ELLIOTT HEADS REVIEW
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SCHOOL MOTTO: Every Hand Strives for Success
SCHOOL RULES: Respect, Responsibility and Safety

Thought for the Week:
If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders!

FROM THE P&C
Next meeting: The AGM will be held on Thursday, 20th Mar 2014, at 9.00 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.
Our email address: pandc@elliottheadsss.eq.edu.au.

COMING EVENTS:
Attached to this newsletter is a P&C Membership form. Membership of the P&C allows you to come to any meeting where issues are being discussed that are of interest to you. If you are not a member of the P&C you cannot enter into debates, or cast votes on issues put before the P&C. The Annual General Meeting (20th March) is the only opportunity to become a member, without having to be present at the meeting, although, of course, we would LOVE to see you there!
5 Mar: Hot Toastie Day
2 Jun: Sausage sizzle

FACEBOOK PAGE:
- Elliott Heads Parents and Staff
  Please ask to join our Facebook Page. It’s a great way for us to keep in touch with you. We post reminders, let you know when there are specials on school supplies and, most importantly of all, we post photos on the page after most of the school’s special events. This page is a closed group, so only parents and in special circumstances, other close relatives, are accepted as members.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to our new school leaders, Captains Aimee and Falon and Vice Captains Olivia and Montana. They are already taking their responsibilities very seriously. On Tuesday they attended a district Leadership conference with other school leaders from Bundaberg schools. From all reports, from Mrs T who accompanied them, they had a wonderful day!

Yesterday we heard from students wanting to be considered for House Captains. It was fantastic to see so many students willing to put their hand up for the roles. Well done to Taleah, Sarah, Toby I, Kody, Curtis, Cleo, Rebecca, Seth, Toby K, Jordan O, Kailah and Kyle, who all did a great job in preparing and delivering their speeches. Unfortunately there can’t be 12 House Captains, so there are some disappointed faces today. Congratulations to our successful candidates:
DOLPHINS: Kailah and Kyle
TURTLES: Curtis and Sarah

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Interschool Sport begins TOMORROW. Our system has been revamped over the holidays, so we had some difficulty adjusting to the new program. Our apologies for the lateness of the notes. If students can at least have the notes returned by tomorrow we would appreciate it. Money for the bus can be caught up next week, if the short notice has put you in a difficult position.

BUOYS PROGRAM
In line with YOU CAN DO IT and our KIDS MATTER philosophy, we are offering a personal development program to all boys in grades 5-7. Some boys will do...
the program in Term 1, starting next Tuesday afternoon, and the rest will do the program in Term 3.

The 6 week ‘BOOYS’ (Better Understanding of Your Self) program for year five, six and seven boys will include games and activities to promote making and keeping friends, improving self-esteem, self-confidence, self-control and co-operation with others. Students will work as part of a team, learning about good health and grooming and put together a resource folder. Elliott Heads State School support teacher Mr McLaren is co-presenting the program and expert visiting tutors assist in some lessons. The program is free for students with the cost of products used covered by the school.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT IN 2014

Thank you to parents who are already ensuring their child is at school on every possible day, especially our new Prep children. These good habits (and bad ones) start early. Make 2014 the year your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETFood

FREE COURSES/SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

‘Pathways to Resilience’ is offering free teacher and parent sessions on helping children develop resilience (the ability to cope with, and bounce back from, the hard things life can throw at us).

One session is on Helping Kids Build a Better Brain on Monday night 03 March, and the other is on Building Children's Emotional Resilience, Thursday night 06 March. These sessions will fill quickly so fill out the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter.

I have requested a school session for our upper school on developing a better brain!

CHAPPY NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I hope that your holiday break was a good mix of family, fun, friends and getting all those big jobs finished around the place that we don’t usually have time for during the term.

My name is Kelli Ussher and I have been the Chaplain at Elliott Heads for 2 years. I am also the Chaplain at Avondale and Oakwood Schools since 2007. Around school I am known as Chappy or Chappy Kelli.

