FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Holidays

I would like to wish all of our Elanora SHS families a safe, relaxing, family orientated holiday break as we close out a very significant year in Elanora SHS’s history. This year we saw the introduction of Year 7 into school and as I look back now I find it hard to recall our school without our Year 7 students.

This week we welcomed our incoming Year 7 students for 2016 on their Orientation Day – this day was a very enjoyable day for all involved and our latest group of students left confident that they know how their first day of high school will run.

The new school year will commence on Wednesday January 27, 2016 for all students in all year levels. Students in Years 7-11 are to report to the Student centre at 8.45am, students in Year 12 will be required to report to the Performing Arts Block at the commencement of the Early Start lesson at 7.50am.

Our school office will close on Friday December 11 and reopen on Monday January 18.

Resource Scheme 2016

As a school we have been extremely pleased with the return of 2016 Resource Scheme forms and payment for 2016 school fees. If you have not returned this form or commenced payment for 2016, can you please ensure this is completed by the start of the new school year to ensure that your child is provided with all the resources required to support their learning. If your child has selected subjects with a subject fee, the invoice for these fees has been included. Please ensure that payment is finalised by the start of the school year – Wednesday January 27.

End of Year Reporting

We have continued with our emailing of report cards this term and reports for all year levels have now been emailed. Those parents who have already signed up to QParents will be able to access their child’s report cards through this portal. Our Year 12 students will receive their QCE and OP results from December 19 when this is available online. The QCAA is the certifying authority for Year 12 results and if your results do not arrive they should be the first port of call. Our results indicate that 96% of our exiting Year 12 students achieved their QCE, an 8% improvement on 2014 – well done.

Uniform reminder

A quick reminder about our uniform policy as parents may be purchasing new shoes for the 2016 school year. The shoes must be all black with leather uppers. They cannot have a white trim or any brand insignia on the shoes. The other reminder is the only piercings students can have at school are two ear piercings and the earrings must be small studs or sleepers. Any nose / tongue or other forms of piercings do not adhere to our uniform policy as endorsed by our P&C. We have included the uniform guidelines in our end of year mailout.

A final reminder that the current white sports polo will no longer be a uniform item in 2016. Our Uniform Store will be open in the week leading into the school year from Monday January 18 2016 from 8.00am – 1.00pm.

Have a great break
Yours in education
Cameron Hodges
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Year 7 2016 and our Junior Leaders

On Monday 7 December we hosted the 2016 Year 7s at Elanora to give them an orientation into high school for 2016. The students were exposed to the timetable they will be having on a Monday and they were able to meet the majority of teachers they will have in 2016 and find their way around the school. They also got to meet the Chappies (Stephanie and Dave) who hosted their lunch. Mrs Knight as the 2016 Year 7 Coordinator played a key role in the day helping to make the students feel welcome and assigning students to classes along with taking her Year 7 classes. The students also got to meet the Junior Dean of Students (Ms Vann), Guidance Officer (Mrs Cutts), Indigenous Teacher Aide (Mrs Burgess) and Year 8 Year Coordinator (Mrs Kuehl) who lent her expertise with the Junior School students to the day.

What I was extremely proud of on that day was that we had approximately 40 2016 Junior Leaders with some Year 8s supporting the Year 7 students throughout the day. To help the students feel welcome on the day the incoming Junior Leaders gave up going to Wet-n-Wild day which the other Junior School students visited. These are students who have put up their hand along with 2016 Years 11 and 12, to take on leadership roles in 2016. I am very proud of how the program has grown from when we first started with a handful of eager students. Student leadership is alive and well at Elanora and I am very heartened to see young people putting up their hands to help and support others. Importantly, they can learn how much they can personally gain from the leadership program through the supporting of others. Well done 2016 Junior Leaders!

Uniform and Attendance

A quick reminder that some students will require new school shoes over the holidays due to growing feet and wear-and-tear on existing shoes. We have made very clear that school shoes need to be black leather uppers. They cannot have a white trim or white logo. If everyone is in the correct shoes and uniform it saves staff having to spend time discussing uniform when they could be focussed on learning. Everyone when they enrol at Elanora SHS, signs the enrolment agreement which clearly stipulates, one of the responsibilities of each student is to “abide by the school rules, meet homework requirements and wear the school’s uniform.”

Christmas wishes

I wish all of our students and parents a safe, happy and relaxing holiday so students return to school on 27 January 2016 energised to learn.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal (Junior School).

LEO CLUB

A very big thank you to Amy Fletcher and Erin Logan for their generous support at the Canteen SQLD Beach Bash, Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Rec Day.

They along with other members of our local community came together to generously volunteer their time and skills to support 48 young people who are going through an incredibly tough time living with cancer.

FINANCE UPDATE

The Finance office is open to accept payments Monday to Friday 7.30am to 3.00pm. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos, QParents or via the internet. Internet payments can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The school bank details are:
Elanora State High School General Account
BSB: 064 404
Acct: 00090717
Reference: student name

If paying by direct deposit please ensure you use your child’s EQ ID number and a short description (for example X1234567RS). If the cashier is unable to determine what the payment is for it will be automatically applied to the oldest debt on your account.

