Thought for the Week:
Don't watch the clock. Do what it does – keep going!

FROM THE P&C
Next meeting: TOMORROW, 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
Thank you to Nikki and Kayla for taking the time to visit classrooms this week to talk to all students and teachers about living with diabetes. It was very clear that Kayla doesn’t let it change the way she lives HER life! Good on you Kayla!

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 doesn’t mean that we want you to send your child when they are genuinely sick. We are 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, still have a chance to go into the draw for next week if they have attended the entire week.

So far we have been able to give away two $10 awards for full attendance, at our last two assemblies. Congratulations to Jordan O and Elexis!

SPONSORSHIP IN 2014
Many thanks to the CHESNEY FAMILY who’ve become our first official sponsors of our Attendance Award!
They have kindly indicated they would be willing to sponsor one of the awards each term! 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?

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 13 December 2013. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

CLASSES FOR 2014
We have had one or two families come and tell us this week that they are looking for a new home, and that there is a POSSIBILITY they might have to change schools. We really appreciate this notice. We have also had 6 new enrolments for 2014, so in the end it all balances out.

At this stage, based on what we know about 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 moving or if we get an influx of new students.

If you notice new families moving into your street, be sure to point them in our direction!

CHANGES TO BOOK LISTS FOR 2014
When you get next year’s book list, there will be some changes. There will be no Maths Textbook for P/1, but they will still have their Sound Waves text book.

In Grades 2-7, we will be using the Maths Plus textbook, instead of Signpost.

If teachers think your child would be better suited to a textbook at a higher or lower level, in order to cater for their specific learning needs, this will be indicated on a slip attached to your child’s booklist. This is the first time we have done this, and we hope you will support it. It will allow your child to work at a more comfortable level for their abilities, or to be extended. Please come and talk to us if you have concerns about this.

Instead of having the Sound Waves textbook at $16.95, we will be having a $10/student online subscription. This is a cheaper and more flexible option, and also allows students to access the program at home.

This allows us to print off copies of the Sound Waves book for students, but also allows us to cater better for each student’s level, as some students will be better suited to a lower level, while others need extension and will be able to access a higher level.

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 encourages us to have a go, try something new; not to be afraid if we make a mistake, not to worry about what others think of us & to stand tall and speak in a clear voice.

- **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 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 encourages us to help others, work nicely in groups and to manage our temper when we’re upset.

- **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
Our school will become a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support school in 2014. SWPBS is 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 a small committee (principal, teacher, teacher aide, parent) to organise our SWPBS. The committee will be quite active early in the year, as we try to get established, but commitment will taper off once this initial phase is over.

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, we’ll also review the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

Please let us know on the tear off slip if you would like to be involved in this aspect of our school life.
**DISCO THIS FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

Our school disco will be held in the Undercover Area THIS FRIDAY NIGHT, 15th November, from 5.30-7.30 p.m. The theme for the night is “Beach Party” so sundresses, t-shirts, boardies, rashies, sarongs and sandals are the order of the night! Food orders have now closed. Hopefully everyone got their orders in.

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 START NEXT WEEK**

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 1.00 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!

**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.

Kepnock SHS are providing a bus for us. Students 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.

**WIN TABLETS FOR YOURSELF AND OUR SCHOOL**

To enter, put in some details and go into a draw to win 15 tablets for your school and one for yourself. Here is the link to the competition. [http://splash.abc.net.au/competition](http://splash.abc.net.au/competition)

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS:**

**MUSIC AWARD:** 2/3

**PE AWARD:** Ms Russell on Leave. No award

**LOTE AWARD:** Mrs Farrell on Leave. No award

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:** Elexis, Caileb, Ella and Keely F

**BEFORE SCHOOL READING AWARDS:** 30 mornings: Charlee S, Zoe, Tameka and Keenan

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Caylan

**$10 ATTENDANCE VOUCHER:** Elexis

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:**

- **P/1 Cooper** For trying hard with Reading, Writing and Sightwords
- **2/3 Kaidyn** For showing persistence in classwork
- **3/4 Lachlan** For showing persistence in his English task
- **5/6/7 Curtis:** For persistent effort in his History assessment task

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS**

Another busy week in Prep and Grade 1. Week 6 and 7 will be full swing into completing assessment tasks for the end of year reporting cycle. We ask that attendance be as regular as possible to enable this data to be collected so we can accurately assess your child’s competencies. We have written our own letters to the story characters Amy and Louis telling them about our favourite games, feelings and what makes a good friend. All children worked really hard on this task and there are some pleasing efforts which will be posted off to Santa himself who has requested a sample of the best writing Elliott Heads has to offer.

In Science the children have enjoyed demonstrating their knowledge of movement by making a toy and describing the movements it is able to make. Look out for their efforts which will be sent home as they complete them this week.

We all looked amazing wearing blue on Tuesday to raise awareness of Diabetes. Students were able to understand a little more about what it means to live with Diabetes after a very informative talk by Kayla and her mum, Nikki. Kath, Helen, Denise & Margaret
WHAT'S THE SCOOP FROM YR 2/3

In English we are starting our new unit, exploring the concept of culture as depicted in picture stories. So far we have learnt what it might be like to be a foreign exchange student in another country.

In math we are reviewing our knowledge of fraction and how that knowledge can be applied word problems.

In SOSE we are exploring where our food comes from. This week we looked at where milk comes from and what process it has to go through to ensure it is safe for us to consume.

In our You Can Do It! program we were introduced to Olivia Organisation. This week we have definitely been trying hard to be more organised in our school work.

Just a quick reminder, sight word recognition will only improve with practice, practice, practice. Pip 😊

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

The year is quickly drawing to an end. We have lots of work and exciting events happening in the coming weeks. The first of these is our sleep over on Friday night. I know we have lots of excited children ready to spend the night in the classroom. Please make sure you come to the classroom and help your child set up their bedding before the disco. We will also be checking contact and medical details at this time.

In Science this week, we investigated what happens to liquids when heat is added to them. We looked at some very runny syrup and some pretty thick syrup that had been cooled in the fridge.

In English we’ve been improving texts by adding great verbs and adverbs. It really makes a difference to our writing by giving us more information and relaying the characters feelings. Kelly

ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS

Last Friday we kicked off our Science unit Animal Adaptations. To explore how animals adapt to their environments behaviourally, physically and structurally students will be choosing an Australian animal and altering its features so that it could successfully survive in another habitat. To demonstrate their understandings the students will be completing a design task booklet and constructing their newly designed animal. Students have been asked to think about which animal they are going to choose and begin collecting the items they will need to make their new animal and to begin bringing these items in ready for TOMORROW.

In addition to this, the students have been working feverishly on their SOSE and History assessment tasks over the last week. Our goal is to have them completed by the end of this week. Teeny and Liz

COMMUNITY NEWS

STARTING TOMORROW!

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

PAGEANT OF LIGHTS

The annual Pageant of Lights is on Thursday 5 December 6pm-9pm in the Bundaberg CBD.

There will be lots to keep you entertained with Christmas markets to browse, plenty of food available, and great entertainment all night, there's something for everyone, and don't forget Santa's visit!

The Pageant of Lights Parade will again be held in the CBD with the procession starting at 7pm. For further enquiries, phone 1300 883 699.

Got a child going to Kepnock SHS soon?

Access their newsletter here.