FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Subject Selection & Career Expo – Tuesday August 5
Our annual Subject Selection & Career Expo was held at the school on Tuesday August 5 and it was a fantastic event for all that attended. There were an increased number of external providers in attendance this year and they were extremely pleased with the number of queries and quality of questions that they had from parent and students alike. All subject selection presentations and forms that were distributed on the night have been posted on our school website under the Support & Resources – Parent Resources Tab.

Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 can collect a subject selection form from the Administration office for lodgement at On Target Interviews on August 19. Our Chaplaincy service held a very popular fundraising sausage sizzle – thank you to all that supported them.

On Target Interviews – Tuesday August 19 – No classes
The next step in our Career Education and subject selection process is our On Target Interviews. On Target Interviews will be held on Tuesday August 19 in which every student and parent will have a one on one interview with a member of our teaching staff to look at the individual student’s performance, the individual student’s career aspirations and planning the steps to achieve this career goal. One of the key aspects of these interviews will be the submission of 2015 Subject Selection & Student Resource Scheme forms for students in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11. If forms are not completed and lodged on this date students may miss out on their preferred subject selections. There will be no classes held on this day and interviews will be available from 1.30pm – 7.50pm. Booking information for On Target Interviews has been sent home and bookings are via SOBS with a link on our school website.

Good Luck to Elanora SHS representatives
Over the next few weeks we have a large number of students representing the school in a number of fields. Oceanic Athletics will be held on Monday August 11 & Tuesday August 12 where our students will compete for selection in the Oceanic Team which will participate in the South Coast trials. Our Music and Dance students will be competing in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Students from our Access Centre have also been preparing for their Eisteddfod which will be held at Robina in a couple of weeks’ time. To all students involved in these events – good luck and I hope that you taste success in your chosen field.

Talent Quest
Our school held its annual talent quest on Tuesday which was coordinated by the Year 11 Business class. Congratulations to all students that had the courage to compete, to our judging panel of Ms Booth, Mr Leader & Mikey Mendoza and the Year 11 Business Class for providing the opportunity.

Years 7 & 8 2015 Enrolment – have you booked?
We are extremely busy this term with Years 7 & 8 enrolments for 2015. Each incoming Year 8 student and their parents have a personalised interview with myself and appointments are available through the school office. If you have younger brothers and sisters or family friends who have made the wise decision to enrol at Elanora SHS for their secondary education, please encourage them to book early for their enrolment interviews. We will be hosting a Twilight Tour on September 2 & 16 at 3.45pm – assembly at the office for all interested incoming students and parents – no bookings required.

Look forward to seeing you at On Target Interviews on August 19. Please remember to bring along your completed Subject Selection & Student Resource Scheme form.

Yours in Education
Cameron Hodges
Principal
Well done to all award recipients and all those students who participated. Certificates are in the process of being distributed to the top 10% of participants in Australia. Our school also scored 15 credits (top 35% of the country) and 7 merits (top 45% of the country). Students from Elanora State High School once again competed in this prestigious international competition. Cain Leech from Year 12 received a Credit, scoring in the top 10% of participants in Australia. Our school also scored 15 credits (top 35% of the country) and 7 merits (top 45% of the country). Students from Elanora State High School once again competed in this prestigious international competition. Cain Leech from Year 12 received a Credit, scoring in the top 10% of participants in Australia. Our school also scored 15 credits (top 35% of the country) and 7 merits (top 45% of the country).

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Master Classes
Since the beginning of the semester, students have had the opportunity to participate in three types of Master Classes. The first was a Brain Training Boot Camp at Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Excellence Centre. Students were involved in a range of activities involving focus, innovation and team work. From all reports, this was a very challenging and enjoyable day. The second involved a small group of students participating in a Science S.T.E.M. Convention at the Academy of Health Sciences. This project runs over the term with the final convention in September showcasing the collaborative efforts of the students. The third involved a series of brain games facilitated by Mighty Minds. Students were challenged to think laterally and use their creative and critical problem-solving skills.

Thank you to all students involved and to the dedicated teachers who have supported these students.

Attendance
Parents are reminded to support the school attendance policy of ‘Every day and every lesson counts’. Appointments and other obligations for students should be made outside of school hours where possible. Let the school know the reason for any absence in a timely manner and ensure the absence is justified in line with the attendance policy. This attendance policy applies to all lessons throughout the school week including the allocated time on a Wednesday afternoon for Sport & Other Programs and Early Start lessons for Years 11 and 12 students. For more details concerning the Attendance Policy please refer to pages 11-13 of the Student Diary.

