FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Night & Q Parents
Our first Parent Teacher night was held on Tuesday evening and it was great to see so many parents and students in attendance. Discussions were focused on improving student performance; this is most successful when the student, teacher and parents are working together and this was clearly evident throughout the night. A number of parents also took the opportunity to sign up to the new QParents system which allows parents to access key school information and update contact details from a smartphone, tablet or home computer. If you have not yet signed up, I encourage you to do so – simply contact our friendly office staff and they will take you through the process. In our office foyer we now have a sign up kiosk setup to make it easier to access QParents.

NAPLAN has arrived
Our Year 7 and 9 students and teachers have been preparing for NAPLAN since Day 1 this year and this important testing has now finally arrived. The testing will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week with students completing five separate tests covering Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Students will need to ensure that they have their calculator for one of the Numeracy tests. These tests will be administered by the form teachers of the students in classrooms that they are familiar with. Please assist in making sure that your child has all required equipment, is well rested and has a healthy breakfast ready each morning. Good luck to all Year 7 and 9 students participating in these important tests next week.

Cross Country & Interschool Sport
Due to the inclement weather last week, we were required to postpone our Annual Cross Country event until yesterday. The weather gods smiled upon us and it was a great event with all those participating thoroughly enjoying the event. Thank you to all staff who were involved in the arrangements for the day and a special mention to our two “rabbits” – Mr Pearce and Chappy Steph. We look forward to hearing the final results of the Cross Country and wish good luck to those students who will now go on to represent the school at Oceanic, South Coast and State level. Our Interschool Sport season is well underway, thank you to all parents for supporting this important program by ensuring that students are present every Wednesday so we are able to have teams competing in all sports – on many occasions against much larger schools.

Year 7 2016
Our first round of Excellence Program offers for Year 7 2016 have been mailed home this week and we have also announced our Round 2 testing dates. Our very popular ACE program Round 2 testing will be held on Tuesday 16 June at 4.00pm, our Sports Academy testing will be held on Tuesday 14 July at 4.00pm and finally our Dance Academy testing will be held on Thursday 16 July at 7.45am. Information on our programs can be found on the link on the front page of the school website, all students wishing to apply must register via the link on our website.

The school will be hosting our Year 7 BYOD and General Enrolment evening on Monday June 1 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 and students. The twilight tour will begin at 5.00 – 5.45pm and the presentation will commence at 6:00 – 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Block. I look forward to meeting our future parents and students at this evening, presentations will include information from students on their perspectives of our BYOD program and how this has enhanced their learning.

Senior Timetable Review
As part of our planning for 2016 and our annual review processes, we are reviewing our current Senior timetable structure of four days of class and a fifth earning or learning day. We are currently surveying all staff, senior students with parents able to provide their feedback via the online survey link - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4dayreview2015parents This survey will be open for 2 weeks and closes on Friday May 22, please provide feedback so we can make an informed decision on the best structure for our students to achieve their best.

Parental Involvement – P & C AGM – Wednesday May 20 at 5.30pm
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 our last meeting we also discussed a proposal for the introduction of a new school budget hat in Junior Secondary that the P & C is supporting – we will have an update on designs at our next meeting as well as some exciting news re successful grants applications. 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 May 20 at 5.30pm in the staff common room. The Secretary position is yet 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.

Yours in Education,
Cameron Hodges
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

NAPLAN / Literacy Update

Year 7 and Year 9 students will complete NAPLAN on 12-14 May. Both groups will be supervised by their form teacher for the test. Year 7 will be in G Block and Year 9 in N Block. The tests are as follows:

- May 12 Period 1 Language and Conventions 45 Minutes
- May 12 Period 2 Writing Task 40 minutes
- May 13 Period 1 Reading 65 Minutes
- May 14 Period 1 Numeracy Calculator 40 minutes (Students must bring a working calculator with them to the test)
- May 14 Period 2 Numeracy Non-calculator 40 minutes
- May 15 Catch up for any absent students

All students are expected to complete the tests to the best of their ability because results will provide valuable feedback on the individual student’s literacy and numeracy strengths and weaknesses and give teachers specific data to support literacy and numeracy development. In this way they complement other classroom assessment and reporting practices. Student results should be available at the end of August.

Please ensure students have the necessary equipment for the day, that is, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, pens and a working calculator for period 1 on 14 May. It is beneficial if students can get a good night’s sleep the evening before and have breakfast before coming to school. It is important for students not to be overly stressed about the test but to try and do their best.

