing plans to support students who need additional assistance, as well as extending students who have done well.

**THANK YOU**

Our cleaner Debbie, Mr Jeff Shield and his brother, and Frank Mara (our volunteer gardener come handyman) all went across to Branyan Road to collect some perfectly good computer desks they were throwing out. Branyan Road's loss is our gain! Some need minor repairs, but all in all it was a good find and they’ll come in very handy. Many thanks to Debbie, Jeff, his brother and Frank for taking the time to go across and see if the desks were salvageable.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Shane Hall for emptying our Can Cage. It has now been replaced with a Can Bag. If someone would like to take the old cage (it would make a great dog kennel) please contact the school office.

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number? Don’t forget to notify the office.

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**WORKING BEE**

On Tuesday afternoon, staff turned our old P&C storeroom into a meeting room and learning area, for small groups or one-on-one. Believe it or not, this storeroom used to be the staffroom not so many years ago! In the process, we also tidied up the storeroom next door and started on the storeroom in Ms Thompson’s and Mrs Brown’s room. Once you get the bug it’s hard to stop!

Many thanks to the P&C and friends and family, in particular Belinda, Faye, Donna and Sarah for their work in clearing the room in the first instance.

**SWIMMING SCHOOL**

We had a great start to swimming yesterday. The split timetable meant generally smaller groups and more pool room. The bus transfers all went very
smoothly and we are very grateful for the help of parents. Thanks Belinda and Donna.

Most students are changing at school and are ready to enter the water as soon as we arrive. The change back into dry clothes at the end was also speedy. A particular thank you to senior boys who helped the younger boys struggling to get out of their wet rashies and picked up lost property afterwards.

Payment for swimming is $40.00 up front or $5.00 per week. The return rate of fees has been excellent. Thanks parents!

**LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISITING**

In two weeks, Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education Van will be visiting. The life Education Van had provided health and lifestyle education for students around Australia for many years. Topics that might be addressed by the program range from healthy eating, exercise and the way the body systems work to smoking, drugs and alcohol education. More information will come home with next week’s newsletter.

**CHALLENGE MATHS FOR GRADE 5/6/7**

Each year Kepnock SHS sends out past EHSS students and a staff member (Mrs Elizabeth ORR, Head of the Maths Department) to work with our senior students to develop their higher order thinking and Maths problem solving ability. We had lots of fun with Mrs Orr last Thursday and are looking forward to the final session today, from 9.00-11.00 am. We thank Kepnock SHS for their continued support of our students as they near the age for transition to high school.

**GRADE 5 & 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION**

In November, our Grade 5 & 6 students, who will all be going to high school together at the end of 2014, will have an opportunity to begin a transition program to Kepnock SHS, similar to the one offered for Grade 7s earlier this year. They will have a tour of the school and attend two lessons conducted by Kepnock SHS staff. Again, we are very lucky to have this level of support, which makes transition to high school so much easier for our students.

**CHAPPY CHAT**

**Random Acts Of Kindness Month**

This week, Chappy Kelli visited all classes and gave each student a SMILE card. The idea is that when your child does a random act of kindness for someone else (not their regular chores, not playing nicely with their regular friends, but doing something OUT of the ordinary for another person) they pass on the card. The person who’s been SMILEd at, does a random act of kindness for someone else in turn, to keep the chain going.

Students will be making coloured paper chain links with their acts of kindness written on each link. At the end of the month the chains are collected and student representatives school will go to a special morning tea provided by the Bundaberg Regional Council. Two of the main projects we would like to participate in are outlined below:

**Operation Christmas Child:** Operation Christmas Child sends gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in over 100 countries. Each class and staff could donate gifts and items to fill boxes to send. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a list of the kinds of things that can and can’t be donated (because of customs laws). Chappy Kelli will be taking donations for the Christmas Boxes in the new small group work room at the back stairs of the office. You can send items in on any day, but it might be nice for children to be able to give their items directly to Chappy Kelli on Mondays and Tuesdays. The items need to be in by the END OF OCTOBER so they can be boxed up, wrapped and sent overseas in time for Christmas. Some of the children receiving these gift boxes will never have received a gift before.

**Gyprock Fundraiser:**

The Salvation Army is delivering the gyprock to schools. On Tuesday 29th October, we will be holding a TRADIES free dress day, for students to bring in a gold coin towards the cost of a sheet of gyprock, to assist one of the dozens of families in the area whose homes are still flood and tornado affected. On the day, students will be welcome to draw or write a message to the family. This side of the gyprock will be attached to the framework of the house, but in years to come, when the wall is replaced again, your child will have become a little part of the history of the family they’ve helped.

