FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 Report Cards
This year our school will once again be issuing Term 3 Progress report cards to all students. The purpose of these reports cards is to provide students and parents with an update on each student’s progress. This reporting will be sent by email to all with a registered address – if no address is listed the report will be posted. Those parents registered for QParents will be able to access the reports via this portal. The report card is a progress report and will not include comments. This will be the final report for our Year 12 students prior to the awarding of their Senior Statement and Queensland Certificate of Education by the QCAA. Year 12 students will receive their final OP prediction following the Term 3 report cards. All report cards will be mailed out at the conclusion of Week 1 in Term 4.

School Opinion Survey – Results
The school has received the preliminary results from the recent 2015 School Opinion Survey completed by staff, students and parents. We have had some very pleasing results when compared with our 2014 survey – as yet comparative data with other state schools has yet to be released.

In regards to our key parent survey results for key questions – they are listed below:

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<td>S2016 My child is getting a good education at this school.</td>
<td>92.6</td>
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<td>S2012 Student behaviour is well managed at this school.</td>
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<td>S2017 My child’s (Literacy) English skills are being developed at this school.</td>
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<td>S2018 My child’s (Numeracy) Maths skills are being developed at this school.</td>
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Our 100 percenters were:
S2001 My child likes being at this school.
S2014 This school is well maintained.
S2033 This school celebrates student achievements

Independent Public School – Elanora SHS Application
Elanora State High School is considering an application to become an Independent Public School. An Independent Public School prospectus has been published and is available at the following web address: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/index.html

As part of the consultation process for this application a Question & Answer Padlet has been created so that parents and members of the Elanora SHS community can post any questions/queries that they may have in relation to Elanora SHS applying to become an Independent Public School. The address for the padlet is http://padlet.com/chudp5/ESHSISP1. It is highly recommended that parents and community members read the prospectus prior to posting any questions. There will generally be a 24 hour turnaround on questions posted to the padlet. The closing date for IPS submissions is Friday October 16.

The school will host a Q & A session on Independent Public Schools for parents on Wednesday October 14 at 4.30pm in The Hub prior to the our next P & C meeting which will be held at 5.30pm. A key part of the Agenda will be the schools application to become an Independent Public School.

Congratulations – Speechmakers
I had the pleasure of attending the Southern Gold Coast Schools Coalition Speechmakers competition that was staged at Elanora SHS. The school had a Year 7 & Year 8 competitors in this popular competition and I am proud to announce that Elanora SHS placed first and second. Congratulations to Anthea Young – Year 8 who was the overall winner

That’s my Team
On Wednesday September 16 the school hosted a That’s my Team fundraiser for the school Chaplaincy service. A guest speaker “Reggie the Rabbit” promoted this event and was a popular fundraiser for our two school chaplains – Chappy Dave & Chappy Steph – Thank you to all involved.

Years 7 2016 Enrolment – have you booked?
We are extremely busy at the moment with Year 7 enrolments for 2016. Each incoming Year 7 student and their parents have a personalised interview with me and appointments are available through the school office.
Hoping that all families have a relaxing September break – the first day back for all year levels is Tuesday October 6 following the long weekend. Our recently chartered Leo’s Club will have their first fundraising initiative with a BBQ at Bunnings Burleigh on Monday September 28 during the upcoming breaks – please support this event if able.

Yours in Education
Cameron Hodges
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thank you to all students who submitted their 2016 Subject Selection forms on time. Slowly but surely, these selections are being entered into OneSchool timetabling. Unfortunately, a very small number of subjects will not run as insufficient students chose these as areas of study. Other subjects have been kept ‘alive’ by moving them to another line and making a composite class. In all these cases, if a student could not be allocated their first or second preference, they have been interviewed and presented with alternative options. Every attempt is being made to maximise opportunities for the students within the confines of our staffing allocation.

Congratulations to those students who have been successful in gaining positions in alternative educational settings, whether it is in learning or earning. Gaining and embedding the necessary skills for employability is a priority.

Shirley Booth
Deputy Principal

Year 11 Business

We recently welcomed the Commonwealth Bank Foundation to deliver their free, financial education StartSmart workshops to our Year 11 Business Management and Maths B students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, StartSmart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.

Our school has proudly joined the Commonwealth Bank Foundation in its mission to improve the financial literacy of Australia’s young people. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.startsmart.com.au.

Tonia Wilkes
HOD Business/IT and International

Leo Club Fundraiser

The first fundraiser of the Elanora State High School Leo Club is a BBQ at Bunnings (Burleigh Waters) on Monday, 28th September. We would love your support and hope to see you there.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED FOR 2016

Have you ever considered being a Homestay family? I am seeking new families for my 2016 International program enrolments for Semesters 1 and 2, with students arriving from Brazil, Japan, Italy and Germany. If you would like to be a part of this exciting program and open yourself up to a cultural experience, while perhaps learning a new language in the process, please contact Fleur Parker, International Coordinator on 0448 957 931 or fpark0@eq.edu.au for further information. I look forward to hearing from you.

