FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Year 12s had their final Assembly and Graduation last Wednesday and their Formal last Friday night at the Mercure Resort. They all looked splendid in their formal attire. A big thank you to Brian Woodham for not just organising last week’s activities but for all of the organisation over the last five years. He has made an amazing contribution to the lives of those young people and the esteem with which he is held was evident on Graduation evening. Thank you also to the Hospitality and Performing Arts staff for again giving of their time to ensure the Year 12s had a memorable last week of their formal schooling at Elanora; the Graduation cake was something to behold. Thank you also to all of the staff who gave up their Friday evening to support the exiting Year 12s at the Formal.

This week we have finalised all of the senior data and the necessary data downloads have been submitted to the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). Students will be able to receive their OP online from their QCAA learning account from Saturday 19th December. The QCS (Q’ld Core Skills Test) results have been released and we were able to improve our A-C data by 10.4% over the 2014 results. Our Year 11 students are in Exam Block this week and Years 10 and 11 students have their last school day for the year on Friday 27 November. Normal classes for Years 7 to 9 will run until Thursday December 3 – when our End of Year Program will begin. Our incoming Year 7 students have a transition day at Elanora on Monday 7 December. On Thursday 26 November we provided leadership training for our student leaders who next year will support our Year 7 and Year 8 students. Years 7 to 9 students finish school on Friday 11th December.

I understand the Year Coordinators have not formally been announced. It gives me pleasure to be able to say the following dedicated staff have put up their hand to be Year Coordinators in 2016:

Year 7   Narelle Knight
Year 8   Annette Kuehl
Year 9   Tony Rapallo
Year 10  Darren McSwaine
Year 11  Jay Davidson
Year 12  Glen Hogan

Jo Vann continues as Junior DOS and Jai McCulloch as Senior DOS

The Year Coordinators work over and beyond to ensure students are supported to achieve success. I want to thank all of the Year Coordinators for taking on this rewarding though often challenging role. You can help them in their roles by ensuring your son or daughter abides by the uniform code and attendance policy.

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.

I have been keeping Cameron’s seat warm this week as he has taken some long service leave. He will return on Tuesday 1 December. Wishing all of the Elanora community a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and successful 2016.

Yours in education
Ms Kym Dickinson (for Mr Cameron Hodges).
Maintaining High Expectations
As the year draws to a close and the weather starts to warm up signalling that the summer holidays are upon us, it is important for all of our students to maintain the high standards of dress, attendance, behaviour and effort that they have demonstrated throughout the year thus far.

As parents you can support the school by:
- Ensuring your young person attends school on time every day right up until the very last day;
- Discussing final assessment items and monitoring study sessions at home in the lead up to exams;
- Checking that all students are in correct uniform as they leave for school;
- Reminding your child/daughter to bring a water bottle to school and to fill it up several times throughout the day. Even mild dehydration can lead to a lack of concentration and can make you feel very unwell;
- Maintaining contact with Teachers, Year Coordinators, Deans and Deputies should you have any concerns or questions.

Looking ahead to 2016
Please find attached the school’s expectations regarding appropriate footwear. The Christmas and New Year period is expensive enough as it is so we wish to ensure that all students and parents are fully aware of what shoes to purchase for next year.

As the attached pictures outline the shoes:
- Must be all black and plain (this includes the sole);
- May be leather or ‘leather upper’ but NOT canvas;
- Must NOT be boots or ‘high tops’.

The students’ uniform will be closely inspected in the first week of school and parents will be contacted if any part of the uniform is incorrect. Students will be issued with consequences as per our Behaviour and Uniform Policy.

Your continued support of the uniform policy is greatly appreciated.

May I wish you a safe and joyful time with your family over the holiday period and I look forward to ‘seeing you’ in 2016.

Deputy Principal – Fiona Scannell

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 X1234567SRS). 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.
Japan Trip 2016

We are currently in the process of organising our biennial student trip to Japan. It will take place in the September holidays next year.

A number of students have expressed interest but there are still places available. It is a culture tour which involves travelling to major cities and sights for the first 7-9 days and then home stays with families from our sister school in Yokosaka. Students don’t need to be able to speak or be currently studying Japanese.

Students who previously participated agree they had a fantastic time and always recommend it to others.

