**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Report Cards & Parent Teacher Night**

Report Cards were mailed home to all parents this week. 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. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday May commencing at 3.30pm and concluding at 7.30pm. Interviews can be booked via the link on our school website www.elanorashs.eq.edu.au. 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. On the night there will be two parent information sessions offered, one is on the myfuture website which will provide parents with a very useful tool to discuss possible career options with their child. The other parent information session is on Teenagers and Transition places in both sessions can be booked via SOBS.

**Lest we forget**

Our school will be commemorating ANZAC Day on Wednesday April 23 and there is a public holiday for this very important day in the Australian calendar on Friday April 25. Many of our students will also represent the school at the nationally televised commemoration organised byCurrumbin RSL.

**Every day counts**

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

**New cybersafety website**

The Meet the creeps cybersafety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online. Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

**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.

**Happy Holidays**

Our first term has now concluded and we will return to school on Tuesday April 22 following the Easter Monday Public Holiday. Normal classes with 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.

Yours in Education

Cameron Hodges

Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

International Women’s Day

Five senior leaders, Liliana Gonzalez-Calero, Elle Ninness, Kate Woodham, Lauren Mann and Tyler Trappett pictured below accompanied Ms Vann and I to the International Women’s Day breakfast and Seminar at the Surfers Paradise Hilton on 14 March. Each of the students who entered the various sections of the competition were presented to the audience and awarded certificates for their participation. Kate Woodham entered the citizenship section and was recognised for her achievements.

We also heard from a number of women in unusual occupations such as being an aeronautical engineer in the airforce and the role she played leading her team in supporting recovery in the Christchurch earthquakes. The message was loud and clear – have a clear vision and you can achieve that vision through confidence in your own ability, persistence and effort.

Kokoda

This year Elanora SHS plans to have 5 teams in the Kokoda Challenge. The teams need to fund raise as entry is $550 per team. This is an experience where young people set themselves a challenge and work hard to achieve it. To support the teams there was an Easter Raffle won by Brian Woodham. Thank you to Currumbin RSL for their continuing support of our school.

The Japan trip

In September / October Mr Newman and I will be taking 15 students and 1 parent to Japan and while there visit Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Tokyo and our sister school in Yokosuka. To help offset some of the costs we will be selling the 2014/15 Gold Coast and Northern New South Wales Entertainment book. All of the details will be available through our school web site in the near future. This is a win / win situation where you can gain significant discounts at restaurants, arts, sports and attractions, retail and local services, hotels etc. At the same time the school gains a percentage of the books sold.

Reporting and Teacher/Parent Interviews

Teachers are busily preparing interim reports. On these reports there is a comment with regards to behaviour and effort but no achievement mark. We are half way through the semester and the purpose of the report is to give you an idea of your son or daughters progress to date. Parent / Teacher interviews are on 6th May between 3.30 and 7.30pm in the Student Centre. There will be more on this in the near future.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Apply Now for Chief Community Representative

Elanora SHS invites members of the community to apply for the positions of Chief Community Representative for the 2014 Queensland Core Skills Test. The test dates are Tuesday 2/09/14 and Wednesday 3/09/14. The person nominated to position ‘A’ will be based at Elanora SHS and the person nominated to position ‘B’ will be appointed to a neighbouring test centre. If you are interested in applying for either of these positions please collect from the front desk of the Administration Office a copy of the position description information and the application form. Applications close on Friday 23/05/14 by which time completed applications must be returned to the school.

Queensland Police Service - Work Experience

The QLD Police Service is offering students in Year 12 the opportunity to attend WORK EXPERIENCE for 1 week. There are 3 specific weeks to choose from:
23 June 2014 to 27 June 2014
30 June 2014 to 4 July 2014
7 July 2014 to 11 July 2014

*Please see Mrs Parkinson or Ms Hargrave in the Administration building if you are interested in any of the above notices.

The Visual Impact Expo

The Visual Impact Expo is being held next month at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Southbank Institute of Technology will be manning a stand at the Expo with teachers available to talk to students about apprenticeships and training options in digital printing, signage and screen printing. Expo information is to the right for any students and parents who might be interested in attending this great event and chatting with our fantastic staff. Best of all, entry is free!

