FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back
Welcome to the 2014 school year at the great school that is Elanora SHS. A special welcome to our new Year 8 students and new students to our school from Years 9 - 12. We have just submitted our annual enrolment census and I am happy to share with the school community that we have an increased enrolment for 2014 with 40 more students than last year choosing to study at our school. We have also welcomed some new staff to our school: Mrs Simonne Clark, Mr John Nicholson, Mr Andrew Pearce and Mrs Suzanne Richard. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming them to our community.

Communication with home
This newsletter is published fortnightly and is just one of the ways in which parents can access information about the school. As a school we have a Facebook page 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. The school mails all report cards direct to families and we will be mailing home a key event calendar and your child’s personalised assessment schedule for Semester 1 in the next fortnight. Can you please ensure that we have your correct phone and address details so we can provide you with all relevant information?

Year 12 Recognition Parade
Our first whole school assembly on February 5 focused on acknowledging the achievements of our graduating class of 2013. A significant number of our graduates were invited back to the school so we could acknowledge their achievements on their QCE. Students were recognised for achieving an A on the QCS test as well as those who achieved an OP score of 10 or below. We also celebrated the success of our graduates who have progressed to further study at University in 2014 or have secured employment through their studies here at Elanora.

We recognised the future Engineers, Teachers, Accountants, Sports Scientists, Occupational Therapists, Criminologists, Social Workers, Nurses, Computer Programmers, Scientists, Psychologists, Journalists Event Managers and workers in the Hospitality industry and this clearly showed to our current students the opportunities that exist in our school when the students, teachers and parents work towards a common goal.

Year 12 Information Night – Tuesday February 11
All of our Year 12 parents have been invited to a presentation on Tuesday evening in relation to all of the key events and procedures associated with the last year of school. The presentation will also include the issue of the highly anticipated 2014 Senior Jerseys. The presentation commences at 6.00pm in the Performing Arts Block.

Swimming Carnival – February 12 – Merrimac SHS
Our first whole school carnival will be held on Wednesday February 12 with our school swimming carnival. Permission forms have been sent home and transport to and from the pool has been arranged for all students. This is a whole school event and all students are expected to attend. Please ensure your child attends and that they have sunscreen, hat and a water bottle. Looking forward to what is a very enjoyable day on the school calendar.

School Drop Off
We have had concerns raised from local residents at the Firethorn St entrance to the school near Pandas Childcare - can you please ensure that you do not block local residents’ driveways when picking up and dropping off your child as this is a major inconvenience.

Great Results Guarantee
Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes. We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee. If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.

Looking forward to a great 2014.

Yours in Education

Cameron Hodges
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS**

**JAPAN TRIP**
Elanora SHS plans to visit Japan in September for the holiday students. The students will fly to Osaka and visit Universal Studios, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Tokyo including a visit to Disneyland and then onto our school visit and homestay at Yosokusa Sogo High School. While at Yosokusa the students will have a day trip to Hakone. From the homestay we travel to Yokohama to leave, returning home on 4th October. We need a minimum of 10 students and we presently have 9 students who have paid a deposit. If you are interested in joining our exciting tour, contact Kym Dickinson on our school number of 5568433.

**KOKODA**
Once again we are looking at entering some teams in the Kokoda Challenge (Jim Stillman Cup) which is held 19 & 20th July. It is a gruelling 48km trek. We hope to be entering approximately 6 teams. Registration is 24th February. Entry for each team is $520. What is different this year is that participating teachers will not be involved in fund raising. The school will contribute $120 to each team so means it will cost each student $100 to participate as there are 4 students per team. This will be put into a letter for students to take home and discuss with their parents. Participation also means a big commitment for parents as there will need to be a rotational roster for parent involvement with regards to training and support for the event. Once again, if parents have questions contact me on 5568433.

**STUDENT SUPPORT FOR YEARS 8 AND 9**
This year I will be looking after Years 8 and 9 students and coordinating how the Year Coordinators support students. Ms Vann is the Year 8 Coordinator and Mr Wilkinson will be the Year 9 Coordinator. I would like to thank Ms Jodie Gibson for all the work she did with the Year 8s in 2013 and her previous work as a Year Coordinator. Jodie has recently been married and is feeling she cannot give the time required to be a Year Coordinator. A big thank you to Mr Wilkinson, who has stepped forward to undertake the Year Coordinator role. I know he will gain a lot of satisfaction from seeing the students’ progress through to Year 12.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal

**SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS**

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**AVAILABLE APPRENTICESHIPS**

School-based Hairdressing Apprenticeship at Hair Expressions – Coolangatta – Year 11 only

**EQ NEWS**

**TRANSLINK FARE INCREASES**

TransLink public transport fares have increased by 7.5 per cent and off-peak times changed to provide more opportunities to take advantage of the 20 per cent off-peak discount.