Chappy Kelly is interested in hearing of all your good ideas including ideas that parents and caregivers might have. Please come and talk to her, or give her a call on 0427592805.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS:**

**MUSIC AWARD:** 3/4

**PE AWARD:** 2/3

**LOTE AWARD:** Carly and Jordan B

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:**

Ella H, Falon, Keely F and Falon

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Soren
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
P/1 Tyrone: Good work in his handwriting
2/3 Timothy: Great effort in understanding multiplication and division

Last Term
Isak: amazing dance move and always willing to have a go
3/4 Bella H: Big improvement in work ethic and classroom participation
5/6/7 Matthew: Great efforts in Spelling and homework

UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTS
ENGLISH
Credit: Aimee, Brooke and Ella B
Participation: Sarah H

MATHEMATICS
Distinction: Ella B
Credit: Aimee M
Participation: Sarah H, Isabella K and Brooke

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
100% Attendance for Term 3: Archer, Grace, Ollie, Rylan and Sahara
Less than 3 Days Absence for Term 3:
P/1: Chloe, Cooper, Elexis, Caileb, Keenan and Charlie
2/3: Lilly, Kaidyn, Tyson, Jessy, Isak, Timothy, Mitchell and Tyler

BEFORE SCHOOL READING AWARDS:
10 books: Jonathan

SPECIAL AWARDS
In recognition of their work as Student Councillors, and giving up their holidays to create resources for our students by painting alphabet and number snakes, as well as handball courts and soccer field markings:
Mrs Brown's Family; Luca, Noah, Riley and Lachlan, The Fox/Biggs family; Sharnee, Keely, Mia, The Morgan Family; Aimee and Mitchel, The Harding Family; Aaliyah, The Quagliata/Patience Family; Brodi-J and the Hall Family; Sarah and Sam.

CLASS NEWS
PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS
This week we have been busy reading letters linked to Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales to help Elf learn more about the characters and story lines. We have had fun finding elf hiding in many strange places in our room. Those that posted letters to elf last week were excited to receive letters back and Jingle Bell hopes to see many, many, new letters in this week. In Maths we have focused on basic addition and part-part-whole representations. Some great iPad apps you can use to consolidate learning are 10 Frame Fill and Number Flash and Number Pieces.

We all loved our first swimming lesson and the class' behaviour was excellent! Students were graded into new groups and will be ready to commence more activities and skill practice next week. It is a really big day and some of our class even fell asleep on the way back or in afternoon session. Please make sure that next week you pack a little bit more lunch for your child and get them to bed early the night before.

Katherine, Helen, Denise & Margaret

Playgroup
As from TODAY, Playgroup will NO LONGER be on a Tuesday morning. It will instead be offered on Thursday mornings from 9-11am.

Playgroup targets young children from birth to 5 years. New members are always welcome and we are hoping that with our upcoming letter box drop in the local community that we increase our attendance rates. You are asked to bring a hat, water bottle and shared morning tea.

Playgroup is a vital part of the Prep Transition program and we strongly advocate for children due to start Prep in 2014 to attend playgroup for as much time as possible during Term 4. It goes a long way to allowing your child to feel comfortable within the classroom context, meet other students and develop relationships with staff members.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2/3
We still have our PRAC teacher Mrs Annette Goodwin for the next two weeks.

In English we are having a go at writing our own imaginative narrative. We are writing a new adventure for Little Cat from the book "Little Cat and the big red bus". It is great to hear all of the creative ideas and descriptive sentences.

In math we are still exploring and extending our knowledge of the multiplication and division tables, as well as double digit addition and subtraction strategies.

In history we are writing the rough draft of our brochure. We have decided to write the brochure on either "transport over the past 100 year" or "how the sugar can industry has changed".

Pip 😊
**GRADE 3/4 NEWS**

This week we have been busy continuing our investigations into Traditional Stories. We have been learning all about the features of these stories and morals and lessons that they carry. In Maths we are working on lots of great strategies for mental addition and subtraction. We are still making huge improvements in this area. In Science we have started investigating liquids as part of our unit on Matter. Today we conducted an experiment called the 'Viscosity Race' where we discovered the liquids with the highest viscosity. Please remember to bring homework in on Fridays or Mondays. Home readers can be changed any day, but will always be changed on Monday mornings.

**Student Council News**

We apologise for not selling icy poles last week. They will definitely be on sale tomorrow at first break for 50c.

Kelly

**ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS**

What a busy week! We are full steam ahead with assessments in English, which are taking a little longer than we anticipated, but most students have broken the back of it now. In Maths we are each working through the remaining pages in our text books, on a more individualised program, while we are making full use of the computers to complete the assessment task. In SOSE, students are doing a unit on Australian Exploration and in History......

Our Tutankhamen Death Masks are also nearing completion in Art and look fantastic. Other students have begun helping Mrs T build and paint the props for our play. Thanks Mrs T!

Please take note of the End of Year Dates, and put them on your calendars.

Grade 7 parents and students please get your photos in for the Graduation Photo Story. Thanks!

Thank you to all the staff, parent and students who have welcomed me to Elliott Heads. I have no doubt that I will enjoy the remainder of the year here. On Thursday's and Friday's I will be running the History, SOSE and Science parts of the curriculum.

To begin the term we'll be focusing heavily on our History unit which focuses on the students undertaking a historical look at the immigration of the Chinese and how this has affected our country. In SOSE we will be familiarising ourselves with the people who explored Australia once it was settled. This will be quite a short sharp and precise unit given the short of amount we have this term. I look forward to working with you throughout the term.

Teeny and Liz

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Lighthouse Festival - Art & Photography Exhibition**

- **When:** Saturday, 26th October
- **Where:** Burnett Heads Community Hall
- **Time:** 9am - 4pm
- **Contact:** Sherilee - Lighthouse Festival Art Co-ordinator
  Phone: 41595602 Email: lhfcreations@gmail.com

Australian Air League. Aviation based youth group offering safe, challenging, disciplined fun for boys and girls aged 8 to 18. Life skills such as team building, self-reliance and leadership. Plus a variety of camps throughout the year. Fridays from 6.30-9pm. Kendalls Road, Bundaberg. Call 41597489 or visit www.airleague.com.au

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