FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT
Our Report Cards were mailed home at the conclusion of Term 1. The progress report provided parents and students with a progress grade for each student in every subject and this is being supported by a Parent Teacher Interview. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday May 6 commencing at 3.30pm and concluding at 7.30pm. Parent Teacher interviews are an excellent opportunity to gain a deeper insight to the support available for your child in their education and the key areas of focus in order to obtain their best possible results. All Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the Student Centre. On the night there will also 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. The MyFuture presentation is at 4-4.45 and the Teenagers and Transition session is at 5 – 5.45. Places in both sessions can be booked via SOBS.

CROSS COUNTRY
Our annual Cross Country was held on Thursday May 1 at Schuster’s Park, Tallebudgera. The Cross Country is always a very enjoyable event for all students participating and this was once again the case for the 2014 event. Those students who excelled in the competitive element of the Cross Country event will go on to the next stage which will be at the Oceanic trial to vie for selection to represent the school and district at the South Coast Trials. It was extremely pleasing to see a number of our International students place very highly in their respective age groups. Good luck to all students competing at the next level.

JUNIOR MASTERCLASS
Our second Junior Master class for high achieving Years 8 & 9 students was held this week with a Mathematical and problem solving focus. This was once again very well attended and provided students with some excellent skills to assist in their learning. Students worked in teams on a range of problems and were very competitive throughout the afternoon. I am confident that these Masterclasses will assist our students with school and external assessments in the months and years to come. Our next Masterclass will run in June and we will invite students in Years 6 & 7 who have accepted positions in our ACE classes for Years 7 & 8 2015.

ACE, SPORTS & DANCE TESTING
This week we finalised our Round 1 testing for our ACE, Sports & Dance programs for Years 7 & 8 2015. Commencing this week we will be sending out offers for the ACE program with Sports and Dance programs in the week following. These will be the first round of offers and traditionally there are always Round 2 offers made. Once students have received an offer they will be required to accept in writing and book their enrolment interview to confirm their place. I look forward to meeting those students and parents who will be joining our specialist programs in 2015.

NAPLAN TESTING 2014
Our Year 9 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing commencing on Tuesday May 13 and finishing on Thursday May 15. Our students have been preparing for this important testing in a number of ways including specialised preparation sessions and new specific Literacy and Numeracy lessons introduced this year. We ask parents to assist in preparations for the testing by ensuring that students are well rested, have a good breakfast and bring all required equipment including a calculator for the test days. If students are absent on a day, a catch up session will be conducted on Friday May 16. Good luck to our Year 9 students in NAPLAN 2014. With the arrival of Junior Secondary next year both Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts will be involved in testing.

WINTER IS APPROACHING
As winter is approaching I ask parents to ensure that students have the correct winter uniform. Our school uniform store is the sole supplier of our school uniform and has plenty of winter stock available. Please ensure that your child complies with the uniform policy of the school by only wearing school uniform items.

Look forward to seeing you at the Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday May 6.

Yours in Education

Cameron Hodges

Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS’ NEWS

M ASTER CLASS
The second of the Master Classes for Years 8 and Year 9 students was held on Monday 28 April. Once again, Elanora SHS’s affiliation with Mighty Minds Educational Consultants provided an avenue for students to focus on the mechanics of critical and creative thinking, this time with an emphasis on the Maths and Science aspects of learning. The Year 8 and Year 9 students involved in this workshop spent 90 minutes on challenging tasks. A crucial aspect of critical and creative thinking is to know that challenging tasks are not necessarily hard - they just require you to think differently to arrive at a solution. Once again, all students were asked to provide feedback so that future sessions can be tailored to their needs. Congratulations to the young men and women who participated in this program and thank-you to the teachers who took the time to come along to support these students. The next session will be in June and will be delivered by members of our teaching staff.

U NIFORM
Elanora State High School is a uniform school in accordance with the decision made by the parent community (P&C). A school uniform helps in achieving the school’s identity, cohesion, tone, pride and spirit. All students are required to wear the uniform correctly, are encouraged to take pride in their appearance and to keep their uniform neat and tidy.

Hair must be clean, neat and tidy. Styles should be appropriate for the school environment and the colour must be in natural tones. Please refer to Page 26 of the Student Diary for more detailed information.

Ms Shirley Booth
Deputy Principal

N APLAN
Year 9 students will sit NAPLAN between 13-15 May. The sequence of the tests is:
Tuesday 13 May Period 1 Language conventions, Period 2 Writing
Wednesday 14 May Period 1 Reading
Thursday 15 May Period 1 Numeracy (Calculator allowed), Period 2 Numeracy (Non-calculator)
All students will need the following stationary items:
2B or HB pencils
An eraser
A Sharpener
Blue or black pen for the Writing Test (Tuesday Period 2)
A calculator (Thursday Period 1)
No other items are allowed including items such as highlighters, coloured pencils, correction fluid.
Under no circumstances are students allowed to bring in their mobile phones.

