Swimming Carnival
Our annual Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday February 10 at the Miami SHS pool. It was a very enjoyable day; thank you to all staff involved in the organisation and supervision of the carnival. Our top swimmers will next compete at the Oceanic trials and our Age Champions and winning house will be recognised at an upcoming school parade. A special thank you to Ms Jones for coordinating the carnival and to all who helped out to make the day a success. Thank you to those parents who attended and helped out on the day.

Investing for Success
Our school has finalised our Investing for Success program for 2016 and we will be focussing on the areas of Reading and Numeracy while extending those students who have achieved in the upper two bands in previous NAPLAN testing. We will continue with our MULTILIT program and be introducing a new Macquarie University program to further support literacy development. Once approved, I will share our program with the school community via the school’s website.

Uniform
I would also like to acknowledge the parental support that we have received in relation to ensuring that students have the prescribed school footwear and correct uniform items every day. All students have a school diary which clearly outlines our school uniform and dress code and this is provided to all parents upon enrolment.

Assessment Calendar and communication with home
We will be mailing home your child’s assessment schedule for Semester 1 in the next fortnight. Can you please ensure that we have your correct phone, email address and address details so we can provide you with all relevant information. As a school we have a Facebook page with over 1000 likes and also regularly utilise text messages as reminders. Our school website is updated weekly and you can access key information via the QSchools App available through both iTunes and Google Play. Parents can also register for Qparents to access their child’s specific information.

Year 12 Recognition Parade
At our first whole school assembly on February 3 we welcomed back the future Engineers, Teachers, Plumbers, Accountants, Sports Scientists, Builders, Criminologists, Photographers, Teachers, Nurses, Computer Programmers, Environmentalists, Interior Designers, Actors, Town Planners, Economists, Sound Engineers, Scientists, Psychologists, Writers, Hotel Managers – as part of our Alumni Recognition Parade. At this parade the entire school recognised our 2015 Graduates of which 100% received a first round QTAC offer – an outstanding achievement and two years in a row for our school!! This parade was an excellent opportunity for our current students to learn the myriad of career options that they can access when they engage with our curriculum, our support structures and our teachers. We look forward to hearing future success stories of our 2015 graduates as they tackle the years ahead.

Year 12 Information Night
Our Year 12 Information Night was held on Tuesday evening February 9 and was extremely well attended. The presentation included key dates and events in the final year of school as well as QCE and OP predictions. OP & QCE Predictions have been mailed out for those who were unable to attend and the presentation for the evening is available on our school website.

P & C Meeting - Parental Involvement
Our first P & C meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday February 17 in the staff common room, commencing at 5.30pm. At this meeting we will discuss the school’s 2016 School Priorities and how we will utilise our Investing for Success funding in 2016. The P & C is an excellent avenue to contribute to the school and I strongly encourage all interested parents to attend. Our second meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday March 16. A special invitation goes out to our new Year 7 parents who we welcome into the Elanora SHS community. The school tuckshop is also an excellent opportunity to be involved in school life, any volunteers who could help out would be greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the parent volunteers who assisted with timekeeping at our swimming carnival. It has been a great start to 2016.

Yours in Education,
Cameron Hodges
Key Staff Members

**Deputy Principals**

- Kym Dickinson
  Year 7, 8, 9 Deputy
- Fiona Scannell
  Year 10, 11, 12 Deputy

**Deans of Students**

- Jo Vann
  Junior DOS
- Jai McCulloch
  Senior DOS

**Year Coordinators**

- Narelle Knight
  Year 7
- Annette Kuehl
  Year 8
- Tony Rapallo
  Year 9
- Darren McSwaine
  Year 10
- Jay Davidson
  Year 11
- Glen Hogan
  Year 12
Welcome to all of the new members of the Elanora SHS school community, in particular, our incoming Year 7 students. Elanora has a number of different avenues available where students can gain recognition throughout their school life for their contribution to the school community, their academic and sporting achievements and gain leadership opportunities. The leadership opportunities across the school are listed on Page 13 of the student diary. For the Junior School specifically, I have put together a sheet outlining the opportunities that students have throughout the year to support their growth and development as contributing members of the school and general community. It is important for incoming students to be aware of these opportunities so they can work towards them during the year. These achievements support post-school transition into the workplace and/or further study. These are listed below.

