ELLIOTT HEADS REVIEW
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Thought for the Week:
One thing you can give and still keep...is your word.

FROM THE P&C
Next meeting: Friday November 15, at 2.30 p.m.
Our email address is: pandc@elliottheadsss.eq.edu.au.

COMING EVENTS:
- 15 Nov: Disco 5.30-7.30 p.m. Come and have fun dancing and enjoy a pizza and spider dinner.
- 1 Dec: Stall @ Carols by Candlelight
- 2/3/4 Dec: Christmas Gift Stall
- 12 Dec: Sausage Sizzle after Presentation Day assembly.

FACEBOOK PAGES:
- Elliott Heads Parents and Staff
- Elliott Heads State School Markets

WEAR BLUE FOR DIABETES
As you might know, we have an insulin dependent diabetic child in our school, so supporting the wearing of blue for diabetes on next Tuesday, 12th November, is an important awareness raising activity for us, as well as an important way of showing our support for Kayla.

As well as wearing blue, Kayla’s mum, Nikki, will be going into each class and talking to students about what living with diabetes is like for her daughter and others like her, and raising students’ awareness, and hopefully give the positive message that people with diabetes can live as full a life as anyone else. Thanks Nikki for giving up your time.

LUNCH TIME ICE BLOCKS ON FRIDAY
The Student Council will continue to sell ice blocks on a Friday until the end of the year, but this will be the last one to raise money to pay for the gyprock for the Bundy Flood and Tornado Relief Project. Thanks to all who have supported this activity for Random Acts of Kindness Month. All students have now had a chance to write their messages of hope on the back of the gyprock and the Salvation Army will collect them later this week.

FUNDRAISER FOR ELLISON PS in NSW
Many thanks for the Hamzat Family for the fantastic job they did in baking cupcakes and icing biscuits, which tasted great and looked even better with their Halloween theme. Many students and staff got into the spirit of the day and dressed up. All in all we raised just over $200. What a great effort!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
(Too many to remember!)

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ATTENDANCE AWARDS AT ASSEMBLY
Following on from our letters two weeks ago about attendance, and where your children sit in comparison to the average school attendance rate and targets, we introduced a new award at assembly this week.

To try and encourage students to attend on every day possible, we are having a draw for a $10 voucher/gift card each week, for those students who attended every day in the previous week. On Monday morning, teachers check their rolls for the previous week and give out tokens that already have each child’s name on it. Student put these tokens into the box for the draw at assembly.

This does not mean that we want you to send your child when they are genuinely sick. We are more trying to encourage families not to take days off for appointments that might be able to be made outside school hours, extended holidays, longer...
weekends, visits from friends and relatives, birthdays, etc. This way, students who were genuinely sick for a day or two last week, for example, still have a chance to go into the draw for next week if they have attended the entire week.

**SPONSORSHIP IN 2014**

Next year, we hope to have some sponsorship from local businesses. If we could get 10 local businesses to sponsor, that would cost them $40 per year ($10 for one week each term). If you have any connections to local businesses who might be interested in sponsoring, could you notify Tracy in the office?

**CLASSES FOR 2014**

* A SINCERE THANK YOU TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE LET US KNOW THAT THEY ARE MOVING IN 2014. IT MAKES OUR PLANNING SO MUCH EASIER WHEN WE KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.*

At this week’s staff meeting, we started to look at classes for 2014. At this stage, based on what we know about some families moving, and new enrolments coming in, the classes for 2014 are looking like this: P/1, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6/7. Of course, this could change, as we hear from other families whose circumstances are changing, or if we get a sudden influx of Prep students, or new students in other grades, that we don’t know about yet.

This week and next, I have interviews with two new families intending to enrol next year. If you notice new families moving in to your neighbourhood, be sure to pay them a visit and point them in our direction!

Teachers are currently reviewing book lists for 2014. These will come out in the last few weeks of school.

**YOU CAN DO IT PROGRAM**

Our school will be introducing a Social and Emotional Learning Program in 2014, to assist our students to cope well with the ups and downs of life. This term, we are introducing the 5 characters and the characteristics research shows us are necessary to be successful in whatever we do in life. One character is being introduced each week. These characteristics and their You Can Do It characters are:

* **Confidence (Charlie Confidence)**
  Charlie Confidence encourages us to always have a go, try something new; not to be afraid if we make a mistake or worry about what others think of you. He also reminds us to stand tall and speak in a clear voice.

* **Persistence (Penny Persistence)**
  Penny Persistence reminds us to try hard, not give up if something seems too hard to start with. If we give everything our best shot, even hard things will become easier.

* **Organisation (Olivia Organisation)**
  Olivia Organisation encourages us to have all our equipment ready for each school day, make goals to be successful and to plan our time so our work is not rushed.