All of the tests will be in N Block and each form class will be supervised by their regular form teacher unless that teacher is absent for the day.
To support students with a general awareness of responding to test procedures Year 9 students will undergo sessions in Period 1 and 2 run by Mighty Minds on Friday 2 May.

KOKODA
Elanora will submit 5 teams in the Jim Stillman 48 km event on July 19 and 20. We are still finalising our teams and organising training schedules. If any student would still like to participate in the event please see Ms Dickinson.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal

F INANCE NEWS
The Finance Office is open to accept payments Monday to Friday 7.30am to 3.30pm. 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 X12345675RS). 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 table on the right provides a summary of fees/excursions/activities that are due.

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HAPPY’S CORNER
Ks4KIDS!!! Register Online at www.k4kids.org.au!
Want to be a part of supporting your Chappies!? There’s still plenty of opportunity to register for Ks4Kids, so jump online and register or come and see us in the Chappy room. Thank you to all who have registered for the ‘Ks4Kids Walk’, we are about to hit 50 walkers! We were excited to give a prize away to Zoe Roberts who was the first to fundraise $100. She received a $50 Pines voucher.

Mikey Mendoza is charging ahead, and has also raised over $100, getting sponsors to skate 30km. Many more prizes are still up for grabs so keep up the fundraising! Registration of $15 is still available at k4kids.org.au. Also coming up this term is Chappy week (19th - 23rd May). This is a week of showcasing the Chaplaincy Service. Games, Jumping Castles, Competitions, food and fun should all be expected. Come back up and have some fun! If you have any suggestion of something you’d like to see offered in this week please let us know. Thank you everybody for your support! We feel extremely blessed to be a part of the Elanora State High School Community.

Have a great Term! God Bless!!
Dive & Steph
E: davidq@chappy.org.au & stephanie@chappy.org.au
EQ NEWS
Students can win prizes while improving their foreign language skills.
Registrations are now open for the 2014 Language Perfect World Championships competition. Participating students have the opportunity to earn certificates and win great prizes. The Language Perfect World Championships is a worldwide, annual online, foreign-language learning competition being held from the 19 - 29 May. The Department of Education, Training and Employment is an official partner in the championships.

CYBERSAFETY HELP BUTTON
Online safety is just a click away with the Cyber safety 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 cyber safety help, reporting options, resources and information.

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.

TALLY VALLEY - INDOOR CRICKET
Wednesday Afternoons at 4pm goes for 7 weeks, only $49!
Sign up on 2nd & 9th May 3-5pm.
Don’t miss out! Contact Chad for any more information on: 0421 168 322

SENIOR SCHOOLING
As part as their ongoing preparation for the Queensland Core Skills test to be held on the 2nd and 3rd September Year 12 students undertook a full immersion day program focusing on key strategies to improve performance in the writing task, short response and multiple choice papers. Students also received their individual reports outlining strengths and weaknesses identified in the practise QCS test completed at the end of Term 1. If a parent wishes to view their student’s report please ask them. All students sitting the Core Skills test have also received a text book ‘Pathways to Success’. This text forms a crucial part of their training program and we encourage students to revise sections of the text as part of their home preparation for the QCS test.

UPCOMING CAREER EXPOS
Kingscliff TAFE Campus
Wednesday 21 May 2014
4:30-7:30pm
Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo
23rd-24th May 2014
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Friday: 9am—3:30pm
Saturday: 10am-4pm
FREE ENTRY
SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –

Name: Kayne Briggs
Year Level: 12
Current Subjects: English, Maths, P.E., Biology, Science 21 and Fitness Certificate 4 course

Elanora SHS Honours: Senior Leader, Coolangatta House Captain, representative at Oceanic

Why I chose Elanora SHS?
Close to home, a lot of opportunities with sport and academics and heard great things about the school.

What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The community as it’s very welcoming and friendly

My future plans?
Study at Griffith University to become a sport teacher.

ALUMNI PROFILE – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name: Jade Bates
Years at Elanora: 8—12
Year 12 Subjects: English, Maths B, Maths C, Biology, Chemistry, Japanese

Elanora SHS Honours: ESHS 2013 Female School Captain

What was the best thing about Elanora SHS? Teachers and the friendly atmosphere
What I miss from Elanora SHS? Teachers and the friendly staff members

Occupation: Tutor
Future plans?
To be an Occupational Therapist

MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –

Name: Mikaela Zahra
Year Level: 8X

Elanora SHS Honours: Student Council Representative in the ACE class.

Why I chose Elanora SHS?
It’s a small school which is focused on the individual student and heard it was a great school.

What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The ESHS sport carnivals are the best things, they are always full of fun and always memorable times spent at school.

My future plans?
To own my own business.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE –

Name: Pedro Machado De Almeida
Year Level: 12
Country of Origin: Brazil
Length of Stay: 10 Months
Previous School: PH, Rio
Current Subjects: English, Maths, Hospitality, Geography, Biology, Visual Art Studies

What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
Not having school on Fridays, my friends and the staff are really friendly.

Future Plan?
Travel around Australia