**SCHOOL MOTTO:** Every Hand Strives for Success

**SCHOOL RULES:** Heads Up, Elliott Heads!
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

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**FROM THE P&C**

Next meeting: Wednesday, 23 April, at 9.30 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.

Our email address: pandc@elliottheadsss.eq.edu.au

Annual General Meeting:

Many thanks to our incoming Committee who are:

President: Amanda Hamzat
Vice-President: Sarah Patience
Secretary: Monica Ale
Treasurer: Belinda Biggs

**COMING EVENTS:**

2 Apr: 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.

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**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**

This week in our efforts to have everybody on the same page at school, we are targeting another of our school rules:

KEEP OUR BODIES CALM & OUR HANDS AND FEET TO OURSELVES.

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**National Day of Action Against Bullying**

Tomorrow is National Day of Action Against Bullying. As we go to Sport Friday afternoons, we will be celebrating next Wednesday afternoon, instead of assembly. Senior students will each take a small group and complete a range of activities focusing on bullying and how to deal with it. Our 5 strategies to deal with bullying are:

1. Ignore it
2. Tell them to stop
3. Walk away

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**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**Improvements in the playground**

Last week on duty, I witnessed an entire soccer game coming to a screaming halt, because one player fell over. The whole group rushed to see if they were okay. When children behave this way towards an injured player, there are rarely fights, because most often the person who fell is not injured, but aggrieved they were knocked over. When people stop to check if they’re okay, their anger melts away, they get up and continue playing. Well done kids!

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**This week's target—Play fighting!**

This week we are particularly targeting ‘play fighting’. This game always starts as just a bit of fun, a push here and a shove there and a declaration that “We’re just mucking around, Miss!” Unfortunately ‘mucking around’ nearly always ends up with someone getting sick of the game and so there is an argument or a serious fight. With younger children, play fighting often involves sticks as swords, or kick boxing. Obviously someone will get hurt in these situations.

Please continue to help us by talking to children at home about this particular behaviour expectation.

Thanks!
SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos were taken yesterday. What a good looking bunch we were!

GRADE 6 and GRADE 7 PHOTOS
Since this is an historic year- Grade 6 will be the first Grade 7 in high school and Grade 7 will be the last Grade 7 in primary school- we have had photos taken of just Grade 7 students and just Grade 6 students. If you would like one of these, please send in the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter. We will advise the exact cost but it should be similar to the cost for school leaders' photos.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE
Usually when we get phone calls from community members, it is to complain about poor behaviour of students on their way to/from school. Last week we had a positive phone call from a member of the crew doing road works around Elliott Heads. Congratulations to Liam, Bella K and Libby who were very polite, listened to and obeyed all instructions from the road crew so that they passed safely through the road works. They know what keeping their ‘Head Up’ is all about! Well done! We are very proud of you.

FAMILY BBQ NIGHT
We had a great night last Friday night at the BBQ. Our official photographer, Kelly Brown, took some family shots which we will pin on our “Every Face has a Place” at Elliott Heads State School board, near the entrance to the office. Many thanks to our dedicated P&C Amanda Hamzat, Belinda Biggs, Donna Morgan and Sarah Patience, and helpers Nikki Zipf and Trudy Brack, who shopped, cut up and served. They were ably assisted by Mrs T and Miss Thompson.

Although this was supposed to be a night staff served parents, it is great to see that there are so many offers of help around. On the BBQ we had help from my husband Jim, Max Bonnor, Brett Cassidy and Shane Hall (in a supervisory capacity I’m told!). Special thanks to Allan Campbell, who donated his gas bottle when we found ours were both close to empty! Thank you to everybody who came along and helped us to celebrate a great social night. We had over 100 people in attendance. Spread the word so that next year we have 150 people!

Family photos
If you were unable to attend, we’d love to have a family photo to add to our photo board. Either send it along and we’ll copy it, or email it us.

Gas Bottles
If you are able to take our two EMPTY gas bottles to Swap and Go, we would appreciate it. The school will reimburse you for the cost if you bring us the receipt.

NEW NOTICE BOARD
Have you seen the new notice board at the front gate of the school? Many thanks to Allan Campbell, who offered his time to get quotes, pick up materials, put it all together and paint it. The new Perspex cover now makes it a great place to post our newsletter and other important notices. Thanks Allan!

MATHS MUSTER
Two Grade 6 students, Aimee and Rohan, will attend Kepnock SHS today to participate in a Maths Muster with students from other feeder primary schools. This is part of Kepnock SHS’s commitment to providing extension opportunities for our more capable students, as well as ensuring a smooth transition to high school when the time comes.

JEWELLERY
Unfortunately there are still some children insisting on wearing rubber band jewellery. At the moment they are being given an opportunity to take it off and put it in their bags, but this generosity will not last forever. Please make sure your child keeps it at home.

BACK OUR CHAPPIES: Statements of Support
You can help support our Chappy Kelli by:
- filling in a statement of support (attached to the newsletter two weeks ago)
- finding her in the tuckshop at Brekky Club and filling in a statement of support there!
- visiting www.backourchappies.com.au

Media Event
In our school, Chappy Kelli has proven to be a wonderful asset. To show support for our School chaplaincy program and Chappy Kelli, we are invited to attend a ‘Back our Chappies’ media event at the Bundaberg North Primary School oval between 3:15pm and 4pm on Tuesday the 25th of March.

Food and drinks will be available as well an opportunity to sign a statement of support. We are asking families to go along and represent our school in support of the wonderful work Chappy Kelli does. She plays a vital role in supporting our school communities each and every day.