Saying this we are aware some parents have concerns about their son or daughter completing the test. If you do have a concern please ring me at the school on 55684333 or email me on kdick13@eq.edu.au If after the conversation you still wish to withdraw your child for religious or philosophical grounds your will need to complete and lodge at the office before 12 May a Notice of parent withdrawal form. These are available from the office. We will not be running any alternative classes on those days and times for Year 7 or 9.

Literacy and Numeracy Development

As I mentioned in the last newsletter to further support literacy and numeracy development across the school a working party has developed a series of strategies to help students develop their skills. I will continue to share these over the next few newsletters. If parents are aware of these they can reinforce the use of them at home. Years 7 and 9 students have recently received a checklist to help them with their writing. This is on an A4 sheet and is accompanied by 2 bookmarks. The sheet and the writing bookmark are listed below.

What Do I Need to Include in My NAPLAN Writing Task?

The first thing you need to do is check if the task is asking you to write a story (narrative) or present an argument for or against (persuasive). You must answer the question in the style required.

Once you have worked out the style develop an outline to build your response.

Then write your response addressing the following points:

Think of your audience: Your writing needs to affect and engage the reader.

Text structure:

**Narrative** – Your plot needs to be effective and coherent with an adequate ending. There needs to be an orientation, complication and resolution. Build tension to a climax.

**Persuasive** – Your ideas are selected and crafted to be highly persuasive. These ideas must connect to the wider world. Use a range of persuasive devices, e.g. emotional language, to persuade the reader.

Vocabulary: Correctly use a range of precise and effective words / phrases. Ensure your language choice is well matched to the style of writing required.

Cohesion: Your writing needs to be cohesive showing continuity of writing and tightly linked sections.

Paragraphing: Your paragraphs are ordered and develop an idea. In narrative the paragraphs are focussed on one idea or theme and add to the story.

In persuasive each paragraph intensifies and supports your argument.

Sentence structure: Your sentences are grammatically correct, structurally sound and meaningful.

Punctuation: You use correct punctuation to support reading of your text e.g. capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks, colons, semicolons, brackets, noun capitalisation etc. Aim to use at least two types of punctuation other than capital letters and full stops.

Spelling: Your spelling is correct. You use at least 10 difficult words and some challenging words. A difficult word may be subject related (obese), homophone (practice/practise), uncommon vowel pattern (drought, hygiene), an uneven stress pattern in monosyllabic words (chocolate), three or four syllable words (invisible, community). Challenging words can be longer words with unstressed syllables (responsibility), suffixes to words ending in e, c or i (physically, changeable), unusual consonant patterns (guarantee).

Length: Your essay needs to be more than one page.

Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal

QPARENTS IS HERE

Great news: Elanora State High School is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents as part of a pilot program in the first half of 2015. The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. We have sent out invitations for parents to register for QParents this week. QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us. More information about QParents can be found at [https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about](https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about)

Win an iPhone 6!
By registering for QParents you could win an iPhone 6! All you have to do is register for QParents by Sunday 17 May 2015.

Elanora State High School
Cnr 19th Avenue & Avenue Road Elanora 4221 Phone 07 5568 4333 www.elanorashs.eq.edu.au
CRICOS Code · 00608A
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 X1234567SRS). 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:

CAREER NEWS
Year 10 Your Future How Program
A reminder to all Year 10 students.
Only 8 weeks to go!
Work Experience Week 22nd to 26th June 2015
As part of Elanora State High School’s commitment to extending our students beyond the classroom and preparing them for the future, we offer a program of Work Experience as part of the Year 10 Your Future How Program. This program enables our students to undertake an opportunity that extends their knowledge and skills in a particular field, whilst still studying at school.

Elanora State High School offers students in Year 10 the opportunity to participate in Work Experience for one week 22nd June to 26th June 2015 in their chosen area of interest. It is the responsibility of parent/guardians to seek out this work placement. The Industry Liaison Officer will then organise paperwork and approval regarding this placement.

The Work Placement/Experience Student Requirements Form is due back to school on Friday 15th May 2015. The Work Experience Agreement Form will be generated and returned to the student by our Industry Liaison Officer. Work Experience Agreement Form signed by all parties to be returned to school by 15th June 2015. Remember no paperwork, no work experience.

If there are any employers wishing to participate in this program the forms can be located on our website. Industry Liaison Officer can be contacted by telephoning 55 684310 or fax 55 348332 or email iharg15@eq.edu.au.

VETis course with TAFE Gold Coast
Applications open for the mid-year course on 11th May. To apply visit www.studentrego.com and use code TAFE1 to apply.
Full details are located on the Job Board and school’s website. Courses commence in July 2015. Also details of 11 sponsorships available in partnership with Surfers Paradise Rotary.

Students are reminded that under VETis in Schools you can access only one VET funded qualification. If students are wishing to do a course and have used their funded course then the student will have to pay a ‘fee for service’ to complete the course/qualification.