* **Getting Along (Gary Get Along)**
  Gary Get Along encourages us to help others, work nicely in groups and to manage our temper when we're upset.

* **Resilience (Rosie Resilience)**
  Rosie resilience encourages us to stay calm, not get too nervous, down or angry, and to bounce back when we do get upset, so we can continue to work and play with others.

**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT**

In conjunction with KidsMatter and You Can Do It, our school will become a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support school in 2014. Staff members attended an introduction on the recent Pupil Free Day and have decided to take it on board. It is all about being consistent, right across the school, with regard to behaviour, and trying to focus more on the positives, rather than reacting to the negatives. Miss Thompson and I are attending the training on November 29.

We need to form a small committee to direct SWPBS in our school. The committee will be quite active early in the year, as we try to get established, but commitment will taper off a little once this initial phase is over. We would really like a parent to be part of this. Is there someone who would be able to commit to this, so we can have a parent’s perspective on behaviour at the school? It is likely that as part of this process, we will also be reviewing the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Please let us know if you can help.

**DISCO FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

Our school disco will be held in the Undercover Area on Friday night 15th November, from 5.30-7.30 p.m. The theme for the night is “Beach Party” so t-shirts, boardies, sarongs and sandals are the order of the night! Miss Thompson did such a great job of being DJ last time, we’ve decided to employ her again! Students with suitable music (no swearing or offensive lyrics) who would like their songs included in the music for the night, should bring it to Miss Thompson by tomorrow, so she can prepare the playlist.

Food will be organised by the P&C. A Pizza order form is attached to this newsletter and should be returned by Wednesday, glued to a brown paper bag, with money, by Wednesday 13th. If you have a playgroup toddler coming along, or are coming along yourself and wish to have pizza on the night, please put in an order for those too.

Our disco is ONLY for our students. From time to time, past students whose parents are coming up to help with food and supervision, also come along to help. This help is appreciated, as long as the past students recognise that they too are under the supervision of staff, and abide by staff requests on the night.

**PREP TRANSITION DAYS**

Our Prep Transition Days for students beginning Prep in 2014, will be held on Thursday 21st and 28th November. The days will begin with Playgroup, which many of our incoming Preps already attend, and will continue into lunch time, which our new Preppies will share with us in the undercover area and on the playground.
After lunch, our Grade 1s will have a chance to go up to Grade 2, in the 2/3/4 room, while the current Preps and the incoming Preps participate in lessons and activities in the Prep/1 classroom. The Transition activities will finish at 1.15 p.m. when we go out for afternoon tea.

If there are any families living near you, who have Prep aged children, and have not yet enrolled, please encourage them to come along and try us out!

**CHALLENGE MATHS AT KEPNOCK SHS**

On Tuesday, Jacob, Jessica and Aimee represented our school at the Kepnock State High School Challenge Maths Competition for feeder primary schools. This is another of the many opportunities that Kepnock SHS has provided for students in their feeder primary schools to experience life in high school, become familiar with their high school surroundings and get to know some of the teachers they will have in the future.

Although we didn’t win, we were by far the smallest school there and our three reps did really well. We are very proud of you! Thanks Donna for giving up your time to take them across and supervise. It is much appreciated.

**MATHS MUSTER AT KEPNOCK SHS**

On Tuesday 19th November, Grade 5 and 6 students who have an interest in Mathematics, will have another opportunity to go across to Kepnock SHS to participate in a morning of Maths games and activities to further their skills in Maths. Thanks again Kepnock! Notes will be coming home soon. We’ll need parent help with transport, as there will only be half a dozen students going.

**GRADE 5 & 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION**

On November 28 (THE DAY AFTER CAMP!), Grade 5 & 6 students, who’ll 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 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.

**THANKS TO DADS**

Many thanks to Alan Campbell who is looking into fixing and improving our front notice board, and who has put up a glass fronted notice board near the front door of the office, that we’ve had lying around for quite a while but never quite gotten around to putting up!

A sincere thank you too, to Jeff Shield who has repaired the computer desks we got from Branyan Road a few weeks ago. They look great and are already being used in the 567 room with great appreciation and enthusiasm!

**A TIP FROM ONE OF OUR SENIOR STUDENTS- WIN TABLETS FOR YOURSELF AND OUR SCHOOL**

Ella found a really useful website for students. This is what she emailed to me:

“ABC Splash shows you videos, games and other activities about a subject of your choice. There are 5 sections of the web-site; lower primary: prep to year3, upper primary: year 4 to year 6 and secondary: year7 to year10, parents and teachers.

There is also a competition going on now. All you have to do to enter is put in some details and you go into a draw to win 15 tablets for your school, one for yourself and teaching resources for the age group of your choice. Here is the link to the competition.”

http://splash.abc.net.au/competition

Thanks Ella! I’ve entered. If every parent in the school enters we might have a chance of winning. Share it with your friends on Facebook (only the ones who will enter for Elliott Heads SS of course!). I already have the ABC Splash app on my iPad!