To assist families the following table provides a summary of fees/excursions/activities that are due:

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When you sign up to QParents you will be able to see what items have been paid for and outstanding items.
Elanora High School’s Senior Tourism students are ONE STEP FURTHER towards full-time employment and a higher level of education.

Last night Year 12 Tourism students were presented with their qualifications in different sectors of this industry. Congratulations to all the Tourism students who successfully completed traineeships and Certificate II and III courses.

The highlight of the night was Joel Anderson who received the “Student of the Year Award”. He was chosen from 1200 candidates. This was an outstanding achievement for Joel and these achievements have led to his full-time position at the Sofitel Resort at Broadbeach.

Chevy Markham and Bradley Simon have full-time positions at the Mercurie Resort (Elanora Formal Venue). Jes Leggott completed a traineeship with Classic Holidays and is working in the finance department at the moment. I’m sure that Jes will receive a full-time position in the future.

Many students have enrolled in 5 different Diploma Courses next year with One Step Further RTO.

Thank you to Jan Hargrave who continues to strengthen partnerships between the tourism industry and Elanora High School.

Thank you to Maureen Romanet for supporting and expanding the partnership between Elanora High School and One Step Further.

Assisting students in the transition into the workforce has been a most rewarding experience for me and I will continue to promote this pathway to the students of Elanora High.

Glen Hogan

Congratulations to all the students who last night graduated at the One Step Further 2015 Graduation Evening.

Special mention to:

**2015 Student of the Year** – Joel Anderson (Certificate III Hospitality -Collective Community and Certificate III Tourism). Joel has now commenced full time work and will be studying a diploma qualification with Sofitel Gold Coast at Broadbeach.

**2015 Mentor of the Year** – Glen Hogan (Teacher for Tourism)

**Certificate II in Tourism – School based VET in school**

**Certificate III in Tourism**

**Certificate III in Hospitality-Collective Community**
Joel Anderson, Bradley Simon and Chevy Markham

**Certificate III in Business-Collective Community**
Hannah Bemrose, Jes Leggott and Zoe Miller

Well done everyone.

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**Lizen Study Tour**

Calling all Elanora families who would like to participate in hosting one or two of our students from the Lizen Study Tour next year. The dates at this stage are 18/5/16-04/06/16.

If you would like to open your home and be a part of this fabulous experience please email Fleur Parker our International Student Coordinator at fpark0@eq.edu.au your details and any queries you may have or call 5568 4365. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Glen Hogan
IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM ELANORA POLICE BEAT

Police are calling on parents to ensure their children wear helmets whilst riding their bikes. In Queensland it is mandatory for cyclists to wear helmets and adult cyclists can be fined $117. This has been law since the 1st of January 1993, that is over 20 years. Compliance amongst young people is way too low possibly because of the perception that it doesn’t look ‘cool’, or messes up their hair. This is a difficult mindset to overcome, hopefully the embarrassment of being stopped by the police will override the need to look cool.

Police have recently observed a number of high school students committing dangerous acts including talking on mobile phones, carrying passengers on handlebars (neither rider or passenger wearing helmets), riding no hands and talking on phones. One recent incident involved a high school student travelling down K P McGrath Drive no hands, no helmet, on his phone travelling at high speed. Unfortunately teenagers think they are invincible and we understand parents do tell their children to ride safely and wear a bicycle helmet.

Over the coming weeks Police from Elanora Police Beat and Palm Beach Police will continue targeting cyclists not wearing helmets. We encourage parents to warn their children that Police are always on the lookout to ensure their safety.

ELANORA SHS UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2016

BACK TO SCHOOL OPENING HOURS

ALL STUDENTS – JANUARY 2016
MON 18 JANUARY – FRIDAY 22 JANUARY – 8AM TILL 1PM

MON 25 JANUARY – CLOSED
TUE 26 JANUARY - CLOSED
WED 27 JANUARY – 7.30AM TILL 9AM
THU 28 JANUARY – 7.30AM TILL 9AM
FRI 29 JANUARY - CLOSED

NORMAL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS RESUME
WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2016
MON – THU 7:30AM – 9:00AM

Prices are correct at time of publishing for 2016 However they may be subject to change without notice. 
NOTE: We do not have an on-line ordering system.

3 Day Leadership Camp for Senior Captains and Council Representatives
Kai Aubort, Hannah Rigney, Jye Hudson, Olivia Cox, Kyra Bullock and Liana Davie spent the last 3 days with Captains and Council representatives from 11 other schools at the 2016 Leadership Summit Camp at Runaway Bay Super Sports Centre. The students agreed that this camp was a worthwhile experience as they formed friendships with other leaders.

At the conclusion of Day 3 each school presented a legacy speech for 2016. The leaders of our school wanted to focus on strengthening partnerships with the local community. The major event proposal for 2016 is a school fete.

