**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**End of Term Arrangements**
As we quickly approach the end of the first term it is important that all students are in attendance every day and complete all assessment. As a school we have mailed home a copy of your child’s individual assessment planner for the term which provides an overview of the key assessment tasks and dates. If you do not have a copy of this, please contact the friendly office staff. Our Senior Block Exams will finish today Friday March 27, Monday March 30 and Tuesday March 31 will be QCS practice for all Year 12 students sitting the QCS with normal classes for all other Year 12 students. Students in Year 11-7 will have normal classes for the entire last week. The last day of the school term for all other year levels is Thursday April 2 and students are expected to be at school up to and including this day. School resumes for all grades on Monday April 20 following the school holiday break. As a school we will be commemorating the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC on Wednesday April 23.

**Report Cards & Parent Teacher Night**
Report Cards will be mailed home to all parents in the first week of next term. This progress report will provide parents and students with a progress grade for each student in every subject and will be supported by a Parent Teacher Interview. Parents of Year 11 & 12 students will also receive an update of their child’s QCE status. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday May 5 commencing at 3.30pm and concluding at 7.30pm. Interviews will be able to be booked via the link on our school website [www.elanorashs.eq.edu.au](http://www.elanorashs.eq.edu.au) and information on the booking process will be included with the report card mailout. All Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the Student Centre and I strongly encourage you to attend and discuss how we can work together to improve your students outcomes.

**Year 7 2015**
We had our first round of Excellence Program testing this week for Year 7 2016, with over 55 students sitting the test we have extremely high demand for places in our program. Our next scheduled excellence program testing for 2016 is our Sport testing on Tuesday April 28 at 4.00pm and Dance testing on Thursday April 30 at 7.45am. Details can be found on the website. Our first round offers will be made from May 8. Information on our programs can be found on the link on the front page of the school website. Early in Term 2 we will be hosting our Year 7 BYOD & General Enrolment evening which will provide parents and students with the opportunity to register for our 2016 BYOD program. We will also be hosting the first of our popular twilight tours for parents & students – please check our website or subscribe to the QSchools App to receive notifications via your smart phone.

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**
With the holidays upon us, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

**Parental Involvement – P & C AGM – Wednesday March 18**
Our P & C AGM for this year was held on Wednesday March 18. Congratulations to the P & C Executive – Mrs Sharon Gregory – President, Ms Nicole Jones– Treasurer and we still have a vacancy for the Secretary position. At this meeting we also discussed a proposal for the introduction of a new school bucket hat in Junior Secondary that the P & C is supporting. If you are interested in joining the P & C and contributing to the future of our school, please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday April 22 at 5.30pm in the staff common room. The Secretary position will need to be filled, it is not an onerous position and support is available, if interested please contact myself or Sharon and we can discuss further.

**Student Council Fundraising**
The Currumbin RSL has kindly donated an Easter Hamper to the P & C who have decided that all funds raised can go to the Elanora SHS Student Council, tickets are available at the school.

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.

Yours in Education

Cameron Hodges
Principal
NAPLAN / Literacy Update
Yr 7 and 9 students will be having practice NAPLAN tests on 30-31 March. These will include: Reading, Language Conventions on 30th and Numeracy (calculator) and Numeracy (non-calculator) on 31st March. Students must bring a working calculator with them on the 31st. We will be administering these tests on-line to help provide timely feedback to students.

To further support literacy development across the school a literacy working party has developed a series of strategies to help students develop their literacy skills. I will share these over the next few newsletters. If parents are aware of these they can reinforce the use of them at home. We are publishing these on to posters to display in all classrooms and some will be put onto a bookmark for students in Years 7 to 9 and will be rolled out to students in Year 8 towards the end of Term 2. Students will also receive a checklist handout to help them write narrative and persuasive text.