Students should ensure they travel with a valid concession card and check its expiry date. For more information visit www.translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30.

**QCONNECT FARE INCREASES**

Public transport fares on qconnect services increased on 1 January. For more information about your new fares visit www.qconnect.qld.gov.au or phone 13 23 80.

**DANIEL MORCOMBE CHILD SAFETY VIDEO**

A new video has been developed which can help parents understand the lessons our school is delivering from the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum. The Bruce and Denise Morcombe child safety presentation for parents is available from www.youtube.com/DETQueensland and in it the Morcombes discuss the curriculum and ways parents can talk about safety with their children at home.

Please take the time to watch this video and talk to your children about keeping safe.

**For Facebook**
Parents – take a look at this new video where Bruce and Denise Morcombe discuss ways you can talk to your children about keeping safe.


**For Twitter**
Parents – take a look at Bruce and Denise Morcombe discuss ways you can talk to your children about keeping safe.


**SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS Sought for 2014 Queensland Training Awards**

School-based apprentices or trainees have the opportunity to nominate now for a 2014 Queensland Training Award. The awards celebrate the state’s best apprentices, trainees, vocational students, teachers, trainers, registered training organisations and employers for their commitment to training excellence. To nominate visit the QTA website.

**2014 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE ON FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2014**

Please show your support. www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS**

**TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS**

PARENTS could you please ensure that your children return any Text books, Library books, pedometers and calculators that have been loaned to them in 2013 to enable the smooth running of distributing text books to students in the coming weeks.

**ELANORA SHS SCHOOL RULES**

- **Do the Right Thing**
- **Say the Right Thing**
- **Bring the Right Thing**
- **Be on Time**
- **Show Respect for Self, Others and Property**

**KAREN ANDREWS MP**

Federal Member For McPherson

This Year I will again be hosting the McPherson Awards to acknowledge those exceptional individuals who deserve recognition for their outstanding contribution to our community. Successful recipients will be recognised at a ceremony on the morning of Thursday, 3rd April 2014 at the Robina Community Centre. To find out more information go to www.karenandrewsmp.com and follow the links to the Nomination Form. The form contains all relevant information including where to return your nomination. Nominations close on Friday 14th March.
SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –

Name: Elle Ninness
Year: 12
Current Subjects: English, Maths B, Biology, Modern History, Drama
Elanora SHS Honours: School Captain 2014, Bronze Award, High Distinction, Japanese Faculty Award 2013, Dux 2012, High Achievement Maths and Social Science 2012

Why I chose Elanora SHS? To be honest, Elanora SHS was my choice as I had a big sister already here, it was close and seemed like a local, friendly school

What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? Knowing the teachers care and there is a sense of belonging

My future plans? To study at Griffith University to become a nurse and hopefully work overseas

ALUMNI PROFILE – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name: Deanna Juttner
Years at Elanora: 5 years
Year 12 Subjects: Maths C, Maths B, English, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Griffith Biology, Griffith Chemistry
Elanora SHS Honours/Awards: Distinction (All Years), Senior Leader, International Leader 2013, QIP Leader, Naplan Bronze, Citizenship Award 2013, Neighbourhood Watch Community Service Award 2010, Distinction (National Chemistry Quiz, National Science Competition) 2012, Junior Leader, Beverly and Jock McIlwain Award for Excellence in Science

What was the best thing about Elanora SHS? The niceness of the school, the teachers and the subjects

Where do you live now? Still at home

What I miss from Elanora SHS? The amazing teachers

Occupation: Student at University studying Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) Accelerated

Future plans? Getting my PhD in Genetics

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH - GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service have completed routine oral health care for students attending Elanora State High School. Please consider attending your family dentist in-between offers of care by the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service to assist in maintaining your child’s oral health.