Year 12:
To experience what training and careers in Creative Industries and IT looks and feels like visit REINVENT at TAFE Gold Coast Coomera Campus 198 Foxwell Road Coomera.
When: Thursday 14th May between 4pm and 7.30pm
See displays in Sound and Technical Production Hands on the Cloud, Building and Interior Design, Sound Basics and Intro to CISCO Systems
To register see Mrs Hargrave for registration form.
Flyer on the Job Board in the administration block.
See Mrs Hargrave if you require assistance in registering your interest.

When you sign up to QParents you will be able to see what items have been paid for and outstanding items.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ITEM</th>
<th>DETAILS</th>
<th>AMOUNT DUE</th>
<th>DATE DUE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Outstanding 2014 Student Resource Scheme</td>
<td>All year levels</td>
<td>$310/$320</td>
<td>Overdue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outstanding 2014 Subject Fees</td>
<td>Years 9 – 12</td>
<td>Various</td>
<td>Overdue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014 Year Book</td>
<td>All year levels</td>
<td>$15.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015 Student Resource Scheme</td>
<td>All year levels</td>
<td>$310/$320</td>
<td>Due now</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015 Subject Fees</td>
<td>Years 9 – 12</td>
<td>Various</td>
<td>Due now</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seaworld Resort and Theme Park</td>
<td>Year 12 Tourism students</td>
<td>$35</td>
<td>Due now</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gold Coast Eisteddfod 2015</td>
<td>Access Centre</td>
<td>$14</td>
<td>Due now</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music Camp</td>
<td>Music Students</td>
<td>$190</td>
<td>Due now</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lighting Workshop</td>
<td>Photography Students</td>
<td>$20</td>
<td>Due now</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ski Trip</td>
<td>Participating students</td>
<td>$490</td>
<td>15 May</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
CHAPPIE NEWS

KS4KIDS EARLY BIRD EXTENDED. $5 until Monday April the 27th! KS4Kids is coming up in just under a month! The date is Saturday the 23rd of May.

We have a history of coming in the top 3 schools on the coast for our fundraising and participation in this chaplaincy event where 40 other schools participate. Our goal this year is to reach our most fundraising to help pay for a day of one of our chaplains wage! To reach this we need everyone on board. So far we have 53 registered walkers but we’d love to make this 100! You can register or donate online at www.ks4kids.org.au. Just click Elanora High to donate or chose someone you know walking and donate to them. We love how much our school gets behind this event so thank you again for participating and getting behind your chappies!

Wray Organic Fundraiser goes towards Chaplaincy! The local Wray Organic at 19th Avenue is participating in a school fundraiser for Elanora High School. The way it works is when your purchase from their store you place your receipt in the store entry box or the box at our school in the admin. A small portion of what you spend then comes back to the school chaplaincy program. Every bit counts. They have a great café too that sells awesome coffee and smoothies full of health foods! Thank you for supporting! For more information see page 6 for advertisement or contact the Chappies!

GRiffiTH UniVERSity DenTAL CLINiC

STUDENTS – receive FREE Dental Check-Up (including x-rays) and treatment*

*Conditions apply. Children 4 years and older but who have not yet completed Year 10 at school are eligible for free treatment under the QLD Health agreement.

ADULTS – FREE Dental Check-Up (including x-rays) also available with follow-up treatments at special fees*

*Conditions apply.

Phone 1800 188 295 or visit griffith.edu.au/healthclinics to book an appointment.

Griffith Dental Clinic is located at:
Griffith Health Centre, Level 3
Cnr Olsen Ave and Parklands Drive
Southport (Griffith University Gold Coast campus)

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

The last week of April each year is marked by WHO and partners as World Immunization Week. It aims to raise public awareness of how immunization saves lives, encouraging people everywhere to vaccinate themselves and their children against deadly diseases.

Key facts: Immunization prevents illness, disability and death from vaccine-preventable diseases including cervical cancer, diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis, pneumonia, polio, rotavirus diarrhoea, rubella and tetanus. Global vaccination coverage is holding steady. Immunization currently averts an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths every year. But an estimated 21.8 million infants worldwide are still missing out on basic vaccines.

Overview: Immunization averts an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths every year from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), and measles. Global vaccination coverage—the proportion of the world’s children who receive recommended vaccines—has remained steady for the past few years. During 2013, about 84% (112 million) of infants worldwide received 3 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP3) vaccine, protecting them against infectious diseases that can cause serious illness or disability or be fatal. By 2013, 129 countries had reached at least 90% coverage of DTP3 vaccine.