The first of these looks at how students read for meaning. This helps students interpret, analyse and evaluate how they will apply their knowledge of the text. Students need to be reminded they do not post anything on line they would not want the whole world to see, including future employers. A golden rule is, if you would not want to receive it, do not send it.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal (Junior Secondary)

CHAPLAINS

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Ks4KIDS!!

Next term is our biggest chaplaincy fundraiser of the year.

Ks4Kids – Saturday the 23rd of May. This is a chance to be sponsored to Walk 30, 20, 10, or 3.5 km to support the effective Chaplaincy service we have here at Elanora.

We aim to have the involvement of as many families and students (staff join too) as we can. It is a fun day full of exercise, food and prizes with a big event at the end zone with live bands, jumping castles and much more. In the past we’ve had an awesome involvement of students and teachers with 80 walkers last year and $6000 raised.

This year we are aiming to fundraise $10,000. This is enough to pay for a Chappy 1 day a week for an entire year! Fact: Only past we’ve had an awesome involvement of students and teachers with 80 walkers last year and $6000 raised.

Earlybird rego, $5 Students, $15 Adults, this offer ends 13th of April. This is a huge day for community development and a lot of fun for a good cause and at this price it’s a steal!

Prizes include a Penny skateboard as 1st Prize and 2 x air factory tickets as 2nd prize, 3rd Prize EB Games Voucher.

To Register or donate go to ks4kids.org.au

If you have any questions or need help registering, see your chaplains Dave and Steph at N13 or phone the school. Thank you for your support in making this another awesome event!

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
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 X12345678RS). 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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Social Media

In the last newsletter I discussed the value of mediation in helping students to resolve interpersonal conflicts. I reinforced everyone has to take responsibility for their personal behaviour i.e. what they say and do. Conflict is a natural part of life but it is how we deal with conflict that says whether we grow and learn from the experience or stay emotionally stuck. This is difficult at any age as a number of adults do not handle conflict well but is doubly difficult for young people who often lack the maturity required to demonstrate self-control.

Social media and the lasting nature of our digital footprints make self-control essential when posting and communicating on-line.

Elanora has a number of school policies which help to provide guidance as to expected behaviour and consequences if poor decisions around social media are made. These policies are outlined in the student diary and on our web site.

These include: Responsible Behaviour Plan For Students, Digital Citizenship Policy, Mobile Phone Policy, Personal Communication Policy and Positive Relationships, Safe School Policy. We would appreciate if parents could work with us to ensure students are very familiar with the policies and in turn, how that translates into personal communication responsibilities. Students need to be responsible-minded they do not post anything on line they would not want the whole world to see, including future employers. A golden rule is, if you would not want to receive it, do not send it.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal (Junior Secondary)
An Urgent message from Doctor Paul Van Buynder, Staff Specialist, Public Health
(A message to the parents of Year 8 and Year 10 Students at Elanora State High School)

On 8/5/15 the immunisation team will be attending the high school to provide three important vaccinations to Year 8 students and a catch up vaccine for Year 10 students. Disappointingly, across the Gold Coast area less than half the students who are eligible for these vaccines have returned a signed consent form to enable them to receive this protection. If you have already consented to your child being vaccinated thank you.

These vaccines are provided free of charge at this age because the vaccines are most effective when given later on in adolescence because of changes to the thymus after this age.

The particular vaccines that are available for Year 8 students are:

1. A vaccine against Whooping Cough (pertussis) which is increasingly becoming a problem again in the community (this one is also the Year 10 vaccine);
2. A vaccine against Chicken Pox (varicella) which is a much more severe disease when children of an older age acquire it and can have serious consequences; and,
3. A vaccine against a number of genital cancers and head and neck cancers which again are on the increase in recent years.

I understand that a change of consent process this year may have led to some confusion and perhaps some parents not receiving or not being sure what to do with these forms. These vaccinations are important for your child’s protection and in some cases also important for the protection of the general community where vulnerable or immune-suppressed children may be exposed to illnesses transmitted by adolescents.