Shirley Booth,
Deputy Principal

PARENTING COURSE

The Parenting Teenagers Course will be held at Palm Beach Currumbin State High commencing Wednesday the 13th of August 2014 in the Trade Training Centre. The course is made up of five weekly sessions lasting approximately 2 hours, including time for supper. Session topics include:

- Keeping the end in mind
- Meeting our teenager’s needs
- Setting boundaries
- Developing emotional health
- Helping them make good choices

Who is it for?
- Are you a parent, step-parent or carer of one or more children aged 11 to 18 years old?
- Would you like to meet other parents at a similar stage?
- Would you like your family life to be the best it can be?
- Are you struggling as a parent of a teenager?
- Would you like to improve your skills as a parent of this age group?

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of those questions then this course is for you! The course is for any parent or carer whether you feel all is going well or you are facing challenges. The course is for every type of parenting situation, including parenting on your own, step-parenting and parenting as a couple.

While the Parenting Teenagers Course is based on Christian principles, it is designed for parents and carers with or without a Christian faith, and contains some Christian material.

Whatever your situation, the practical tools you learn can help to improve and strengthen your family life.

What can I expect?
- A great atmosphere that is open, encouraging and fun. Courses are run in all kinds of venues – homes, restaurants, cafes (after hours), community halls, churches, schools, but wherever your local course is run you should find a great atmosphere and a friendly welcome.
- A delicious meal or snack – each session offers something to eat and drink, giving you space to relax and chat to other parents or carers.
- Practical talks that are informative and fun, either given live or played on DVD. They include film clips of parents and teenagers sharing their own experiences, street interviews and advice from parenting experts.
- Small groups based on the age of your oldest child so that you can meet other parents/carers who are at a similar stage to you.
- Time to discuss the challenges you are facing and how to establish long-term strategies for your own family. However, you will not be required to share anything about your family life that you would prefer not to. Every part of the course is optional, including contributing to the small group discussions.

Expert Panel
At the end of the course you are invited to attend the ‘Panel of Experts’ including Police, Nutristionist, Youth Counsellor and Child Psychologist. These people will be on hand to answer any questions you may have from the course or those not answered by the course.

Cost of the course is $15 per person / $25 per couple including manual and refreshments.

Venue: Palm Beach Currumbin State High – Trade Training Centre. Somebody will be at the gate to guide course participants.

Time: 7pm to approximately 9pm (may finish earlier)

Further information can be obtained at this website.

http://www.relationshipcentral.org/parenting-teenagers-course

Bookings essential by contacting 55 346 099

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

2014 ICAS Science Competition

Students from Elanora State High School once again competed in this prestigious international competition. Cain Leech from Year 8 received a Distinction, scoring in the top 10% of participants in Australia. Our school also scored 15 credits (top 35% of the country) and 7 merits (top 45% of the country). Well done to all award recipients and all those students who participated. Certificates are in the process of being distributed to students.

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NURSE NEWS

Love Bites

The Love Bites program has just been run with all the Year 10s being offered one full day each. Well done students for demonstrating improved understanding of the complex issues around Sexual Assaults and violence in relationships within your own age group as these sessions can be confronting and challenging. The Hip Hop tracks produced and some of the art works are absolutely amazing. We will showcase these at a Year 10 Assembly as soon as the tracks are mixed and sent back by Mark our Hip Hop expert. All students were offered a Youth Help card and can also download the free Smart phone app which provides up to date info re support, health, and youth friendly services in our local area, along with free music. The importance of looking after your friends was one of the major topics discussed as research indicates that by bystanders can have a profound effect on the behaviour of others thus protecting those who are vulnerable. We would like to thank the facilitators who came from a range of local services including Police, Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre and Centre Care, to provide these sessions. Nurse Jackie 0432 00 5265 jatki89@eq.edu.au

Dental Care

Who is spoiling your kids rotten? Dental Health Week 4 - 10 August

August is Dental Health Awareness Month

Dental Health Month aims to raise public awareness as around ¼ of Australians have untreated dental decay and only 39% of Australian adults visit the dentist for a yearly check up. As most dental diseases are completely preventable, we need to focus on early intervention and prevention to keep enjoying good oral health. Let’s keep our teeth for life, and help our children do the same!

