FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Target Interviews – Thank you
We had over 600 interviews conducted as part of our On Target Interviews on Tuesday August 19. Thank you to our parent community for engaging in this new process. We have had a great response to the payment of school fees for 2015 and the return of subject selection forms for 2015. We are currently reviewing the On Target Interviews as part of our 2015 planning.

End of Term Assessment and Term 3 Report Cards
Our Years 11 and 12 Exam block is on from Wednesday September 10 until Friday September 12 – all students have been provided with a copy of the timetable and this is also on our website. This year our school will be issuing Term 3 Progress report cards to all students. The purpose of these reports cards is to provide students and parents with an update on each student’s progress. This will be the final report for our Year 12 students prior to the awarding of their Senior Statement and Queensland Certificate of Education by the QCAA. Year 12 students will receive their final OP prediction following the Term 3 report cards. All report cards will be mailed out at the conclusion of Week 1 in Term 4.

Year 12 QTAC Applications
QCS is over and exams are next week, the one extremely important thing for our Year 12 students to remember is to submit their online QTAC application. Applications close on September 30 and there is extensive support information on the Guidance page of our website. Please ensure you complete your QTAC application prior to the end of the school term so you access support if needed here at school. All direct entry applicants must also complete a QTAC application.

Well done Access Centre
Congratulations to the students and staff from our Access Centre who competed in their Eisteddfod at Robina and secured second place – a fantastic achievement. Our whole school was able to acknowledge this achievement at the recent full school parade in which a very entertaining presentation was put together by Wilson Gregory. Well done Team, we are all very proud of you.

2015 Leaders
Our prospective 2015 school leaders are today involved in a leadership day at Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education Centre. This day is one part of the process as our future leaders prepare. In Term 4 students will be involved in interviews with school and community members as well as presentations to the entire school community as part of the selection process. The 2015 student leadership team will be announced as part of our School Awards Night in Term 4.

Years 7 and 8 2015 Enrolment – have you booked?
We are extremely busy this term with Years 7 and 8 enrolments for 2015. Each incoming Year 8 student and their parents have a personalised interview with me 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 our second Twilight Tour on September 16 at 3.45pm – assemble at the office for all interested incoming students and parents – no bookings required.

Happy Holidays
Our third term concludes for Years 11 and 12 on Thursday September 18 and Friday September 19 for Years 8 - 10. We will return to school on Tuesday October 7 following the public holiday on Monday October 6. Normal classes will resume on this day and it is extremely important that all students are present on the first day of the new term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the entire Elanora SHS community a very restful holiday break and if you are travelling on the roads, please be safe. Good luck to our students travelling on the school ski trip or Japan trip – happy travels.

Yours in Education
Cameron Hodges
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Year 9 NAPLAN Results

Last week we included the recently received NAPLAN reports in the on-target interviews. Parents who were unable to make it for the evening will have theirs posted home. A letter was attached to the results to explain to parents how best to interpret the data. Staff now have access online to questions the students at Elanora had difficulty with or did well in and furthermore these can be compared across the district and nationally. In this way teachers can tailor work to improve literacy and numeracy standards. NAPLAN is one more piece of data staff can use to help differentiate classroom learning. A reminder however, one of the greatest predictors of literacy is reading and reading for meaning. Reading and reading confidence is such an important skill to have in Year 9 to help ensure success in senior schooling.

OP Predictions for Years 11 and 12

All Years 11 and 12 OP eligible students have had feedback on their OP predictions based on their present results. It is to be remembered this is only a prediction and not a certainty. The data calculation has had to rely on the QCS results from the 2013 cohort. This prediction however can help give feedback to students on the feasibility of their chosen career path. It also shows your present level of achievement within the subject so you can have conversations with your teachers around what you can do differently to improve these and therefore beneficially impact on your OP. For students who are yet to have a clear plan I would encourage you to make an appointment with the Guidance Officer and take the prediction with you to begin to determine career options.

The Importance of Results for Year 12 Students in this Quarter

Every piece of assessment is crucial for senior students but it is important for Year 12 students to maintain their academic rigour for this half of the semester in particular, given the QCS test and verification of results process. By the end of this term all OP subjects will be sent off to go through a panel validation process on 20 October. It is at this series of meetings that all schools in the district have subject panels verify where Heads of Department have placed students on the Very High 10 to the Very Limited 1 banding. Students already have an idea of this information from the OP prediction discussions. Students completing Certificates also need to ensure competencies are met to entitle them to their QCE points.

Respectful Student Behaviour

As the Year 8 and 9 Deputy Principal I have had to spend a lot of time lately reminding students of their responsibility to speak and act towards one another and staff with respect. I would draw attention again to our Personal Communication Policy and Responsible Behaviour Plan For Students which are available on our web site. I ask parents to help support us in this by reinforcing with their son or daughter polite and respectful language and behaviour.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal

THE ACCESS CENTRE

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Access Centre Hoses

QUEENSLAND HEALTH REMINDER:

Spread the facts not the flu. QH top tips for keeping the flu contained this season.

If you are running a fever (have a high temperature)—stay home. Take hand washing seriously—it takes at least 20 seconds to wash correctly. Best practise is, rinse with water first, then soap over all hand surfaces, rinse soap off completely and dry properly. If necessary, apply hand cream as protective barrier. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, use your elbow or sleeves if you do not have a tissue available. Dispose of used tissues immediately and wash your hands.

