Thought for the Week:
Is there a light at the end of the tunnel?

FROM THE P&C
Thanks for a great year, and for all your support!
Next meeting: 2014
Our email address is: pandc@elliottheadsss.eq.edu.au.

COMING EVENTS:
- 1 Dec: 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

P&C DONATION
The school (and I'm sure all parents) would sincerely like to thank the P&C for their very generous donation of $1500 from funds raised this year, to cover the entire cost of student's subscription to Mathletics for 2014. This will save all parents the $15 per student fee for this subscription. Thanks P&C!

END OF YEAR EVENTS
FUN SWIMMING DAY 4TH DECEMBER
On the last day of our swimming program, students will have a fun afternoon at the pool. The whole school will leave at 12.15 p.m. and return by 3.00 p.m. The school has hired a fun pool obstacle course for older students and an inflatable H for the younger students. This is free of charge for the students.

Students who have not participated in the swimming program are also welcome to attend at a cost of $5. These students must bring a permission note to participate in activities.

Could all Library Books and Home Readers please be returned by Friday 29th November as Stocktake is in progress.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
(The list is getting a little shorter!)
- 25 Nov No Assembly next week (567 Camp)
- 25-27 Nov Grade 567 Camp @ Chaverim
- 27 Nov Swimming (minus 5/6/7)
- 28 Nov Playgroup 9-11am and Prep 2014 Transition Day 2: 11.00am-1.00pm Grade 5/6 Kepnock SHS Transition
- 29 Dec Mrs Patterson & Miss Thompson doing SWPBS-School Wide Positive Behaviour Training for 2014
- 1 Dec Carols by Candlelight @ Innes Park. Choir singing at 3.00 p.m.
- 2 Dec Concert Practice: Full Dress Rehearsal 9.00 am-10.45 am 5/6/7 11.30 am-1.00 pm 2/3/4 1.30 pm-2.45 pm P/1
- 2/3/4 Dec Christmas Gift Stall
- 4 Dec Swimming Fun Day: All students invited
- 5 Dec Playgroup Parent Helper/Volunteer Morning Tea @ 11.00 a.m.
- 9 Dec Concert Practice 9.00 am-10.45 am 5/6/7 11.30 am-1.00 pm 2/3/4 Concert: 6.30 p.m.
- 10 Dec Graduation: Coral Cove Golf Club
- 11 Dec Grade 7 Kepnock SHS Orientation
- 12 Dec Presentation Assembly & Sausage Sizzle
- 13 Dec Last day of Term 4

PARENT HELPER & VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA ON 5TH DECEMBER
On 5th December, we will say a very heartfelt “Thank You” to all the parents and community volunteers who help us in so many ways throughout the year. There is an invitation attached to this newsletter. If you have helped in any way at all, please come along to the library at 11.00 a.m. and join us. Your help is very much appreciated. We can’t offer our students the wide variety of activities available to them, without your assistance.

These are just some of the ways in which parents and community members have assisted us this year:
Parents and Citizens’ Association, Rotary Readers, Reading groups, Changing home readers, Organising homework, Breakfast Club, Excursion supervision Swimming helpers, Transport, Gardening, Tuckshop,
Knitting Club, Library help, Maintenance help, Assistance with Student Council activities, Crossing supervision, Rural Fire Service, Fairs & Market Days, Biscuit and cake baking, fundraising and playgroup.

**CONCERT ON 9th DECEMBER**
A separate note about the concert will come home today. The main change from previous years is the possibility of a different venue. We’ve used the Elliott Heads Progress Association hall in Lihs Street for many years, but it is now really too small for our needs. We are proposing to use Woongarra SS hall instead.

Please read the note your child brings home about the concert and return it as soon as possible, so we know whether you support the move. Thanks for your help.

**GRADE 7 GRADUATION DINNER 10th DECEMBER**
A note was sent home last week outlining the details of this year’s Grade 7 Graduation Dinner. It will take place at Coral Cove Golf Club restaurant on Tuesday evening, 10th December, starting at 6.30 p.m. Please return your meal orders by Monday so that we can advise the restaurant for catering purposes.

**GRADE 7 KEPNOCK HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION**
On Wednesday 11th December, Grade 7 students attending Kepnock SHS in 2014 will have their High School Orientation Day.

**PARENTS SHOULD ORGANISE TO ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILDREN TO THIS EVENT.**
There is no bus provided, and primary teachers do not accompany students. Details of this day are provided to parents in the enrolment package. If you have not yet enrolled your child, you will not have this information, and you should contact the high school as soon as possible.

**PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY ON 12th DECEMBER**
On Thursday 12th December, we will have our Presentation Assembly. At this assembly, we recognise all our students’ achievements throughout the year, including attendance and sporting representation. In particular we recognise the academic and citizenship achievements of our senior students. All parents are invited to attend this assembly, which begins at 9.30 a.m.