Nurse Jackie

Elanora SHS on behalf of the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) invites applications from the community to fill the position of chief community representative and community representative for the Queensland Core Skills Test for 2015. The test centre is Elanora SHS and the test dates are Tuesday 1/09/2015 and Wednesday 2/09/2015, from approximately 7.50am to 3.15pm on each day. There are other times and duties which the successful applicants must undertake. Community representatives assist in ensuring accountability around and security of the test.

If you wish to apply for one of these positions please collect from Elanora’s Administration Office, the “Position information: Community representatives” sheet and the “Application: Community representative” form. All applications must be completed and returned to the school before Friday 22/05/15 or click on link below for more information: https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/memos/15/019-15.pdf.

Maureen Romanet HOD Senior School
ART NEWS
Elanora’s Senior Photography program offers students - in both Years 11 & 12 - the opportunity to participate in a wide range of industry-standard photographic activities. This week, students will take advantage of the Studio Lighting Workshop – a full day of shooting utilising not only professional equipment but the assistance of professional photographers as well.

This day of shooting is the culmination of weeks of planning and study. In the Workshop, the young photographers demonstrate their understanding of their cameras and lenses as well as the professional lighting equipment available on the day.

Facilitating an event like this, with its mountains of expensive and delicate equipment would be impossible, were it not for the enthusiasm and passion of Photography Teacher Jan Bystrom – her motivation clearly inspiring her grateful students.
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER AS A tradie?

Come to our ‘Try a Trade’ day and we’ll show you the industries that are looking for workers, job roles and the tasks you might perform... plus you’ll get a chance to try the tools.

This is an ideal opportunity for students to get a close up look at a number of industries, including electrotechnology, automotive, construction, engineering and logistics.

Our industry experienced educators will be on hand to answer questions and help students gain an understanding of the opportunities available to help them to their dream career.

RSVP
Thursday 21st May 2015
1300 150 824
vetinschools@careersaustralia.edu.au

careersaustralia.edu.au

wrayorganic market & cafe palm beach
free shop tour
wrayorganic school fundraiser
shop & raise money for your school

From the beginning of Term 2 for 10 weeks, just by shopping at Wray Organic market & café you will help raise money for our school. Even the purchase of a cup of coffee in their café will go towards raising money.

Wray Organic is a one stop shop for all your certified organic groceries, fruit & veg. It also has a certified organic café which means all the ingredients really are organic. The café serves clean, easy food & drinks with lots of dairy free, wheat free & gluten free options.

All you need to do when you shop at Wray Organic is place your receipts in the entry box located at our school or an entry box located in the Wray Organic store. At the end of Term 2 we will tally up the receipts & Wray Organic will present us with a cheque... it’s that easy!

Shopping at Wray Organic Palm Beach benefits our school & also your health!

facebook.com/wrayorganicschoolfundraiser.com.au

Elanora State High School Cnr 19th Avenue & Avocado Street Elanora 4221 Phone 07 5568 4333 www.elanorashs.eq.edu.au

CRICOS Code: 00609A
Every day and every minute counts
What sort of start is your child getting?
Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but ...

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>He/She is only missing just...</th>
<th>This equals...</th>
<th>Which is...</th>
<th>and over 13 years of schooling that's...</th>
<th>Which means the best your child can perform is...</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10 minutes per day</td>
<td>50 minutes per week</td>
<td>Nearly 1.5 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly half a year</td>
<td>Your child **** Other children *************** Equal to finishing in Grade 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 minutes per day</td>
<td>1 hour 40 mins per week</td>
<td>Over 2.5 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 year</td>
<td>Your child **** Other children *************** Equal to finishing in Grade 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Half an hour per day</td>
<td>Half a day per week</td>
<td>4 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 and a half years</td>
<td>Your child **** Other children *************** Equal to finishing in grade 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 hour per day</td>
<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2 and a half years</td>
<td>Your child **** Other children *************** Equal to finishing in Grade 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>He/She is only missing just...</td>
<td>This equals...</td>
<td>Which is...</td>
<td>and over 13 years of schooling that's...</td>
<td>Which means the best your child can perform is...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 day per fortnight</td>
<td>20 days per year</td>
<td>4 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1.5 years</td>
<td>Your child **** Other children *************** Equal to finishing in Grade 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>40 days per year</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2.5 years</td>
<td>Your child **** Other children *************** Equal to finishing in Grade 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 days per week</td>
<td>80 days per year</td>
<td>16 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 5 years</td>
<td>Your child **** Other children *************** Equal to finishing in grade 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 days per week</td>
<td>120 days per year</td>
<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years</td>
<td>Your child **** Other children *************** Equal to finishing in Grade 4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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!