A dental pain relief and trauma service operates between offers of care to provide emergency treatment only. In the case of an emergency, telephone the Oral Health Call Centre on: 1300 300 850 Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm, excluding Public Holidays.

Further information on government funded oral health care can be accessed via http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/default.asp

Yours sincerely,
Child and Adolescent Oral Health

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

ALL PARENTS / CARERS

Please follow the link http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule to find if your children are eligible for Dental Benefits in 2014. If they are you may need to start getting appointments organised as you don’t want to miss out by leaving it too late.

Eligibility basics: children aged between 2 – 17 years, eligible for Medicare Benefits for dental services capped at $1,000 per child over 2 consecutive calendar years. If you do not use all of your $1,000 benefit in the first year of eligibility, you can use it in the second year if you are still eligible. Any remaining balance will not be carried forward at the end of the second year.

Benefits will cover a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

Nurse Jackie 0432 00 5265 jatki89@eq.edu.au

THEATRE NIGHT TO SUPPORT CHAPLAINCY

The next Theatre Night at Tugun Theatre is on Friday 14th February at 7.30 pm. As ever it will be a fun night. Bring your own nibbles/drinks etc. Cost is $15:00 and the funds raised that night will go again to Chaplaincy at Elanora Primary School and Elanora State High School

Bookings either to Jan Drury or Mary Flynn Phone - 55988733.
FREE TAFE COURSES - KINGSCLIFF CAMPUS
Please find below information about free TAFE courses at Kingscliff Campus. These courses could be of interest to some of our students’ parents.

FREE
Communicating in the Computer Age Certificate II
This course is for adults who want to develop their computer and communication skills for work and/or further study.
You will learn how to:
• Plan for education and employment
• Access and use the internet
• Develop skills in basic computing
• Explore social media
Monday, 9.00am – 3.00pm and Wednesday, 9.00am – 3.00pm
Course Related Charges: $25.00
For further information please contact: Head Teacher
Education, Employment & Support, Kingscliff Campus. Phone: 0266 747 267
Kingscliff Campus
Cudgen Road, Kingscliff NSW 2487
Phone: 0266 747 200

FREE
English for Speakers of Other Languages (CSWE) Courses
Certificate I&II
These courses are for adults who speak languages other than English who want to develop their English language skills. You will develop your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. This will help you to participate in the Australian community, gain employment or do further study.
Wednesdays and Thursdays - 8.30am – 12.30pm
Course Related Charges: $25.00
For further information please contact: Head Teacher
Education, Employment & Support, Kingscliff Campus. Phone: 0266 747 267
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FREE
Work Opportunities for Women & Men Certificate I
If you want to develop your confidence, written communication and computing skills to go on to work or further training?
Units include:
• Internet and email
• Work processing
• Job application documents
• Writing for work
Thursday, 12.00pm – 3.00pm and Friday, 9.00am – 3.00pm
Course Related Charges: $25.00
For further information please contact: Head Teacher
Education, Employment & Support, Kingscliff Campus. Phone: 0266 747 267
Kingscliff Campus
Cudgen Road, Kingscliff NSW 2487
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KINGSCLIFF HOCKEY CLUB - SIGN-ON DETAILS
WHEN: Sat 8th Feb & Fri 14th Feb
WHERE: Merv Edwards Oval, Sand St, KINGSCLIFF
(across the road from the Cudgen Leagues Club)
TIME: Sat 11.00am – 2.00pm & Fri 3.00pm – 5.00pm
INQUIRES: Tim Prichard 0418 490586
Terri Felton 02 66740920
Ross Salmon 07 55246204
Players for all Grades are required i.e. beginners, 5 to 9 yrs. along with Juniors up to 16yrs
Season begins late March early April

Ikin Dance - Audition Day
Saturday February 15
11am – 2pm
Come & try out for the Ikin Dance/Gold Coast Titans on field entertainment squads. Be part of our entertainment spectacles for the Gold Coast Titans home games!
For Kids of all ages!
Meet Our Ikin Dance Team and grab a bite at our Sausage Sizzle!
Bring You Friends!
Jazz, Hip Hop, Cheerleading, Acrobatics and much more!
It’s Time to Step Things Up!!
Can’t Wait For You All To Experience A Bigger And Better Ikin Dance in 2014
5/17 Crown Crt, Varsity Lakes, QLD 4227
Ph: 07 55221663
Contact@IKINdance.com.au

Elanora State High School
Cnr 19th Avenue & Avocado Street
Elanora 4221
Phone 07 5568 4333
www.eloranorash.eq.edu.au
CRICOS Code: 00908A
DEAR VIP SINGERS & FRIENDS!