We are hoping to lock down numbers by the end of the school year.

Interested students should see Ms Lee Que in Staff Room 3.

Student recognition merit system

Thanks to all involved, including P&C, Zarraffas, McDonald’s and Burleigh Swim Run race, who contributed to the student recognition merit system.

We have broken the mark of over 9000 merit points for positive contributions students have made in just three terms.

Congratulations to the following overall winners:

Year 7 - Year group Champions
Coolangatta – House Champions
Mr Smith and 10C – Form Class Champions
Thomas Glendenning (7A) – Overall Champion
Academic Champion – Joshua Newton (10C)
Sporting Champion (10F); Phoeinx Kimble
Cultural/ Arts Champion – Bree Palmer (9D)
Community Champion – Brianna Randell (10A)

Teachers top scoring – Mr Pearce, Ms Govindasamy, Ms Perrozi

END OF YEAR SCIENCE GRAND QUIZ CHALLENGE

Each fortnightly science quiz winner was invited to attend this end of year challenge, and eleven students vied for the title of Quiz Champion for 2015 - the Science Department Golden Bunsen Award. The competition comprised of fifty general knowledge questions about science in seven different categories.

The overall winner of the challenge was Tim Willis from Year 12; Jai Lawrence (also from Year 12) the runner-up. Isobelle Gapp from Year 10 was the winner in the Year 7-10 category. Tim went away with a $50 Dick Smith voucher, and both Jai and Isobelle received a $20 Dick Smith voucher to spend. The two lucky door prizes went to Nathan Waszniewski from Year 10 and Zane Taylor from Year 11.

Well done to all the students who competed on the day and throughout the year. The weekly science quiz will return again next year in February in the student notices. So contestants, start up your engines and let’s see who the 2016 Quiz Champion will be and who gets to hold the Golden Bunsen and have their name immortalised on the plate …
STUDY CRUNCH

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The average student spends 3,500 days at study by the time he or she finishes tertiary education. Learning how to study effectively is the secret to academic success.

We provide study skills programs for children from Years 7 through 12. Reserve a place now or learn more about how we can help improve your child’s academic performance.

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HEAD LICE

Head lice are once again rampant on the Gold Coast. Contrary to urban myth every one can catch them including those who care for their hair. So... how can we keep them out of our hair and out of our family?

Attached is a complete instruction guide, but briefly some of the things that will help include:
1. Keep hair as short as possible
2. Keep hair restrained i.e. tie up long hair, keep wayward strands under control
3. Brush you hair really well as soon as you get home from school, preferably outside, before you even go inside
4. Never share hats, combs, brushes, hair ties, clips or scarves
5. Check regularly, at least once per week. I suggest doing the conditioner in dry hair and comb through every Friday. Then if there are lice you have one more comb through on Sunday night before it is time to go back to school.
6. If lice are found, and they may just look like little black / brown / grey specks in the conditioner, every member of the household and any close contacts must be checked with conditioner / comb through as well. Repeat every second day until no lice are found for two comb throughs.

Sounds like a lot of work? Yes it is, but...
- it is not toxic
- it is not costly
- it reduces the risk of scalp and skin infection caused by scratching,
- and what will antibiotics cost?

people with head lice are often unaware but notice improved sleep and skin condition once treated.

So...check everyone’s hair, including your own!

Let others know if you have head lice so they can check their hair.

Advise your friends, privately and confidentially, if you suspect they may have head lice.

See Nurse Jackie for further information, support, education, etc.

Elanora SHS: Room N4, usual days Monday and Tuesday.
Ph: 0432 00 5265 email: jatki89@eq.edu.au

Head Lice: A Non-Chemical Treatment

You Need:
White coloured, thick consistency, hair conditioner (any brand with will do)
Ordinary comb and Lice comb (from chemist)
White tissue paper or kitchen paper or similar

Method: (Will only work if the hair is dry before starting)
Apply sufficient white colour conditioner to completely cover the scalp and hair strands (the conditioner blocks the lice’s breathing pores and stuns the lice. Together with the slippery effect of the conditioner, this makes it easy to remove lice).
- Use an ordinary comb to disentangle the hair and to divide the hair into at least four sections.
- Put a head lice comb flat against the scalp in each section and draw the comb from the root of the hair to the tip.
- Wipe each comb out onto the white tissue or kitchen paper, checking for lice. You can wipe several combings onto one tissue.
- Comb the whole head until there is no trace of conditioner left.
- Put all the tissues in a plastic bag, tie the top and put the bag in a rubbish bin.
- Wash the hair in the usual manner.
- Scrub the combs with an old toothbrush in hot soapy water so they’re clean and ready for next time.