### Junior School (Years 7-9) Recognition and Leadership Opportunities 2016

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<td>Form Leader</td>
<td>Interested students in Term 1 in Years 7-9 are asked to apply for the position of Form Leader. There are usually 2 form leaders selected (usually one male and one female).</td>
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<td>Academic Awards (awarded at the end of each reporting cycle)</td>
<td>Outstanding achievement award – awarded to students who achieve all As for their academic subjects. Excellent achievement award – awarded to students who achieve all As and Bs for their academic subjects i.e. no Cs. High achievement award – awarded to students who achieve all Bs for their academic subjects i.e. no Cs. Attendance award – Students who have no recorded absences for that reporting cycle.</td>
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<td>Breakfast with the Stars</td>
<td>Breakfast provided for the top 10 academic students in the year level.</td>
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<td>Lunch with the Legends</td>
<td>In Term 3 the Year Coordinators will confer the Deans of Students to select 10 students from each year level who have contributed the most to developing a positive school culture. The criteria is based on attitude, behaviour and participation.</td>
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<td>Staff award points to students who positively contribute to the Elanora culture.</td>
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<td>Staff recognise positive activities/behaviours students have exhibited by entering a comment in the positive behaviour section on the students’ electronic OneSchool record.</td>
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<td>Speech Awards (awarded in October)</td>
<td>Junior school awards: NAPLAN awards – Bronze, Silver, Gold levels. Academic excellence awards – Distinction and High Distinction Faculty awards – One award per faculty to a student who demonstrates commitment, a high level of participation, consistent effort and positive work habits and behaviour within that faculty. Neighbourhood Watch Community Service Award – Presented to a Year 8 or 9 student who has demonstrated commitment to a local community service organisation and displays dedication and enthusiasm to improve the local community and environment. Palm Beach Rotary Achievement – Awarded to a Year 8, 9 or 10 student who through their efforts academically, culturally and socially have demonstrated that they are commendable members of the school community. Deputy Principal (Junior Award) – Presented to a student in Years 7, 8 or 9 who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Junior school. Year Level Highest Academic Achiever – Awarded to the highest academic achiever in Years 7, 8 and 9</td>
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<td>Sports Awards (awarded in October)</td>
<td>Students in the junior school are eligible for the following sporting awards: Interschool team awards, wider cluster runners-up, wider cluster premiers, Gold Coast interschool sport runners up, school based competition, club and community sport achievers, both boy and girl age champions in swimming, cross country, athletics, setting athletic records, Oceanic Sport representatives, South Coast representatives, Queensland representatives.</td>
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Student Diaries

All students have been issued with a student diary. This is an important item of stationery that students need to bring with them each and every day to support their organisation. I would also encourage all parents of junior students to check their diary on a regular basis to support your son or daughter to write down homework, use the forward planner to maximise assignment preparation and make use of the Senior and Junior school achievement trackers to ensure they are meeting their academic targets. Students who achieve well at school are not necessarily the brightest but they do ensure they are organised, goal-focussed and work diligently to achieve those goals.

Uniform

On Pages 17-21 of the diary we clearly list the expectations we have around uniform. Every enrolling student and parent/guardian is also given a copy of the Elanora SHS Code of Conduct which lists these same expectations. These are also published on the school web site. On enrolment, students and parents sign the enrolment agreement which includes an agreement to abide by our uniform code. We ask that parents support the school in enforcing the standard so our conversations with students can focus more on their academic learning and be positive in nature.

Sun Safety

At Elanora SHS sun safety is a priority. All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and Year 12 house leaders and staff have been issued with an Elanora SHS reversible bucket hat with the school logo. This is the start of a three year roll-out with each subsequent Year 7 intake and new students issued with the hat.

The hat issued to students is reversible with the Elanora logo and school navy colour on one side and the students’ house colour and name on the reversible side. These are provided to the Junior students as part of their Student Resource Scheme and are not issued through the P&C. In 2016 students in Year 10-12 can purchase a hat from Student Services for $10.