Ikin Dance Australia

School Holiday Workshops

Dance, Cheer, Acrobatics!
Wednesday 9th April 10-2pm
Wednesday 16th April 10-2pm
$20 per day.
Call 55221863
MATHS DEPARTMENT

Tutorials
It’s great to see our Mathematics tutorials being well patronised. Every Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm in the school’s resource centre our maths teachers are there to help students improve their understanding and assist students with their maths problems/assignments. All students are welcome.
Take an active role in your child’s mathematics progress. As you would be aware all students are enrolled in Mathletics, an online maths course, to assist students of all ages.
• Encourage your child to use Mathletics 2 to 3 times a week.
• Encourage a balance between the Full National Curriculum section and Live Mathletics.
• Take time to work together with your child. The Support Centre in each activity will help show how to solve a particular problem.
• Encourage your child to do activities that challenge, rather than those he/she finds easy.
• If the Course is too difficult or too easy, ask your teacher to change to a more appropriate Course.
• Celebrate your child’s successes. Print the Certificates out and put them on the fridge!

With NAPLAN fast approaching, this is an excellent resource which can help all students be better prepared.

CHAPPY’S CORNER

TAG YOUR IT – Timely Acts of Generosity & KS4KIDS
Last week 4 students stood up on Year 9 assembly and presented their good deeds they had put in action. Jarred Rose, Jack Hinsch, Kira Egan and Allyssica Prince have bravely started a great movement of being thoughtful beyond themselves. The TAG good deeds included paying for someone behind you in the tuckshop line without them knowing, buying a lollipop for a little girl who couldn’t afford it and we saw some real generosity from Jack giving away four of his own valued video games!
Thankyou to all who have registered for the ‘Ks4Kids Walk’ and made the most of the SUPER early bird price of $5. We were excited to give a prize away to Zoe Roberts who was the first to fundraise $100. She received a $50 Pines voucher. Many more prizes still up for grabs so keep up the fundraising! Registration is still available and is now $10 until the 30th of April and $15 after this date.
We look forward to all that next term brings. Have a great holiday! God Bless!!
Dave & Steph

EQ NEWS

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR OUTSTANDING SCIENCE STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS
Queensland’s brightest Year 12 science students can now nominate for the 2014 Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science and Science Education. Now open for the eleventh year, the awards recognise Year 12 science students, teachers, support officers, schools and education partners that have made an outstanding contribution to science and science education in Queensland. Ten Outstanding Senior Science Students Awards with cash prizes of $3000 each are among the 27 awards available. Nominations close 2 May, 2014.

CYBERSAFETY HELP BUTTON
Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMISSION OF QUEENSLAND RESOURCES
Students working or looking for their first job can learn more about their workplace rights and responsibilities on the Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland website. Online resources cover how the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 protects people from unfair treatment at work, school or university.
An eight page student booklet is available which provides a quick guide to the law, questions an employer can ask in a job interview and other questions that can be used to discriminate against someone, workplace harassment and what to do if someone feels they have been treated unfairly.
Visit the ACDQ website.

2014 NEXT STEP SURVEY
The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12. Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014. For more information visit the next step website or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

In The Bin

Educational Film Workshop
If you’re interested in creating a short film, In The Bin’s Educational Film Workshop is the program for you. For over 8 years In The Bin has provided workshops for budding filmmakers from ages 11 up. All equipment and education needs are provided to produce the short films, including four HD cameras, and four Avid editing systems (all industry standard).
No previous experience is necessary - all you need is interest.
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CANBERRA

This year the SOSE department organised a trip to Canberra for senior students from 19th – 23rd March. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to visit our nation’s capital while participating in educational activities.

The aim of the excursion was to investigate our history and national values. Students experienced Question Time at Parliament House, which was a fantastic opportunity to see our politicians in action. At Old Parliament House we examined the steps taken by former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam on the day of his dismissal.

Students also visited the Electoral Education Centre and the National Archives of Australia to further appreciate our place in a democratic society and how Australia’s role globally has impacted the way we view ourselves. The Australian War Memorial was a highlight, not only acknowledging the sacrifice of our diggers, but we also had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of our school. To provide students with a holistic view of our nations capital we visited the Ai5, National Museum, Royal Mint, National Film and Sound Archive, National Art Gallery, Questacon, High Court and the National Zoo.

We gratefully acknowledge the Australian government for subsidising the cost of this enjoyable and educational experience, providing a $60 rebate for students through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER). I would also like to thank our 27 students for their outstanding behaviour in Canberra – well done!

Annette Kuehl
Trip Coordinator

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