Voices In Paradise 2014 is just around the corner and registrations will be open soon for individuals and groups bookings. The event will be held on the 24th May 2014 at Griffith University Gold Coast and the educators for the day will be the international silver medalist quartet Musical Island Boys and SingFest 2012 champions Ginger & Tonic. This event is hosted by The Blenders Chorus and our major sponsor is Griffith University. This is a not to be missed event for all young male and female singers between the ages of 15 and 30.

The singers will be trained all day by our educators followed by a fantastic opportunity to perform for hundreds of people at the Voices In Paradise concert that same night! We are very fortunate to have Deke Sharon (arranger of Pitch Perfect and producer of The SingOff) donate his popular and modern arrangements for the event. All meals are provided for the singers and they will receive a membership pack on the day including a VIP shirt and much more. Singers will receive access to the VIP member’s area on the website where they can download the quality learning material for the songs performed on the day.

At the last Voices In Paradise event there was over 100 registrants and we performed for a sold out audience of 350 people. This year we will be in a bigger and better venue that can accommodate double that size.

IMPORTANT: Registrations will open on January 1st 2014 and group discount rates are available for groups with 10 or more participants. Please reply to me with your initial expression of interest ASAP so I can personally look after your group booking.

Please see attached flyer and visit the Voices In Paradise website for more info - www.voicesinparadise.com.au and enjoy this promotional video from VIP 2013 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeMLrlRX-tk

Strap your runners on and get ready for the Bond University inaugural Twilight Relay!

TEAMS OF 2 (5KM EACH) OR 4 (2.5KM EACH) - MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE COURSE

DATE: Sunday 23rd March

LOCATION: Bond University grounds. Relay starts by the lake.

TIME: First wave at 4pm!

Part of Bond University’s 25th Anniversary celebrations, this timed relay run is the first of its kind in Queensland. With a total of 10km to be covered, you can race solo or in teams of two to four members to complete a 5km or 2.5km loop each of the beautiful Bond University campus. Enjoy live music and entertainment throughout the course while you support a good cause!

The Twilight Relay welcomes participants of a variety of ages and fitness levels. Whether you’re an Olympic athlete or couch potato, young, old, fast, slow - this is for you!

So grab your classmates, friends, family and colleagues to sprint, jog, walk, skip, breakdance or Harlem shake your way around the stunning Bond University campus as twilight fades to dusk and the campus lights begin to twinkle.

Add to the fun of the race and dress up in team themes!

After your achievement, enjoy the celebrations in the beautiful landscaped gardens and stunning sandstone architecture of Bond’s lakeside campus.

- Live bands
- Activities and entertainment
- Food and drink
- After party

REGISTER NOW!

$25 per person - Early Bird Entries! Includes special discount for Bond students and staff!

Registering is easy. Simply go to the event website - Be one of the first 1,000 to register and receive a FREE visor!

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Not only is this event part of Bond University’s 25th Anniversary celebrations, but will assist in fund raising for the multiple charities that the student body and academics support throughout the year. Participants have the option of selecting which charity they would like to support.

* Charities to be announced soon. Stay tuned!

For more information visit www.twilightrelay.com.au

Bond University | Gold Coast, Queensland, 4229, Australia
**2014 SENSORY MOVIE DAY CALENDAR**

What is Sensory Movie Day? It’s a movie day held on the last Sunday of the month, showing the latest in movies. It is only open to families of special needs children to insure a non-judgemental screening. These special needs children can simply be themselves (no flipping, rocking, walking around or talking without the negative eye of others patrons. 2014 is the first year this wonderful event will hit the Gold Coast after being a huge success in many other locations.