Study Wall Planners

The Elanora SHS Wall Planners have been distributed to all students during form class on Monday 8 February. They are free-of-charge. The planners are another tool to help students organise their learning and ensure submission of assessment is on time and to the best of their ability. They are designed to be put up on a wall in the students’ area of study. It is an expansion of the forward planner in the students’ diary. Students enter when assessment is due and back track from there e.g. research date, rough draft to be completed by this date, refining assessment and final assessment submission dates. Key dates such as On Target interviews, Subject and Career Expo have been pre-entered onto the planner.

Shoes

Our school uniform code states on Page 17 of the Student Diary:

“Students are required to wear black leather shoes.”

On Pages 19 and 20 the written description further states:

“All black leather lace-up school type or black jogger with leather upper and all-purpose sole or black leather school shoes with no coloured markings or non-black sides in accordance with enclosed photos (Pg.21).”

Examples of correct and incorrect shoes is then shown on Page 21.

All of the correct shoes shown are classified as a school shoe, not a boot. Boots are illustrated with a cross under them. Likewise black leather shoes with a white base. Even though a boot may be black leather it is not in the spirit of the policy nor is it consistent with the illustrations provided. In 2017 as well as the visual provided the wording in the policy will change to explicitly exclude a boot-like shoe.

We ask parents to use the visual on Page 21 of the diary as a guide when purchasing school shoes for your son or daughter. We understand this is an expense for parents and we do not want you to spend money on something that is not in accordance with the letter and spirit of the policy.

Expectations:

All students should have their name clearly written on the small flap of their hat, on the house-coloured side.

Any activity where the Junior school student is in the sun they should be wearing their hat. At lunch, if they are choosing to sit or be active in the sun, they are choosing to wear their hat.

The hat has a wide brim that protects the ears and back of the neck so students are expected to wear the school hat and not a personal peak cap.

If the student loses the hat they can purchase a new hat from Student Services for $10.

In Conclusion three (3) goals that I have for students in 2016 are:

- Engage with your learning and the plethora of opportunities available
- Contribute positively to your school community and in so doing, develop your own social capital
- Develop goals (short, medium and long-term) for your future and use the opportunities available at Elanora as a platform to achieve those goals.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal (Junior School)

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 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
Acc: 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 that are due:

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Reinforced Reading Program for Years 7, 8 and 9

Early start Reinforced Reading Program for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be on every morning from 8:30am - 9:00am in D4. All welcome.

Firstly, welcome to all students and families especially our new families that have just enrolled at Elanora SHS this year. I hope that you enjoy your experience here. I have met many of our new students but if I haven’t yet met you please feel free to come and say hello. I am located in SR4 and you can leave a message at the main office if you would like to see me and I will follow up with you when I am next at work. Please note that I work on Mondays and Tuesdays.

I provide support to students with their school work but also aim to provide parents and carers another point of contact with the school. If you would like to contact me please call the school and leave a message and I will get back to you when I am next at Elanora SHS.

ABSTUDY - I would encourage all parents to call ABSTUDY to enquire as to whether your child is eligible to receive ABSTUDY assistance or you may be eligible for the School Term Allowance or School Fees Allowance. Call ABSTUDY on 1800 132 317 or the Indigenous Call Centre on 1800 136 380. I have more information on this, if you would like it sent home please email me and I will organise it for you.

School Attendance: Just a note to families that if your student is away from school you please ensure that the school is notified through the office or a note is sent in with your student when they return, advising why they were absent. If students are late to arrive can they please follow check in procedures through the office so that they are not marked absent. It is important to be in class to maximise opportunities for learning.

Senior Students: Some students at the end of 2015 may have brought home a consent form to participate in the Duran mentoring program. If so, could you please return these forms to the office advising they are for Mrs Burgess. If you did not receive one please let me know and I will get you a copy. This program will be great for our senior students to support them in completing school to Year 12. If parents have queries please contact me and we can discuss the program.

Just a reminder, please check notices on the Indigenous Student Noticeboard attached to the eElanora webpage or on quicklinks on Elanora SHS website (see below) for training and job opportunities as well as scholarships and audition notices.