Make sure you have your own drink bottles, earphones, etc as these are potential sources of infection when shared and we are contagious before we realise we are becoming unwell. Make sure you have your own drink bottles, earphones, etc as these are potential sources of infection when shared and we are contagious before we realise we are becoming unwell.

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The flu is usually avoidable, so do not leave it to luck—act on the facts and stay well. Ensure we have enough fluid is essential in both colder and warmer months but easy to forget when the weather is cool. Carrying your own water bottle with you is a good reminder.

Nurse Jackie 0432 00 5265, jatkil89@eq.edu.au

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Calling all Junior Cricketers
If you would like to learn to play cricket or you are the next Michael Clarke, Palm Beach Currumbin Junior Cricket would like to welcome you into one of our teams. We are having our sign on day Sunday 17th August 2014 10am-2.00pm at Salk Oval, Thrower Drive Palm Beach. If you can’t make it just call Greg Neuhaus 0419 781 111. Milo in2CRICKET 5-8 year olds, modified 8-10 year olds, under 11s-17s competition.
Registrations open until 30 August 2014.
We look forward to sharing all the fun with you!

Taste of Tallebudgera is a spectacularly photographed coffee table cookbook. In over 170 pages of beautiful recipes and scenery you will reconnect with our local landscape and cooking. Our cookbook is a story about enjoying food with our families, sharing secret recipes, recognising new dietary requirements and learning the meaning of “Tallebudgera”. We hope you will support our P&C community project. It is a great gift idea at $25 per book, or $20 per book for 3 or more!! Available now at local shops, cafes and also online at www.tasteoftallebudgera.com.au

~ CURRUMBIN VALLEY ~
SPRING FESTIVAL
Sunday 14th September, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Live Music, Market Stalls, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Games, Arts & Craft, Food, Deck Bar & More!
STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From $10
1226 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley. 4223. Ph: 5533 0312
info@currumbinfarmschool.eq.edu.au

This annual community event has something for everyone offering a great mixture of live music, market stalls, deck bar, rock climbing, kids’ entertainment, bush tucker trail, plants and more! A showcase of original live music will get your feet tapping and Farmyard Friends’ animal feeding enclosure will keep the kids busy for hours. Make a day of it! The festival is set amongst beautiful picnic gardens and is ideally located across the road from the Currumbin Rock Pools, surrounded by the picturesque views of Currumbin Valley. If live music is your thing, all you will need is a picnic blanket for a day of relaxing fun. What a great way to spend the day!

CHAPPY’S CORNER
#mygratefulstory
The chaplaincy service is endorsing a Gratefulness photo challenge which goes from the 1st – 21st of September.
How it works.!!
Who: any young person of high school age can register
When: 1st – 21st of September
What: A photo challenge – take 1 photo a day for 21days and upload it online to facebook, instagram or email with #mygratefulstory and “I am grateful for...” statement.
Register: www.mygratefulstory.com.au
Prizes: Up for grabs are Go Pros, Skateboards, Signed balls

The Research: Research shows that people who practise gratitude are healthier, more connected, optimistic, motivated and experience positive emotions.

CHARTON BROWN
Junior Nanny Award Course
Becoming a Professional nanny is not only a fulfilling career, it also a chance to travel the world and absorb different cultural experiences while getting paid to do so. CHARTON BROWN® offers high school students the opportunity to get a taste of what it is like to be a Nanny.

During the three days of the Junior Nanny Award Course, you will learn about children’s play and learning, child development, baby care and safety in the home. You will also learn basic child care and nanny skills through hands-on and interactive activities such as baby changing, bottle making, bath time, pacing and games.

In the school holidays, CHARTON BROWN® is offering this special introductory course. You will receive a Junior Nanny Certificate and a voucher that can be used as a financial credit for further study at CHARTON BROWN®

GOLD COAST: 20 September–1 October
Southport Community Centre, Lawson Street

Call 1300 NANNIES to book your place! Hurry, places limited!!

~ CURRUMBIN VALLEY ~
SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Makyla Gifford
Year Level: 11

Elanora SHS Honours: Year 8—Student Council Representative, Year 9—Student Council Representative, Year 10—Junior Leader and International Leader, Year 11—International Leader

Why I chose Elanora SHS?
I knew Elanora would offer me many career pathways and would also guide me to my future.

What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
There are so many opportunities offered and so many people willing to help me in any way they can so I achieve my goals. Elanora High has such a great community and clean school grounds.

My future plans?
I would like to study in the Hospitality and Tourism industry and would like a future job which would involve travelling around the world.

ALUMNI PROFILE – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name: Sarah Lawrence
Years at Elanora: 8-12
Year 12 Subjects: English, PVM, Ancient History, Biology, Dance, Drama
Elanora SHS Honours: Bilinga House Vice Captain, Senior Leader

What was the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The variety of opportunities available and the support from staff.

Future plans?
Study at UQ in 2015

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Nora Brendel
Year Level: 11
Country of Origin: Germany
Length of Stay: 9 months
Previous School: Anne Frank Gymnasium Berlin
Current Subjects: English, Marine, Hospitality, Geography, PED and Maths B

What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The people are friendly, grounds are always clean and the earn and learn day on the Friday so I can catch up on school work and study.

Future Plan?
To finish school in Germany

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Fanette Brinas
Year Level: 10
Country of Origin: France
Length of Stay: 3 months
Previous School: Lycee Notre Dame de La Merci
Current Subjects: English, Maths, Hospitality, Home Economics, PE and Graphics

What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
School days are shorter compared to my school in France, the friendly people and staff

Future Plan?
Graduate and learn to speak more English

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!
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