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, QParents 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 following table provides a summary of fees/excursions/activities that are due:

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QPARENTS

Our school now has QParents. Parents should have received an invitation email or letter by now and it’s great to see that so many parents have registered already. If you have not received an invitation, please advise us immediately. QParents has been created by the Department of Education, Training and Employment to provide parents of Queensland state school students with secure online access to their child’s information. The portal allows you to securely access information about your child and to communicate directly with your child’s school. Over time, QParents will become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers. Click the link to direct you to QParents: https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about. If you have any questions please call Claire Miller at our front office on 55684333.

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 is via 19th Avenue.

This service will be provided on site by MDC 86A. Hours of operation for this clinic are 8:00am – 4:30pm (Week 1 Monday to Thursday Week 2 Tuesday to Friday)

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

Gold Coast Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all dancers that represented Elanora SHS at this year’s Gold Coast Eisteddfod. We had students from across all year levels compete in a variety of sections against schools from South East Queensland, Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. All groups delivered exceptional performances and the adjudicators’ feedback highlighted the performance quality of the students, their presentation and the choreography of the pieces. Well done to all those involved.

Natasha Perrozzi

Reinforced Reading Program for Years 7, 8 and 9

Early start Reinforced Reading Program for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be on every morning from 8:30am - 9:00am in D4. All welcome.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM ELANORA POLICE BEAT

Police are calling on parents to ensure their children wear helmets whilst riding their bikes. In Queensland it is mandatory for cyclists to wear helmets and adult cyclists can be fined $117. This has been law since the 1st of January 1993, that is over 20 years. Compliance amongst young people is way too low possibly because of the perception that it doesn’t look ‘cool’, or messes up their hair. This is a difficult mindset to overcome, hopefully the embarrassment of being stopped by the police will override the need to look cool.

Police have recently observed a number of high school students committing dangerous acts including talking on mobile phones, carrying passengers on handlebars (neither rider or passenger wearing helmets), riding no hands and talking on phones. One recent incident involved a high school student travelling down K P McGrath Drive no hands, no helmet, on his phone travelling at high speed. Unfortunately teenagers think they are invincible and we understand parents do tell their children to ride safely and wear a bicycle helmet.
Senior Drama students have been tirelessly working to bring their version of the popular play *Cosi* to the stage at Elanora SHS.

*Cosi* is a semi-autobiographical play by acclaimed Australian playwright Louis Nowra. The play is set in a mental hospital in 1971; Lewis is a young amateur theatre director in a strained relationship with a bossy woman named Lucy and in a friendship with political extremist, Nick.

Lewis, desperate for work, takes a contract directing a cast of patients with very diverse needs in a burnt out old theatre. His project is overrun by the eccentric Roy who wants to put on stage Mozart’s opera *Cosi Fan Tutte*, however none of the patients in the cast is able to sing. Through working with the patients, Lewis eventually discovers a new side of himself which allows him to become emotionally involved and to value love.

The play, smartly adapted for the unusual cast is finally produced with lots of unforeseen situations solved *‘a la crazy way’* but indeed brilliantly and with great success.

The play will be performed at the Performing Arts Block, Elanora State High School on *Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October 2015*.

We hope you come along and support our Year 12 Drama students’ last performance. Tickets are on sale now!!

**Two Spectacular Show Nights!!**

**Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October, 2015**

$6 each / $10 Family (4)

Tickets available from Student Services.
Doors Open 6:30pm for 7:00pm Start.
Performing Arts Block, Elanora SHS.
Light refreshments available.

**POSITIVE THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK!**

**DON’T THINK ABOUT WHAT MIGHT GO WRONG ABOUT WHAT MIGHT GO RIGHT**

BE HAPPY AND SMILE

**GOOD BETTER BEST NEVER LET IT REST UNTIL THE GOOD IS THE BETTER IS THE BEST**
YOUR FIRST STEP TO THE FLIGHT DECK

COMING ALONG TO OUR OPEN DAY
Saturday 19th September 2015

- Have the opportunity to have your questions answered and hear from the experts, join the seminars with industry speakers.
- Speak with our training team and get your advice on how you can start your new career as a professional pilot.
- Sit in one of the training aircraft on display.
- Free simulator sessions.
- Tour the Air Gold Coast Flight Training facilities.
- Be in the draw to win Trial Introductory Flights.
- Special rate Trial Introductory Flight for only $140.
- Free Merchandise Giveaways.
- Enjoy the Open Day Gold Coast BBQ and refreshments supporting the Australian Air League.

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WINNERS AT THE 2015 GOLD COAST SHOW FOR YEAR 10 HOME ECONOMICS STUDENTS

Please congratulate Mae Le in HEC10A for winning 2nd place for her beautifully baked and iced cupcakes at this year’s Gold Coast Show. She won money and a certificate for her achievement. The following students were each awarded a Highly Commended Certificate: Mackenzie Claridge, Alison Date, Lily McLean and Bella Lewis. The entire Year 10 Home Economics class this year prepared, baked and presented, using self-expression, the most delicious, fluffy, colourfully decorated and neatly packaged on square white plates, cupcakes that the entire Elanora community should be proud of. Congratulations to the prize winners and to all the students that had great fun and learned through participation in this community event.