Note: If you find any suspicion of head lice by doing the above, repeat steps 1-8, every second day until done twice without any lice evidence, i.e. no obvious lice and no discolouration at all to the conditioner combings.

(Adapted from a Qld Health publication)

Jackie Atkinson
School Based Youth Health Nurse
0432 00 5265
jatki89@eq.edu.au
Elanora State High School Room N4, usual days Monday and Tuesday
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 be targeting cyclists not wearing helmets. We encourage parents to warn their children that Police will be on the lookout to ensure their safety.

Elanora SHS Tuck Shop opening hours (last 2 weeks)

| Mon 30 November | NO BREAKFAST |
| Tue 1 December  | NO BREAKFAST |
| Wed 2 December  | NO BREAKFAST |
| Thu 3 December  | NO BREAKFAST |
| Fri 4 December  | NO BREAKFAST |

Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 December:

Limited food will be available.
No fresh food such as burgers, sushi, sandwiches will be available.

| Wed 9 December  | TUCKSHOP CLOSED/UNIFORM OPEN 8am – 1pm |
| Thu 10 December | TUCKSHOP CLOSED/UNIFORM OPEN 1pm – 5pm |
| Fri 11 December | TUCKSHOP & UNIFORM CLOSED |

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS’ AND CARERS’ NOTICEBOARD

I am glad to report that Years 7 and 8 Indigenous students who attended the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) Day at Bond University last week had a good time and got to see what a University campus looks like. The students had fun but learnt a bit as well and got to meet Indigenous students from another school. Well done to all of those students. Your behaviour was amazing and you are great role models for other students. I hope that there will be more of these days for all age groups in 2016.

Farewell to all of our Year 10 and Year 11 students who finish this week. Have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to supporting you along with your families and teachers to achieve great results in all subject areas of school next year.

To Years 7, 8 and 9 students— enjoy the last few weeks of school and all the best in your assessment tasks. I hope you have had a great year at Elanora SHS and I look forward to seeing you in 2016.

Don’t forget to check the school website regularly for updates. This week there are trials for 13 or 14yr olds who would like to play in the National Diversity Championships next year. Trials are on Sunday 29th November at Metricon Stadium. You don’t need to have played AFL to trial but it would help. See the noticeboard link for more information https://elanorashs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Studentservicesandsupportprograms/Pages/Indigenous-Liaison-Officer.aspx

Feel free to contact me if I can assist you with any matter. Also, don’t forget to contact ABSTUDY on 1800 132 317 if you haven’t already, to find out if your child is eligible for ABSTUDY assistance.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Noell Burgess
Indigenous Teacher Aide
Elanora State High School
Mondays and Tuesdays
nburg51@eq.edu.au
The exhibition was set up by the Year 9 MAD class. The shadow box creation involved students using scalpels to stencil layers of paper which were then placed in a wooden box with coloured lights behind them. The exhibition was a great success with many students and staff coming to look at the works.

Jasmine Ivett—Teacher

POSITIVE THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK!

“If you can dream it, you can achieve it.” — W. E. F.罗斯}

One kind word can change someone’s entire day.
Free Family Event
Rotary Park, Sarawak Ave, Palm Beach.
Saturday 28th November 2015
8.00am-12.00pm

Free Children’s Activities
- Crash Force MMA Street Defence
- Free Style Hip-hop dance
- Japanese dance & drumming demos
- AFL skills gallery
- Kids Kite making & flying
- Children’s Super heroes join us

10.00 am Tug-Of-War between Police & Fireys
Followed by the swearing of the ‘Oath’

Major Sponsors
- Councillor Daphne McDonald
- Kylie & Mark Rooney
- Chin-Iling Chan
- Chairman, White Ribbon QLD Committee
WANTED! MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC APPRENTICE

TeamMoto are looking for technically minded people with a keen interest in motorcycles to commence an apprenticeship as a motorcycle mechanic.

