Our School News
Week 9 | Commencing 1st December, 2014

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 FOUND: Mrs Chapman’s menagerie is growing!!! They are sad & looking for their owners.....

Weekly Reminders!

Parent Forum: 7pm All Welcome
CPR/First Aid: Yrs 5 & 6 Thu Dec 4
Surf Ed: Year 5 Fri Dec 5
Presentation Day: Mon Dec 8
School Banking: Last Day is Wednesday 3rd December
Un-Named Lost Property Parents, please come and check
School Banking Send bank books in on Wednesday

NB: that items for this newsletter will NOT be accepted after the preceding Thursday

| Week 9 - Term 4 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mon             | 1 Dec           | 3 - 6 Assembly  |
| Tue             | 2 Dec           | PARENT FORUM 7pm|
|                 |                 | Jelly Wobbles Concert - Scripture Students |
| Wed             | 3 Dec           | LAST DAY for School Banking |
| Thur            | 4 Dec           | CPR/First Aid - Years 5 & 6 |
| Fri             | 5 Dec           | Surf Ed - Year 5 |
|                 |                 | LAST DAY FOR YEAR 6, 2015, POLO SHIRTS ORDER |

| Week 10 - Term 4 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mon             | 8 Dec           | Presentation Day 9.30am |
| Tue             | 9 Dec           |-----------------|
| Wed             | 10 Dec          | Year 6 Camp      |
| Thur            | 11 Dec          | Year 6 Camp      |
|                 |                 | Band Information Evening 7pm |
| Fri             | 12 Dec          | Year 6 Camp      |
|                 |                 | Carols - Music Festival |

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Student achievement
Congratulations to our Junior Boys and Girls Eagle Tag teams who won their way to the Regional Final. Both teams played well on the day with our Junior Girls’ team winning the Regional Final. Well done to both teams!

Band Gala Night
What a great night’s entertainment. The bands and the strings group thrilled the audience with their infectious melodies. We are very fortunate to have such a large number of talented children in our school.

Classes for 2015
Soon the teachers will begin forming the classes for 2015. Our usual practice is to ask children to write down a group of friends they would like to be with and the teachers then use these lists to form classes. However, because of multi-age classes and the fact that some grades will have five classes it just isn’t possible to accommodate all requests. This year I have asked teachers to use their professional judgement when forming classes to ensure that there is an appropriate social mix for 2015 classes. I know that a number of parents have written to me with requests and while we try our best to accommodate your wishes, sometimes it just isn’t possible.

Summer holiday fun
With the holidays fast approaching you might like to book your children into one of the fun-filled camps next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You’ll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after. For details, visit the Sport and Recreation website http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

New pathway
It is fantastic that our new pathway is being used as it is reducing the number of cars and people at the top of the driveway. However, I have had a neighbour ring to tell me that a number of children are standing on the handrails. This is a very dangerous practice and while we have spoken about it to the children at school I am asking parents to speak to their children at home to reinforce the message about being RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTING our neighbours.

Pleasures of free play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination. Information about under scheduling your child can be found at http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child

Parking
Speaking about being RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTING our neighbours, I have been contacted by some of our neighbours in Georgina Ave who have been parked in because some of our parents are parking across their driveways. Parents are role models for their children and we cannot be instilling the core values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and ACHIEVEMENT unless we actively demonstrate these principles. If you are finding difficulty with parking, try our new pathway. Thanks for your understanding.

Parent forum
Tomorrow night at 7pm we will be holding our parent forum about school planning for the next three years. What sort of school do you want for your child? Come along and have your say. I look forward to seeing you there.

Until next time,

Your Principal, Bill Gillespie
And now for Part 2 of the broad brush description of the P&C (even more riveting than Part 1).

What the P&C is not.
The Committee is not seven wise people who have all the answers. We can’t possibly be nor should we pretend otherwise. Our role is to represent all families so they can showcase their brilliance and generosity. Not to draw upon this relatively untapped and massive reservoir of talent and diversity would be to squander a rich and extraordinary resource. And for those who contribute; the applause will be long and loud.

The Committee does not have unlimited time or resources. We’ve not given up our day jobs. Our engagement will, by necessity, be by way of priority. The more help we receive the more we can prioritise and the more we can achieve as a community. This is not rocket science.

The purpose of the P&C Committee is to act as a conduit or a bridge from the parents to the school (mainly) and vice versa (not so mainly). We like to think we are a catalyst that has the potential to release the creative power of the community for good things. The true power and magnificence of this sometimes labyrinthine structure lies in this community, you. Do not underestimate it, have your say and make sure the committee speaks for all.

Our children have a wonderful school; we just need to see how wonderful we can make it.

Position Vacant
Want to join a dynamic team who really want to take the P&C to the next level?

We have a vacancy for a Secretary. The duties can be found later on in the newsletter. Just to recap, the fabulous parents who volunteer for all sorts of amazing activities at school do it in the knowledge that their contribution makes a positive difference for the school’s students. This is why we, and they, do it. This is our focus.