Following the Presentation Assembly, there will be a sausage sizzle, sponsored by the P&C, followed by Class celebrations and a fun day at school, with activities organised for students.

**GRADE 5/6/7 CAMP NEXT WEEK**
The school will be a little quieter next week with Grade 5/6/7 on Camp! Have a great time kids! I’m sure your parents will miss you, but I’m also sure they’ll enjoy the few days of peace and quiet…………

**ATTENDANCE AWARD SPONSORSHIP IN 2014**
The Chesney family have kindly indicated they would be willing to sponsor one of the attendance 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?

Thank you to all the parents and students who have been trying hard to maintain good attendance in the rundown towards the end of the year.

**CLASSES FOR 2014**
We have had a further 2 new enrolments for 2014. At this stage, classes for 2014 are still looking like being: P/1, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6/7.

This is still not set in concrete, but is our best guess. If you notice new families moving in to your street, be sure to point them in our direction!

**CHANGES TO BOOK LISTS FOR 2014**
Next year’s book list will go out on Friday. There are a few changes from last year: there will be no Maths Textbook for P/1, but they will still have a Sound Waves text book.

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

In Grades 2-7, 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.

**PREP TRANSITION DAY**
It was great to see so many of our new Prep parents and their children at Prep Transition today. Many thanks to Mrs Campbell for her planning and organisation of this event. I’m sure new Preppies and their parents had a great day and are feeling confident about tackling Prep next year. Thanks also to Mrs Brown and Miss Thompson for hosting the Grade 1 students, and giving them a taste of Grade 2, while the Prep Transition was happening.

**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.

A note for this event went home on Tuesday. Please return by Friday if possible, because we don’t want to be chasing notes before we go on Thursday morning, straight after camp. Thanks!

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Please ensure that all outstanding accounts have been paid for in full prior to Thursday 12 December. A final banking will be done on this day and End of Year processes will begin. Thank you for your assistance.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

This week was the last sessions of Active After School Care. We are lucky to have received grants for this program and the application to continue next year has just been submitted. Hopefully we will be successful again. Tentative sports for Term 1 include Surf Life Saving and Soccer and in Term 2 we have secured Tennis on Monday and Athletics of Tuesday.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:

There were no awards this week as Mrs Patterson and 5/6/7’s were away on camp.

CLASS NEWS

PREP AND YEAR 1 NEWS

We enjoyed a visit on Tuesday from the Fire Brigade for the annual Fire Education Program. The children enjoyed learning with Angela, Sue and Jas about how to keep safe in a fire. A homework sheet has been given out to raise fire awareness in the home environment, please complete and return to the class teacher for collection. We look forward to their visit next Tuesday morning where we will be looking at the equipment on the fire truck and might even get a turn of the hose!

Home Readers are to be returned by this Friday, please return your child’s reading log also.

We are now busy practicing for our Christmas concert item, The Jingle Jangle Reindeer- a Christmas adaptation of the Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. The children are becoming very good with remembering the words and actions. No costumes are necessary for the night, we just ask that children come dressed in Christmas clothes or red/green or white coloured clothing. We will be making reindeer antlers at school and be painting our noses red to be bright and shiny!

Kath, Helen, Denise & Margaret

WHAT’S THE SCOOP FROM yr 2/3

Not long now before the end of school for the year. We are well and truly into the swing of assessments and practise for the concert. Our play is looking fantastic if I do say so myself. In English we are going to start looking at story board and how that will look with our retell of “Zen Shorts.” We are learning a lot about Zen through Chinese proverbs.

In math we are revising money and how to give change.

It is fantastic that the students are still working really hard, and I hope they continue to work this hard right up until the very last day.

Pip 😊

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

Another week is nearly over, and we are still working busily on our classroom tasks and concert item. If any of our families are not going to be attending the concert, please let us know as most children have parts in the play. We will be having a dress rehearsal on Friday at school so please check with your child to find out what they need. We are still chasing a bow tie and a red shiny wig if anyone can help with either of those, please bring it in.

Kelly

ELLIOTT SENIORS NEWS

We cannot believe that we are nearing the end of week 7 already! With camp on next week, we are urgently requiring assessment pieces for SOSE (Explorer presentations) and History (Chinese Immigration) to be finalised by the end of this week. Students have been told that all SOSE presentations are to be done by Friday along with handing in a ‘draft’ for History.

In addition to these two pieces of assessment, students have also been working on generating a new Australian creature that will survive in a different habitat. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter the students are to make their newly designed animal. So, as time is now certainly of the essence, students are able to work on this at home and at school. Next week we will expect that the students bring to school what they have created so far and aim for a completion date of 29th November (next Friday).
Please finalise any outstanding payments for camp prior to Monday.

Teeny and Liz

COMMUNITY NEWS: 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.