I am at Elliott Heads School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am available for appointments on both of these days if you need to catch up with me. You can leave your details or get mine from the school office if you need to contact me. I can also be found at Brekky Club on these mornings. Please feel free to approach me anytime you see me around school to chat or ask me about my role in the school.

Brekky Club

We have a FREE breakfast club at the school tuckshop on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20-8:55am, generously supported by local volunteers and Fiveways Foodworks.

This term I will be visiting playgroup, facilitating some lunch time games and chatting with students individually (with parental permission) who may need some extra encouragement, support or a listening ear.

Due to continued interest from students Chappy’s Lunch Time Group with spiritual input will be available for those interested and with parent permission.

Please come along

Annual Bundaberg Combined Church Service This Sunday, February 16, Moncrieff Theatre, 6.30pm

Have a beautiful week

Chappy Kelli

GET STARTED-FUNDING TO HELP KIDS PLAY

Opens 10 February

Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher of up to $150 to help pay for club membership and/or participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with the program.

Website

Finally, the website pages for Get Started have been updated with information for round 3 - here is the link to the main page: http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html

BUS SAFETY

Yesterday, all bus children were handed a Code of Conduct information sheet regarding travel on the school bus. Parents need to read and explain these rules with their children. The bus driver is unhappy with the behaviour of children and will impose suspensions from travelling to school on the bus. Some of the behaviour has been extremely dangerous. We have spoken about this at assembly. Could you also please speak to your children about this important aspect of road safety? We have also asked senior students to assist younger students to cross the road safely once the bus has gone. If you wait for your child as they get off the bus, and your children have to cross the road to meet you, you might consider waiting on the same side as the bus stop.

EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

The earliest time that children should arrive at school is 8.30am. Children who arrive at school prior to this time will be expected to sit on the blue bench seats located on the walkway to the P/1 classroom. While most mornings a staff member is present, there are
occasions when staff arrive after 8.00am. If you need to drop your child off early you need to contact the school to make arrangements.

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING PROGRAM AND PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT**

Each year, the school offers a chance for talented students to test themselves against a national standard by participating in the University of NSW testing program and also the Primary Research Project. In the past, the school has paid the fees in full, but we can no longer afford to do so. This year we are again asking parents of interested students to go 50/50 with the school. In saying that, we would not want any child to miss out for financial reasons, if they fall into the 'talented' category, so please don’t hesitate to phone and discuss this if necessary. The tests are outlined in our tear off slip section, with costs and entry form attached.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS:**

Assembly is at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**PREP/1:** Mitchel M  
For: Being a Charlie Confidence in all class tasks

**YEAR 2/3:** Tyson  
For: Being a 'Charlie Confidence'

**YEAR 3/4:** Sahara  
For: Having a positive attitude to all her work

**YEAR 5/6/7:** Falon  
For: Developing good leadership qualities

**CLASSES OF THE WEEK**

**PE:** Prep/1

**MUSIC:** 4/5

**PLAYGROUND AWARDS:**

Jesse W, Arisa, Rohan, Bella K

**NEWSLETTER READER:** Kody

**ATTENDANCE AWARD:** Caleb, sponsored by the CHESNEY FAMILY. They know that Every Day Counts!

**Sponsored Attendance Awards**

All students who attend school for every day of the previous week, go into a draw at assembly for a $10 gift voucher to encourage good attendance.

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP/YEAR 1**

During week 4 we have kept busy exploring the letter F. The children are really enjoying practicing their sound chants, brainstorming words that use the sound of the week and learning how to write the letter correctly with the help of our friend Casey Caterpillar. In Maths we have conducted lots of hands on learning to explore the concept of addition.

Thanks for all those who have returned their family history homework. We will be sharing these with the class Wednesday and Thursday. If you are yet to return it could it be done ASAP. I would like to commend the students on a great start to homework this year and parents in supporting these efforts. Homework is a great way for your child to revise and share class learning in the home environment.

The Year 1s spent Monday afternoon collating past points for Home Reading and tallying for the Cat and Dog teams. We now have a score board in our home reading section and when a few outstanding readers are returned we will be able to announce the week 2 and 3 winning teams. The children are enjoying "feeding" the dogs and cats for each book they read.