Mrs Cathryn Campbell (Home Economics Teacher)
CAREER NEWS

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast will open its doors to our Coomera Campus on Saturday 17th October.

This is your opportunity to come and explore our facilities, learn about the launch of Bachelor Programs and speak with our students and industry experts from Creative Industries, Hair and Beauty, Business and IT. With workshops, activities and demonstrations to involve and entertain, there’s something for everyone across the day.

The day’s program will feature:
· Live Music
· Radio Metro LIVE Broadcast 11am-1pm with celebrity DJ/MC - Bilisy
· Interactive Gaming Stations
· Green Screen and Motion Capture Demonstrations
· Glam & Zombie Makeup Sessions
· Seated Massage
· Light and Sound Demonstrations
· Design Exhibits
· Campus Tours
· Career and Course advice
· Food Stalls on site

Date: Saturday 17th October 2015
Time: 10am - 3pm
Where: 198 Foxwell Road Coomera

Experience for yourself what training and careers in Creative Industries, Business and IT looks and feels like. PLUS go into the draw to WIN a 2 person 3-day pass to the Castrol Gold Coast 600.

Keep an eye on our website for full program details closer to the day.

Village Road Show Theme Parks - Sea World & Movie World

Sea World will hold an information night on 22nd October, 2015.

Movie World will hold an information night on 20th October, 2015.

Sea World will hold an information night at Sea World Resort 22nd October, 2015.

Students interested in attending an information night please register through the link below http://app.revelian.com/wvtp/ap55807/

Certificate III Hospitality and Tourism

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The Local Sporting Champions Program—Notice from Karen Andrews MP

Many young people find it difficult to meet costs whilst competing in sport and I want to make you aware of how the Australian Government may be able to provide financial assistance.

Financial assistance is available to athletes, coaches and referees aged between 12 and 18 years of age through “The Local Sporting Champions Program”.

The initiative is designed to assist with travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment costs when competing at a world, national or state championship provided the athlete, coach or official resides more than 125 kilometres from the championship venue.

The eligibility criteria, frequently asked questions and application forms can be found on the Australian Sports Commission website www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions

Applications for the next round close on 31 October 2015 and I encourage members of your organisation, if eligible, to participate in the program.

If you have any queries or require any further information regarding the Local Sporting Champions Program please do not hesitate to contact my office.

The Hon Karen Andrews MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Science

Federal Member for McPherson
Volunteers sought for Gold Coast Schoolies Community Safety Response

Volunteers are now being sought to participate in the annual Gold Coast Schoolies Community Safety Response as Schoolies Support Team members. You can give as little as 10 hours (training plus one rostered shift) to help Year 12 School leavers celebrate their achievements this year. Visit the website for more information: www.schooliesvolunteer.com.au

Dyslexia Empowerment Week 2015
Gold Coast Dyslexia Support Group

Outside the Square

Free Community Screening
“Understanding and Identifying Dyslexia”
Followed by a Q & A Forum

Venue: Robina Community Centre Auditorium
Date: Saturday 24 October from 2pm

Our expert panel includes:
- Renea Bugeja Foley, MSL Specialist Classroom Teacher
- Jodi Clements, President of the Australian Dyslexia Association
- Tanya Forbes, Founder of Gold Coast Dyslexia Support Group
- Marlon McPherson, Executive Officer of Speld Qld
- Robyn Monaghan, Principal Speech Pathologist at READ Speech Pathology
- Ainsley Robertson, Speld Qld Education Advisor for Assistive Technology
- Dr Craig Wright, Principal Educational Psychologist at Understanding Minds

Special thanks to Councillor Jan Grew for supporting our event.

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DURATION
One Week Fulltime (School Holidays):
21 - 25 September
followed by
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October - December

See your VET Coordinator for more details

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Phone 07 5588 4333
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CRICOS Code: 00608A
**SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE**

Name: Calvin Betts  
Year Level: 11  
Current Subjects: Maths, English, Music, Physical Chemistry, Legal Studies  
Why I chose Elanora SHS? Close to home, good school, friends  
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? Mr Riordan  
My future plans? Professional squash player, musician

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**MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE**

Name: Isis Star  
Year Level: 10  
Current Subjects: Science, HPEX, Maths, English, History  
Elanora SHS Honours: Academic Awards Distinction, Athletics  
Why I chose Elanora SHS? It's a small school & close to home  
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? Friends  
My future plans: To become a Nurse then possibly transfer to a paramedic

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE**

Name: Isabel Brock  
Year Level: 10  
Country of Origin: Germany  
Length of Stay: 6 months  
Current Subjects: Maths, English, Aquatic Practices, Hospitality, Chemistry, Surfing, Making Money  
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? Surfing lessons, support of the Teachers  
Future plans: Study Politics

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**MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE**

Name: Bryce Lennox  
Year Level: 10  
Current Subjects: Maths X, History X, English, Science, Man Arts, HPE  
Elanora SHS Honours: Yr 8 Distinction, Science & Maths Comp, Master Class  
Why I chose Elanora SHS? Close to home  
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? Basketball  
My future plans? Get a car

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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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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!**