Glen Hogan

2016 Japan Trip
There has been enthusiastic response to the proposed tour to Japan in the September holidays next year. Early in term 1, I will be calling a meeting of interested students to provide an updated version of the proposed itinerary and approximate costs which are dependent on the number of students travelling and airfares which are yet to be released.

A parent and student information afternoon will be organised to clarify details and to answer questions, probably on Monday of Week 2 - to be confirmed next year.

It’s not too late to be involved! Remember students don’t need to speak or be studying Japanese. Parents can submit an expression of interest by email to the school’s office – admin@elanorashs.eq.edu.au or students can bring in a signed note.

Lorraine LEE QUE, Lorraine HOD English /Japanese
Apprenticeship Central your one stop shop

BUSY At Work’s Apprenticeship Central website truly is your one stop free job matching site. It is the only job search site in Australia dedicated to promoting apprenticeships and traineeships as a career path.

The site allows users to not only search but match job seekers with employers, and employers with job seekers.

BUSY At Work CEO Paul Miles said BUSY was pleased to provide this key resource to assist in establishing career pathways.

“There’s a wealth of information and resources for both employers and job seekers on the site so that they can make meaningful decisions on apprenticeship or traineeship suitability.

Employers can easily find suitable job seekers registered on the website by searching through the profiles allowing them to handpick applicants they believe will be the best fit for their business.

There is also information about the apprenticeship process and what is expected from all parties involved. It is easy to search for your ideal candidates and registration is free.

Apprenticeship Central is free to use and can automatically help create the job seekers’ resume.

There are also hints and tips for an apprentice or trainee and building a profile is easy using the various templates available.

Apprenticeship – Certificate III Landscape Construction

The Boyds Bay Group is a multi-award winning company specialising in all aspects of quality Landscape Construction, Landscape Design, Environmental Management and Landscape Programmed Maintenance. The company is currently seeking applicants who have a real interest in pursuing a career in the landscaping industry to undertake an Apprenticeship – Certificate III in Landscape Construction, commencing in January 2016. As an Apprentice, you will be a valuable member of a company that is an industry leader, recognised for professionalism, experience and commitment to providing quality service and products.

Boyds Bay Group Apprentices earn while they learn, gaining valuable practical trade skills and experience. They are mentored and supervised by team members who have extensive industry experience, knowledge and qualifications. Here is what the Apprentices have to say about their Apprenticeship and working for the Boyds Bay Group:

“The best things about working for Boyds Bay Landscaping is the versatility of the work, always doing something different, exposure to large projects/building sites, having a great group of people to work with and working on large scale projects alongside many other trades. There are so many opportunities working for such a large company. There is a good group of staff to help you out when first starting”.

Ryan (Apprentice – Landscaping)

“The best thing about the apprenticeship is learning a trade. Working for the Boyds Bay Group has provided the chance to work on different job sites, commercial and domestic, large and small.”

Rhys (Apprentice – Landscaping)

“The best things about the apprenticeship are practical training through a trade that is diverse and unique, learning all the different aspects of landscaping, constructing something from the ground up and going to work with your mates.”

Corey (Apprentice – Landscaping)

The Apprenticeship is offered full time. A driver’s licence and own transport is preferred as the successful applicant will be required to travel to TAFE at the Wollongbar campus one day per week during the TAFE terms. For further enquiries contact Victoria in Human Resources on (07)55365869 or email your application to admin@boydsbaygroup.com.au

POSITIVE THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK!

Whether you think you can, or think you can’t, you’re right.

(Henry Ford)
ThemeParks.com.au
Our School Ticket Sale

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC615” to gain access to these ticket offers.

(Terms & Conditions apply; offer valid for a limited time)

Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Jasmin Dorrington, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 5536 5613 / 0417 485 477
or Jasmin.Dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au

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CAFÉ BAR

TAKEAWAY COFFEE
TEA & TREATS

7 DAYS A WEEK FROM 7.30AM
ALONG THE CREEK.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS • STREET FOOD • KIDS ACTIVITIES

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

MONDAY DECEMBER 14 FROM 4.30PM
Palm Beach Parklands, 945 Gold Coast Highway, Palm Beach
Every day and every minute counts
What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but …

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| 20 minutes per day             | 1 hour 40 mins per week | Over 2.5 weeks per year | Nearly 1 year | Your child *******
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| Half an hour per day           | Half a day per week | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 and a half years | Your child *******
|                                |                |                          |                          | Other children *********
|                                |                |                          |                          | Equal to finishing in Grade 7 |
| 1 hour per day                 | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 and a half years | Your child *******
|                                |                |                          |                          | Other children *********
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It is a requirement under the Queensland Education Provisions Act 2006, that parents and carers ensure children of compulsory school age are in attendance at school every day. Some circumstances, such as illness, may prevent 100% attendance but all parents should be aiming for maximum school attendance for their child/ren.

THEIR FUTURE LIFE CHOICE OPTIONS DEPEND ON YOU!