HELP US WIN A SET OF 10 IPADS!
Thank you to the parents who are sending in tokens. PLEASE get neighbours, family and friends to donate their tokens to us. Tokens to be in by Friday 28/03.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS:
No Assembly next week due to the Anti-Bullying Activities afternoon.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
PREP/1: Grace
For: Excellent work on her retell & speech program.
YEAR 2/3: Rylan
For: Being a great friend and a helpful class member
YEAR 4/5: Mitchell
For: Dynamite job in Mathematics
YEAR 5/6/7: Caitlin
For: Detailed and expressive short story writing

CLASSES OF THE WEEK
PE: P/1
MUSIC: 4/5
LOTE: Falon
PLAYGROUND AWARDS: Caileb, Luca, Chloe & Mia
NEWSLETTER READER: Mia

ATTENDANCE AWARD: Davin, kindly sponsored by the CORAL COVE RESTAURANT. They know Every Day Counts!

ATTENDANCE

Although most students are making a great effort to be at school on every possible day, and giving themselves a chance to be in our weekly $10 prize draw, we are starting to see a small number of students missing 1-2 days per week on a regular basis, or being away for a week, then at school again, and then away for another few days. Although we don’t want you to send your child to school when sick, it is not usual for a child to be sick every Thursday, or every second week. Parents are reminded that by law, they are required to send their child to school on EVERY POSSIBLE DAY.

Several children have already celebrated their birthdays at school this year, and we congratulate their parents on sending their children to school on their special day. I still remember those occasions from my own school days with fondness.

We know it’s not always possible to make doctor’s appointments outside school times, but it’s appreciated when you bring your child to school on those days, collect them for their appointments and then bring them back. Where possible, an early morning or late afternoon appointment is a good idea, so your child can attend school for the remainder of the day.

At the end of this term, parents will get a letter from school, letting you know how your child is going compared to our target attendance rate of 96%. At the end of the year, students with 100% attendance rates are rewarded with a $50 voucher in their school accounts to be used for excursions, swimming lessons, online subscriptions, etc. Last year we gave out 2. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to give out 10 this year?

Is your child still in the running?

CLASS NEWS
PREP/YEAR 1

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Kath, Liz, Denise and Margaret

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Make sure to check out the finished creation on our schools Facebook site. I am also hoping to create a collage of playgroup from the past. If you have any photos (particularly prior to 2012) could you email them to kcamp137@eq.edu.au or bring a hard copy to the P/1 classroom that I can scan and return to you.

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In Math the year 2s are beginning to learn equal groups of and sharing objects equally between people. The year 3s are undertaking an investigation to see who left muddy foot prints in our classroom. They have combined their mathematical knowledge, devised a plan and will I’m sure come up with a reasonable conclusion as to who left the foot prints.

In Science the students are excited about designing, making and evaluating a lunchbox that will hold three oranges and be water-resistant. There are some amazing designs and reasoning behind these designs. This week we finished our History unit and have started our Geography unit. We are looking at identifying what our place is. Today we looked at the key features of places we regularly use or visit.

Pip 😊

THE BUZZ, FROM YEAR 4/5

This term really is flying by! This week we have continued our exploration of media texts and we are identifying the specific features of these types of texts. In Maths, we have been working on length and measuring in centimetres and metres. The year 5s have also looked at area.

In Science, we have completed our report on absorbency and yesterday looked at identifying metals using a learning object on the computers. Students really enjoyed matching the criteria and testing for those features in various materials.

In History we are continuing on with exploring a convict’s life assessment. With our chosen convict we are exploring their life on the first fleet and in the new colony. Last week at soccer was our most successful yet. We came away with a draw against Norville and a 2-1 win against East. Well done to Lachlan for his goals, Keely for her tireless kicking game and Calliou for his amazing goalkeeping! Again, our kids did us proud.

Kelly Brown

YEAR 5/6/7 SNAPSHOT

Many thanks to Mrs T who has continued working with students to edit their short stories from our last unit, while we get started on our new unit of work. Our new English unit is about texts related to famous Australians. We started looking at the notorious Ned Kelly and getting background information about him to help us understand the text we will be looking at, called “Black Snake: The Daring of Ned Kelly”.

In Maths, Grade 7 have been drawing 3D shapes and Symmetry, including rotational symmetry. Grade 6 are looking at the role of zeros in decimals and the importance of keeping decimal points under each other in decimal addition. Grade 5 have begun a focus on recognising and working with common fractions.

We are making excellent progress with our History, Geography and Science. Students have completed the first part of their Geography assessment with great success. Many students have handed in a draft for the Sir Henry Parkes newspaper article and I look forward to giving feedback to students on Monday. Unfortunately quite a few students have not handed this in yet. If you could encourage your child to complete this as soon as possible as the second section of their assessment will soon be upon us.

In our “You Can Do It” lesson last week, we started to look at what it means to be organised. Being organised is much more than just being neat and tidy. It is about being ready for every task, having the right equipment, knowing where your equipment is, being on time and listening to instructions.

In AFL last week, we played a crack A Grade team from Thabeban! The boys tried really hard and we even scored our first points due to the Wachler brothers! Well done to all the boys. I’m very proud of the way you never give up!

Teeny and Liz

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

Name -
Signed-

I TOOK MY NEWSLETTER HOME

Name -
Signed-

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

Tear Off Slip: GRADE 6 or GRADE 7 PHOTO
I would be interested in having a Grade ____ photo
NAME: ____________________________
CHILD: ____________________________