I look forward to meeting more parents and students as the year progresses and wish you well with Term 1.

Noell Burgess
Indigenous Education Worker
Elanora SHS
Monday & Tuesday
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.

Student Achievements

A big congratulations to ……

Caleb Case (7S) made the 12 years QLD State of Origin side for Oz Tag and is off to nationals next term.

Dance student Leila Hess (9D) has successfully gained a position in the Locreado Dance Company for the 2016 season. Locreado Dance Company is a ground breaking dance company, enriching young dancers with more than a taste for performance. The company is set at a professional level, but also gives dancers who are determined enough to work hard the opportunity to experience the work load of a professional dancer by training and doing shows.

Caia Johnson (7S) made the state athletics team for triple jump, 100m sprint and high jump, Caja is also off to nationals next term.

In January Oliver Haydon (11B) represented the Gold Coast in the U16 State Baseball Titles (Image below). Well done on achieving such great accomplishments!

Please send student achievements to goodnews@elanorashs.eq.edu.au, achievements can be in sporting, academic, or community service. When sending in your information, pictures or links to media articles can you specify in which format you wish to deliver your message.
We would love to hear from you and share your stories!

Japan Trip 2016

DON’T MISS OUT!

It’s not too late to be part of the exciting cultural trip to Japan planned for the September holidays.

The trip is open to all year levels. Students will enjoy visiting a wide range of popular tourist activities and places and experience everyday life with a Japanese family during a short homestay. It not necessary to speak Japanese or be studying Japanese language.

Expressions of interest remain open until Thursday February 18.

For further information, contact Ms Lorraine Lee Que, Head of Departmentt by phoning the school office or email lleeq1@eq.edu.au.
The LEO club is supporting an Australian Fijian Mission team by collecting items that are needed very badly by families living in Santo, Vanuatu. Below is a list of items that are needed. We are basically collecting anything that can be of use to these families. **We are not collecting any electrical items as these are people living without electricity.** We ask that items that are brought are in a suitable condition. Second hand or new is greatly appreciated!

- Clothes (any age)
- Linen (pillow cases, towels, bed sheets etc...)
- Stationery (pencil cases, pens, pencils, rubbers, colour pencils etc...)
- Books (colouring books all ages, reading books any age, exercise books etc...)
- Toiletries (underpants, bras, deodorants, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes etc...)
- Kitchen items (cutlery, pots, pans etc...)
- Sport equipment (soccer balls, rugby balls, rugby boots, volleyball nets etc...)
- Wheelchairs, Crutches, walking frames etc...

If you think that anything else can be donated please feel free to DONATE, we are happy to accept it. All donations to be placed in storage box located in the front office (Administration Block). If you have any further enquires please contact Mrs Periott (Staffroom 3).

Thank you very much (Vinaka Vakalevu),

Anthea Young (LEO Club Secretary.)

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**Positive Thoughts of the Week**

- **Don't ruin a good today because of a bad yesterday.**
  - No one ever injured their eyesight by looking on the bright side.
  - T. Roosevelt

- **Believe you can & you're halfway there.**

- **Make today so awesome yesterday gets jealous.**
Swimming Carnival

Student Council

Student Council: Culture Team 2016

In 2016 the Student Council will be split into 2 groups again. This year Mrs Silver will be taking the Culture Team and Mrs Kyme will be taking the Community Team which will run as the Leo Club.

Mrs Silver is looking for enthusiastic students from each Form Class to join the Culture Team which helps to raise the spirit of the school through events such as Elanora’s Got Talent, Raffles etc.

Meetings are once per fortnight at lunchtime in the Hub.

GET AN APPLICATION FORM FROM YOUR FORM TEACHER OR PRINT FROM STUDENT NOTICES AND RETURN BY FRIDAY 12 FEB.
**The Gift of a Surfboard**

A very generous local family connected to St Andrews Lutheran Church donated a surfboard to the chaplaincy service at the end of last year, with strict instructions for us to give to a family who may not be in a position to purchase a surfboard for their child/children. With the new year underway I put out a notice to all staff to look out for any deserving students. Jonte Bevan was referred by his maths teacher and he jumped at the opportunity! He came and saw me after school that day, checked out its specs and said “I’ll take it!” Jonte has in no way had an easy run and it was a great joy to see this surfboard go to a worthy student! To top it all off, there is a surf camp coming up these Easter holidays that any student is welcome to join (see attached flyer). This same family has offered to sponsor Jonte to participate.