Read more at www.dentalhealthweek.com.au

Gold Coast Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service

In the case of a dental emergency, telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre 1300 300 850

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding public holidays.

Currimbum Eagles Touch Football

The Currimbum Eagles Junior Touch Football competition starts Friday 12th September 2014.

Sign on dates include:

- Wednesday 13th August 2014 (4pm – 6pm)
- Thursday 14th August 2014 (4pm – 6pm)
- Wednesday 20th August 2014 (4pm – 6pm)

Visit our website for further details: www.currimbuminjunioreagles.com.au
EQ NEWS
National survey of young women
YWCA Australia has launched its annual She Speaks survey, a national online survey recording the attitudes to and experiences of leadership for girls and young women aged 15 to 30. Visit the OnePortal document library for more information.

CAREERS INFORMATION FOR YEARS 10, 11 AND 12
2015 TAFE Gold Coast Schools’ Program
Similar to previous years, TAFE Queensland Gold Coast is offering a variety of programs onsite across our 4 campuses delivered in their state of the art purpose built facilities as well as a range of online course options.

The 2015 Schools’ Program flyer outlines the course offerings available to individual students to undertake a qualification at TAFE QLD Gold Coast.

More detailed information including prices will be released in the 2015 Schools Program Guide to be distributed in August 2014.

Application process & key dates
Expressions of interest are now open and can be submitted online via the TAFE Queensland Gold Coast website – www.tafegoldcoast.edu.au or by following the link here.

Applications are due by close of business on Friday 24th October 2014. The Schools’ Liaison Team will then email students with instructions on how to secure their place.

Please Note: Places will be filled on a first in, first served basis and enrolment is not complete until enrolments forms and payment (as applicable) is completed via Customer Service.

Map My Career Day
Tuesday 2nd September 2014
Times: 9:00am - 3:00pm (specific timeslots will be allocated upon RSVP)
Cnr Heeb Street and Benowa Rd, Ashmore
TAFE Gold Coast is hosting an interactive career expo showcasing an array of exciting career options and TAFE faculty displays.

Year 12 students can come and try a range of different activities ranging from Trades, Health, Childcare, Hospitality or Creative Industries, and discover a career pathway that’s right for them. There will be a range of competitions running at the selection of practical stands, with major prizes on offer.

RSVP details: Please send through an email to the Schools’ Liaison Team at Schools.GoldCoast@tafe.qld.edu.au by Friday 22nd August advising how many students from your school are interested.
SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –
Name: Ben Ferrier
Year Level: 12
Current Subjects: Maths B, Maths C, English, Physics, HPE and Marine Education
Elanora SHS Honours: Senior Leader & Bilinga Vice House Captain
Why I chose Elanora SHS?
My brother came to Elanora SHS and he told me it was a great school with friendly teachers.
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The opportunities that are available at Elanora SHS are great and all the teachers and staff are always friendly and are willing to help in any way.
My future plans?
Study teaching at university to become a primary school teacher.

ALUMNI PROFILE – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Name: Dean Reibelt
Years at Elanora: 9-12
Year 12 Subjects: English, Maths B, Maths C, Graphics, Physics and Chemistry
Elanora SHS Honours: Distinction, Subject Award in Year 10 for Manual Arts and Graphics
What was the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The teachers and the teaching environment.
Future plans?
To study engineering at university to become a mechanical engineer

MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –
Name: Selina Pope
Year Level: 9
Why I chose Elanora SHS?
I chose Elanora SHS as I live close to the school and heard it was a great school.
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The school grounds are always kept clean, the variety of subjects available and the teachers are always nice.
My future plans?
To study at university to become either a VET or police officer.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE –
Name: Beatriz Moreira
Year Level: 12
Country of Origin: Portugal
Length of Stay: 6 Months
Previous School: Colegio Cobes
Current Subjects: Economics, Marine Education, English, Maths B, Photography and Tourism
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
All the students and teachers are friendly and I love having the Friday “Earn and Learn Day” off school to catch up and do assignments.
Future Plan?
Go to university in Portugal and travel

Every day and every minute counts
What sort of start is your child getting?

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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 ************
| 1 hour per day              | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 and a half years | Your child ******* Other children ************
| 1 day per fortnight         | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1.5 years | Equal to finishing in grade 11
| 1 day per week              | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2.5 years | Equal to finishing in grade 10
| 2 days per week             | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years | Equal to finishing in grade 7
| 3 days per week             | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years | Equal to finishing in grade 4

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!

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