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**SENSORY MOVIE DAY**

**February**
- "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2" - Inventor Flint thought he saved the world when he destroyed his most infamous invention. Flint soon learns that his invention survived and is now creating food-animals - "foodimals!" Flint and hi… Mores friends embark on a dangerously delicious mission to battle hungry foodimals to save the world.
  - 2pm Sunday 23rd February

**March**
- "Frozen" - A prophecy traps a kingdom in eternal winter, so Anna must team up with Kristoff, a daring mountain man, on the grandest of journeys to find the Snow Queen and put an end to the icy spell.
  - 2pm Sunday 16th March

**April**
- "Walking With Dinosaurs" - During the Late Cretaceous period 70 million years ago, the *Alexornis* bird, Alex, narrates about three *Pachyrhinosaurus* named Patchi, Scowler, and Juniper who grow from infants into adulthood. Alex has a symbiotic relationship with *Pachyrhinosaurus*. Patchi leads the herd in migrating, and they also encounter the predator *Gorgon the Gorgonaurus*.
  - 2pm Sunday 27th April (6th April (NSW))

**May**
- Mr. Peabody & Sherman - Mr. Peabody is the the world’s smartest person who happens to be a dog. When his "pet" boy Sherman uses his time traveling WABAC machine without permission, events in history spiral out of control to disastrous and comical results. M… Mores’ up to this most unexpected of father-son teams to somehow put things back on track before the space-time continuum is irreparably destroyed.
  - 2pm Sunday 25th May

**June**
- "Rio 2" - It’s a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids in *Rio 2*, after they’re hurtled from that magical city to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all - his father-in-law.
  - 2pm Sunday 22 June

**July**
- "The Muppets Most Wanted" - Muppets gang on a global tour, selling out grand theaters in some of Europe’s most exciting destinations, but mayhem follows the Muppets overseas, as they find themselves unwittingly entangled in an international crime caper headed by C… More
  - 2pm Sunday 27th July

**August**
- "How To Train Your Dragon 2" - Set in the mythical world of burly Vikings and wild dragons, the action comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn’t exactly fit in with his tribe’s longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers. Hiccup’s world is turned upside down when M… Mores encounters a dragon that challenges he and his fellow Vikings to see the world from an entirely different point of view.
  - 2pm Sunday 2nd August

**September**
- "The Lego Movie" - Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, but is instead warped to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all - his father-in-law.
  - 2pm Sunday 14th September

**October**
- "Tinkerbell The Pirate Fairy" - Zarina, a smart and ambitious dust-keeper fairy who’s captivated by Blue Pixie Dust and its endless possibilities. When Zarina’s wild ideas get her into trouble, she flees Pixie Hollow and joins forces with the scheming pirates of Skull Rock, who make her captain of their ship. Tinker Bell and her friends must embark on an epic adventure to find Zarina, and together they go sword-to-sword with the band of pirates led by a cabin boy named James,
  - 2pm Sunday 26th October

**November**
- "Planes Fire & Rescue" - is a new comedy-adventure about second chances When world famous air racer Dusty learns that his engine is damaged and he may never race again, he must shift gears and is launched into the world of aerial firefighting. Dusty joins forces with veteran fire and rescue helicopter Blade Ranger and his courageous team.
  - 2pm Sunday 26th November

**December**
- "Sensory Movie" - We wanted to finish our year with a new movie so we will let you know closer to the time... so stay tuned.

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“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists. This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience. Free membership cards are required to purchase tickets, which can be handed out on the day of the screening. Children 2 years and under is free and companion I.D. cards are accepted. “Regarding Movies, changes are possible due to unforeseen circumstances.”

**Tickets $8 each**

Coolangatta Birch Carroll & Coyle
Contact Katherine sensationmovieday.goldcoast@hotmail.com

**LOCATIONS**

- Maroochydore
- Capalaba
- Coolangatta
- Lismore (NSW)

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**PALM BEACH CURRUMBIN BASKETBALL CLUB**

**JUNIOR SIGN ON DAY**

**WHEN:** Friday 31st January, 6:00-8:00pm

**WHERE:** Tallebudgera Leisure Centre, Gold Coast Highway.

1st of 3 trials commence the following Friday 7th February.

Check website www.palmbeachbasketball.com.au for more info.

Mini Ball program commences Saturday 1st February at 8.45 am

(4 year olds to 9-10 year olds)

Please contact Deb Brooks for more info on 0418 725 293 or email pbcmagpiesbb@gmail.com

"Need help with your homework or assignment but just but can’t get started? You don’t need ongoing tutoring... just a well-directed shovel!"

Sandra (experienced semi-retired teacher; GSOH, Jack Russell owner, your place or mine) $25/hour Phone: 56339261 / 0401629278

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