Next week our before school reading program "Rocket into Reading" starts back. Children work towards certificates on Assembly for sharing a book with a family member or friend before school.

The Prep liftout will be published on March 26. Make sure you buy your copy.

On Friday’s, we have been investigating two dimensional shapes. We have been looking at how many sides and corners each shape has and put them into groups. The Year 1s went on a ‘Shape Discovery’ walk around the school in search of the four main shapes: squares, circles, triangles and rectangles. A display of what we have found is on show in our classroom. Please feel free to come and have a look. In Science we discovered how important our 5 senses are when we are observing objects. We have also been getting some mail from a mysterious animal named ‘Gumnut’. I wonder what sort of creature she is?

Kath, Liz, Denise and Margaret

**What’s the Scoop from YEAR 2/3**

In English we are starting our assessment piece. Year 2 will begin to reconstruct a poem we have looked at in class and the year 3s will be writing a limerick. I look forward to reading some amazing poems.

In Maths we are exploring the part/part/whole strategy to solve word problems. Year 3s are extending their knowledge of the split and jump strategy.

In Science we are examining water resistant material. We have discovered that tissue paper would not make an ideal raincoat or umbrella.

We are going to start a new system for home readers and homework. This week students will come home with an extra folder for their home reader and sight
That way students can leave their homework folder at home (bring it in Friday or Monday) and just bring in their “Home Reader” folder to change each day. In History, we have looked at early Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander toys and also the change in common toys like ride on cars and dolls. If you have any old toys or household items that we could use as part of a display at school, we would be very grateful. If they are precious items, a photograph would also be great.

Pip 😊

The Buzz, from YEAR 4/5

We are already nearing the end of week 4 and have started working on assessment items for English. Students are demonstrating their knowledge of many different language features including noun and verb groups, propositional phrases and text connectives of time. They are becoming experts at identifying these features within a text. In Maths we have been investigating the connection between multiplication and division. We have also looked at extending known facts into multiples of 10 and 100. Please remember that Home Readers can be changed as often as you like. I will be sending readers in a separate slimpick wallet for children who read more regularly. Students have begun using Reading Eggs, Study Ladder and Mathletics at school. Passwords will be sent home shortly so that these can be accessed at home as well.

In History we are examining the age of discovery and how it led to Australia being colonised. We have looked at Christopher Columbus and Vasco da Gama. This week we are specifically looking at the explorers that discovered different parts of Australia’s coastline.

Kelly

YEAR 5/6/7 Snapshot

In Geography, students have been looking at the purpose of maps and all of the elements that should appear on a map. Quiz your child to see if they remember what the acronym BOLTSS stands for! Henry Parkes has become the focus of our studies in History this week. Henry Parkes is known as the ‘Father of Federation’ for several reasons. Students will be exploring these reasons in detail this week.

Teeny and Liz

COMMUNITY NEWS


GOALKEEPING AUSTRALIA ACADEMY

A Soccer Goal Keeping clinic will be held on the weekend of 08/03 from 8.30 to 11.00 and 09 March from 3.00 to 5.00 pm at ATW Sports Complex.

TEAR OFF SLIPS: There is a box for Tear Off Slips on the counter in the office.

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

Name -

Signed -

Students returning their “I read my Newsletter” slip go into a draw for a prize at assembly.

ENTRY FORM UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTS

Child’s name: _____________________________

Grade: ______________________

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All entries must be received, with money, by the end of Term 1, 28th March

Amount enclosed: ______________________

Signed: ______________________

Tear Off Slip: Help Kids Build a Better Brain

I am interested in attending on Monday 3rd March. 

NAME: ______________________

CONTACT NUMBER: ______________________

Tear Off Slip: Help Kids Build Emotional Resilience

I am interested in attending on Thursday 6th March.

NAME: ______________________

CONTACT NUMBER: ______________________
My suggestion for a new title for our school newsletter is:

TITLE: ____________________________________
NAME: ____________________________________
CONTACT NUMBER: ___________________________

Want to receive your newsletter by email?

Please email me the newsletter.

NAME: ____________________________________
EMAIL: ____________________________________