I am attaching three consent documents for these vaccines which include further information about their performance. If you have not already done so I am requesting that you consider providing this protection for your child and complete the signature sections on page 3 for the Chicken Pox and Whooping Cough (dTpa) vaccines and on page 3 and page 4 for the Gardasil vaccine and then return these signature pages either–
1. By email to immunise@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
2. Or by fax to 55816090
3. Or return them with your child on the day of vaccination

Please feel free to contact one of the Public Health Immunisation Staff on 5668 3700 or myself at paul.vanbuynder@health.qld.gov.au, if you have any questions regarding any of these vaccines or would like to discuss further the importance of protecting your child.

Gold Coast Health Oral Health (Dental) Services

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 at Elanora State High School. Entry via 19th Ave.

This service will be provided on site by MDC 86A. Hours of operation for this clinic are Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:30pm

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone; The Oral Health Client Service Centre – 1300 300 850 – Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed Year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp

CHAPLAINS

The chaplaincy program has jumped on board with this fundraiser at WRAYS ORGANIC this year. All funds raised help keep your chaplains at school.

Supporting Chappy Dave and Steph

Chappy Steph “Wrays Organic is one of my favourite local healthy drop in spots when I’m meeting someone or need to stock up the pantry. It’s easy as placing your receipt in the Eulanora box and the school chaplaincy program earns money!”
Come and Join the Fun These School Holidays with Football Mad & Complete Sports Conditioning!

Two Day Soccer Camp

When: 16th & 17th April, 2015
Time: 9am-2pm Daily
Where: Assisi Catholic College
Cost: $135
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Book NOW:
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0404 082 770
david@davidlawrenceanalysis.com.au

ThemeParks.com.au
Our School Ticket Sale

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CRICOS Code: 00600A

Thrower House

School Holiday Program 6-10 April 2015

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Tuesday 7 April
- 8am-10am Breakfast
- 10am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Workshop on Healthy Eating

Wednesday 8 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Team Building

Thursday 9 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Team Building

Friday 10 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Team Building

Saturday 11 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Team Building

Sunday 12 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Team Building

School Holiday Program 13-17 April 2015

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| 8am-10am Challenge the Challenge
| 10am-12pm Isham Hall
| 12pm-2pm Isham Hall

Tuesday 14 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Isham Hall

Wednesday 15 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Isham Hall

Thursday 16 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Isham Hall

Friday 17 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Isham Hall

Saturday 18 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Isham Hall

Sunday 19 April
- 8am-10am Isham Hall
- 10am-12pm Isham Hall

Daycare is available at
Salk Oval, Thrower Drive, Palm Beach

All activities are for young people 10-17 years and all activities are free.
For further information, call ThrowerHouse@live.com.au or phone (07) 5568 261

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**SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE**

Name: Rivan Porter  
Year Level: 12  
Current Subjects: Biology, Legal Studies, Ancient History, Maths A, English, Economics  
Elanora SHS Honours: Student Council Representative  
Why I chose Elanora SHS? Because it’s close to my house and seemed like a good school.  
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? The Teachers are easy to get along with.  
My future plans? To study Human Services and Forensics at Griffith University then move to UQ and study Anthropology then continue life as a Forensic Anthropologist.

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**MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE**

Name: Holly Vonhoff  
Year Level: 9  
Current Subjects: Maths, Science, History, TDD, English, Sport, Music  
Elanora SHS Honours: Term Award, Level 1 & 2 Distinction  
Why I chose Elanora SHS? My neighbour went here and she said it was a great school and it had a good academic program.  
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? It's easy to get around, nice people and the teachers are nice.  
Future plans? Go to University.

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**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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Other children ********
Equal to finishing in Grade 11 |
| 20 minutes per day            | 1 hour 40 mins per week | Over 2.5 weeks per year | Nearly 1 year | **Your child ****
Other children ********
Equal to finishing in Grade 10 |
| 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 ********
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!**