“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”  
— John Bunyan

Chappies Steph and Dave

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**Career News**

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Social Media Department, Currumbin urgently has 1 position available Cert III ICT (ICT30115) Information & Communications Technology. This exciting role allows the student to work at the CWS taking photos, interviewing or researching a subject, compiling an interesting story to accompany images and then to post the images to the various social media sites on the CWS website. It is desired that the student use their own computer and CWS will provide the student the opportunity to work with their programs. Experience with WordPress is highly regarded. A current resume and covering letter is required if wishing to apply.

Ignite Education advises that applications for the traineeship Cert III Hospitality available with the Gold Coast Convention Centre are now due on 22 February 2016.

Cert III Hospitality with Tugun SLSC & PBC Club  
Prestige Services Training Cert III Business Admin at Surfers Paradise, duties include general admin tasks as well as learning services and products on offer, providing this information to customers and following up via phone or email etc.

Cert III Information, Communications Technology with business marketing company, duties will include transcribing videos & audio into social media content, learning marketing activities and event managements, general admin & assisting with creating and updating marketing materials.

Aurora Cert III Hospitality at Subway at Burleigh Heads; Robina Cert III Business at The Pines & Pacific Fair; Busy @ Work 2 x Cert III Hospitality at Mermaid Beach; Cert III Business Admin at Southport - any students wishing to apply for any of the above positions please submit a current resume and covering letter. Templates for resume, covering letter and questions employers may ask are available, please see Ms Hargrave.

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**Science Quiz**

The first Science quiz for 2016 has landed! Each fortnight I will post five questions in the student notices and the first student to correctly answer all five questions will win a $5 voucher to spend at the tuckshop, or use as printing credit. You will also receive an invitation to compete in the end of year Science Grand Quiz Challenge where there will be plenty of prizes on offer. To make it fair for everyone, students must come to the Science Prep Room from morning tea on with their answers and see me, Ms Hesse (Science Technician).

This fortnight’s quiz questions are:

What heats your hands when you rub them together?  
Which are the four heaviest flightless birds?  
Which metal is always found in amalgam?  
In astronomy, what is a brown dwarf?  
Electric and manta are both kinds of what type of fish?

Eliza Hesse  
Science Operations Officer

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**P&C ASSOCIATION**

The P&C Association meets monthly. The meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm.
2016 School Calendar QLD State Schools

Department of Education and Training

2016 school calendar
Queensland state schools

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There are 193 school days in 2016. Semester 1 2017 commences for teachers on January 19 and for students on January 23.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days for teachers are January 21, 22, 25, April 6, 7, 8, and October 17. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE
November 18 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 25 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 2. The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (November 2015) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au


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CRICOS Code : 00008A
Palm Beach Soccer Club requires girls in the following age groups for their upcoming 2016 season.

- **U/13 GIRLS** ..Turning 12 or 13 in 2016 (PLAY IS SATURDAYS)
- **U/14 GIRLS** ..Turning 14 in 2016 (PLAY IS SATURDAYS)
- **U/15 GIRLS** Turning 15 in 2016 (PLAY IS FRIDAY EVENING) 2 spots only available
- **U/16 GIRLS** Turning 16 in 2016 (PLAY IS FRIDAY EVENING)

Palm Beach Soccer Club has qualified coaches for all girls teams as well only one of 10 clubs on the coast with a ‘Womens’ Hub license for our Premier.

Reserves and Div 1 Womens’ teams

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL juniors@palmbeachsoccerclub.com.au or call Junior Girls Coordinator Pam on 0415 897 389

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Palm Beach Currumbin Jnr AFL is excited to introduce their Girls under 15s into the Gold Coast AFL competition in 2016.

The club is keen to hear from all interested players. For further information please contact Jaime Johnston—Smith at gjjsmith@gmail.com or on 0402 390 262
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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<th>This equals…</th>
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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.

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