Enquire in-store or via email and apply today! bevan.repia@deq.qld.gov.au

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We’re recruiting!

Finished school and have a passion for motorcycles?

TeamMoto are looking for technically minded people with a keen interest in motorcycles to commence an apprenticeship as a motorcycle mechanic.

You will need:
- A passion for motorcycles and mechanical repairs
- Strong attention to detail
- A current drivers licence
- To take pride in the quality of your work

TeamMoto offers a 4 year Motorcycle Technician Apprenticeship program to become a fully qualified Motorcycle Technician. Our apprenticeships are organised in conjunction with the MTAQ who provide a dedicated trainer to TeamMoto who works with our apprentices in a small group training environment.

With over 14 locations and brands including Yamaha, Honda, Triumph, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, BMW, Suzuki, Hyosung and Kymco your career potential is limitless.

Apply today and tell us why you should be an Apprentice Motorcycle Mechanic at TeamMoto.

bevan.repia@deq.qld.gov.au

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Expression of Interest - Motorcycle Industry
Applications Close 30th November 2015

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Please tick your preferred location for work
- [ ] Springfield
- [ ] Gold Coast

I am available to participate in work experience (if required) to gain an understanding of the nature and responsibilities of the apprenticeship (please circle)
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Have you completed any previous training or completed qualifications in the AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY T? (If so, please provide details below).

Do you currently hold a Motorcycle licence?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Are you involved in motorcycling (professionally or socially)? (If yes, please provide details)
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, please provide details

I want to be part of the Motorcycle Industry because... (finish this statement)

Please forward this form & Resume to: bevan.repia@deq.qld.gov.au

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CAREER INFORMATION NIGHTS

for the month of November

All 2015 Year 12 graduates and families welcome

Where: BUSY At Work
130 Scarborough St, Southport

When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Secure your Future
Register your Interest: Now!

Call 13 BUSY (13 28 79) or
Gillian: 0409 269 148 or
email: gillian.quinn@busyatwork.com.au

Interested in an Apprenticeship or Traineeship?
Not sure what you want to do?
Our Career and Placement Advisors are here to guide you!
We have vacancies now!
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Apprenticeship Central
Future opportunities now
Attention School Leavers

Livingstone Render & Paint Pty Ltd, a solid plastering (rendering) company based on the Gold Coast are currently seeking apprentices for their business. They are offering a 4 year apprenticeship in Solid Plastering, including learning all the skills and techniques associated with the trade, safety procedures and requirements, as well as the ability to work within a highly systemised business structure, which is fairly uncommon in the construction industry. See Mrs Hargrave if interested.

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast will be holding an information session/interview night on Monday 7th December from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Please advise any students that may be interested in attending. The session will be held in C block, room C.01.010.

RSVP to Jackie on Jacqueline.Bowden@tafe.qld.edu.au

Two fantastic local opportunities for School Leavers at NEUMANN STEEL -

Apprenticeship – Mechanical Fitter

&

Apprenticeship - Electrical Engineering
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:

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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 485 677
or jasmin.dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au

JUNIOR GOLF CHALLENGE
From 1pm Sunday afternoons in December & January
Palmer Colonial & Palmer Gold Coast Golf Courses

1pm shotgun start  Single Stableford
Cost: $125 pp includes 5 rounds of golf, sausage sizzle & prizes
Competition runs over 5 weeks 1st Prize – Junior golf Membership
Registration: From 12.30pm including a sausage sizzle
(Entry form and payment due Thursday 10th December 2015)
Presentation & Major Prizes following final event

ENTRY FORM

PALMER COLONIAL & PALMER GOLD COAST JUNIOR GOLF CHALLENGE

Name 1: ____________________________________________________________
(Junior) ____________________________________________________________
Name 2: ____________________________________________________________
(Junior) ____________________________________________________________
Amount paid: ______________________ (Must be paid by Thursday 10th December)

Payments can be made:
Directly to the pro shop, by credit card ph: 5553 7520 or send cheque to PO Box 87, Robina QLD 4226
Approved by Staff: __________________________________________________

Elanora State High School  Cnr 19th Avenue & Avocado Street Elanora 4221  Phone 07 5568 4333  www.elanorashs.eq.edu.au
CRCOS Code: 0068A
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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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!