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS:**

- **MUSIC AWARD:** Prep/1
- **PE AWARD:** Prep/1
- **PLAYGROUND AWARDS:** Chloe (x2) Tyrone and Hayley!
- **NEWSLETTER READER:** Apparently no-one read their newsletter last week!
- **$10 ATTENDANCE VOUCHER:** Jordan O

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:**

- **P/1 Clarrie:** For excellent effort with homework
- **2/3 Hayley:** For outstanding story writing
- **3/4 Cleo:** For following instructions well.
- **5/6/7 Olivia:** For her community service in preparing and helping to organise the Ellison PS Bushfire Fundraiser

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS**

This week we have enjoyed reading books about friendship and written letters for our friends. It is pleasing to see the recent increase in those students writing letters to elf each week. This is great practice for their letter writing skills and will assist them in completing this unit’s assessment task which is letter writing. In Maths we have continued to reinforce our addition and subtraction skills. Year 1s have practice finding the missing value in addition and subtraction sums. Regular practice of addition facts (add 1, add 2, doubles and rainbow facts) is recommended at home so students become quicker at recalling their number facts and are able to apply them in different contexts.

The class is learning quickly the qualities needed for success prompted by the You Can Do It Program characters. Charlie Confidence encourages us to always have a go, don’t be afraid to get it wrong or worry about what others think of you. He also reminds us to stand tall and speak in a clear voice. The character Penny Persistence reminds us to try hard, not give up and give everything a red hot go! It is wonderful to see some students already beginning to applying these skills within their everyday lives and become more successful learners.

Katherine, Helen, Denise & Margaret
WHAT’S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2/3

In English we are completing our assessment and adding a new ending to the book “Jethro Bryde: Fairy Child” by Bob Graham. It is great to see such imaginations coming to life on our English pages. If we have time we are going to put together a PowerPoint story.

In Maths we are exploring mass and what it means to be heavier or lighter than. We have weighed our pencil cases and ourselves in order to truly understand the meaning of weight.

In SOSE we are starting to explore the world of continuity and change in the Daintree Rainforest, and what the future could possibly hold for such a wonderful place.

We have started You Can Do It! in our classroom. This is a program that will equip children with the five keys to success: confidence, persistence, resilience, organisation, and the ability to get along with others. It is fantastic to see that everyone is really embracing it.

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

A busy week finishing assessments again. It is great to see all of our hard work culminating in our end of unit tasks. In Science, we are enjoying experimenting with melting different solids and understanding the concept of a melting point. In Maths, both grades are working on collecting and recording data. Year 4s are also looking at the way companies can manipulate data representations to suit their needs.

Our sleepover is fast approaching. Please bring your permission slips in.

ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS

There seems never to be a spare moment in our class at the moment. Everything is going full steam ahead!

Play practice continues on almost a daily basis now, so students are beginning to know their lines, entries and exits, songs and dances. It should be great on the night. At the moment the play is taking us about 40 minutes to get through, with stops for stage directions, chances to entries, exits, props, etc. We expect to get this down to about 25 minutes by concert night.

In Maths we are catching up on work in our Maths textbooks, and doing some revision along the way.

In English we are putting the finishing touches on our PowerPoints, and on our Poetry presentations.

We have also begun a Technology assignment using Minecraft. The school purchased the Education version a month or so ago, and students are finally getting to enjoy using it. One student declared that this was the best assignment they’d ever received!

In History and SOSE students are continuing with their research into Chinese immigration and the exploration of early Australia, that led to the formation of the states. Thanks to the Grade 7 parents who have sent in photos. I now have them from all but 2 students. Official Graduation photos will be taken this Friday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PREPARE YOUR PRESCHOOLERS FOR PREP

Get your child ready for school in a fun, interactive way with a session being run by the Butterfly Wings Early Years Consultancy Team. The sessions will include storytelling, active participation, rhymes, songs, games and laughter, all designed to assist young children with early literacy, early numeracy and early brain development.

Practical handouts, with ideas and suggestions, will be given out at the sessions.

WHERE: YMCA 7 Quinn St Bundaberg
COST: FREE
FOR: Parents of 0-5 years old
WHEN: Fri 15 Nov 10am-12 noon OR Fri 15 Nov 1pm-3pm OR Sat 16 Nov 12noon-2pm
PERKS: Free child care provided by YMCA
Delicious morning or afternoon tea
BOOKINGS: 4153-1614 by Monday 11 November
MORE INFO: Phone Sandi on 0427 121 970 or go to www.butterflywingsearlyyearsconsultancy.com.au
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Access their newsletter here.

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