The usual reaction when asked to join a committee is to find the nearest exit and run for your life. This is unfashionable thinking, not cool at all. Join this cool committee and make a real difference, the experience is satisfying in the most extraordinary of ways, but you have to do it to experience it. Trust me. Send an email to: tim.cowdery@gmail.com

The name of this column
Given the brilliant creativity of the school’s students we can only assume that they chose their parents wisely. So parents, get those creative juices flowing (or your children’s) and inundate us with suggestions for a name for this column. Anyone suggesting President’s Prattle will be offered counselling. Email the usual suspects.

Children Leaving EHPS in 2015
(Please return slip to Office.)

My child/ren will not be returning to Elanora Heights Public School in 2014.

Name _________________________________________ Class _________
Name _________________________________________ Class _________
Reason  ____________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________

Signed__________________________________________ Date ______________
AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Bronze and Silver Awards will be given to the students at the K-2 & 3-6 Assemblies. The Gold and Diamond Awards will be given out at the K-6 Assembly. If you wish to see your child receive their award at assembly, please first contact the office to confirm this. When sending the 20 mini merits from home, please make sure that the mini merit on top has your child’s full name & class on it. Please do not send them in plastic bags or envelopes. Thank you.

GOLD AWARDS

LACHLAN M

SILVER AWARDS

INDIYA B  ELISE C  MAI K  FLYNN N
IMOGEN C  FINLAY C  LACHLAN M  MIA S
TOM C  ALEX G  LAUREN M  CHARLIE S
JACK U

BRONZE AWARDS

CHLOE B  LUKE E  TAYLOR J  NATALYA R
INDIYA B  GEORGE E  JAMIE K  MIA R
TIM B  ANNABELLE F  GIULIA McL  ROXIE R
JAXSON B  TAYLOR F  CODY M  DYLAN S
TEA C  GRACE H  LAUREN M  NATHAN S
IMOGEN C  MAX H  HOLLY N  MADELINE T
JEREMY C  LILY H  JASON N  FAYE T
ALISHA D  BRIDGET H  BLAKE Q  ZARAH W
**Kids Kafe Roster | To volunteer call 9913 2721**

Below is the roster for the last 3 weeks. Thank you, to all my wonderful volunteers; we couldn’t run the canteen without your help. If anyone is interested in volunteering on the roster next year, please either drop into the canteen or call us on the number below. As the last weeks of term progress, stock levels will be run down, so please check Munch Monitor for all out of stock items. With cash orders substitutes will be given, where necessary. Thanks, Wendy.

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Use log in – username: Elanora and password: munch2101

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**Position Vacant**

Aстute readers will have noticed in this week’s P&C column that the Position of P&C Secretary is vacant. The position of Secretary is of critical importance as it goes to the core of a well-run P&C Association. The position and its requirements are:

**Secretary:**

The Secretary is the principal administrative officer of the Association. They contribute significantly to the smooth running of the P&C, and to maintaining transparent communications within the school community (through accurate minutes etc).

**Responsibilities:**

- Takes minutes at each P&C meeting for distribution to all members prior to the next meeting
- Receives agenda items prior to and prepares agenda of each meeting in consultation with the P&C Executive
- Keeps a continual record of the business of the P&C by maintaining minutes, P&C rules, attendance records and list of financial members
- Writes outgoing correspondence as needed
- Deals with and maintains a record of all incoming and outgoing correspondence
- Attends executive and P&C meetings
- Willing to receive queries from the school community and direct appropriately.

The position may be shared with another, e.g. one person may be a world champion shorthand expert and ideally suited to take minutes and another has a gift for organisation and record keeping.

Or you might be like the rest of us on a new committee who will have a go and do their best so our children can benefit from our participation and actions. Come and join a highly motivated team who have students’ interests at heart.

Please email Tim with your interest at: tim.cowdery@gmail.com
STEWART HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Ms Vicki Bosler on behalf of Mrs Adele Sullivan and the SRC

Last year we supported the annual The Christmas Gift Appeal organised by Wiseberry Real Estate, Mona Vale. It was extremely well supported by the Elanora Heights School Community.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) has decided to get behind this initiative again so this is the only major drive for 2014, supporting our designated charity Stewart House. It is also an activity which is in keeping with the spirit of Christmas - giving and thinking of others less fortunate than ourselves. I’m sure our efforts will again bring a great deal of joy to the students of Stewart House.

The Stewart House Christmas Gift Appeal began last week (Week 8) and will continue until the middle of Week 10. The gifts are to be brought to school in a gift bag, unwrapped and with a tag indicating the age and gender suitability. The target age is from 6-15 years, with donations especially desired for 10-12 year olds. We have been advised again this year to avoid gifts requiring batteries. Each gift is inspected for safety before being distributed.

The SRC member’s job throughout this period is to encourage their peers to bring in gifts and oversee the collection of gifts in their classrooms.

Crazy Christmas Hair and Mufti Day

On the last Monday of the term, 15th December, 2014 (Week 11), we will hold a ‘Crazy Christmas Hair and Mufti Day as the culmination to our Christmas Gift Appeal. There will be no gold coin collection as is the usual practice with Mufti days - the gift is the donation. More details to follow in a future newsletter.

We hope you will embrace the SRC in their efforts to support a worthwhile initiative.

2015 YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

Orders for the 2015 Year 6 polo shirts were sent home a while ago.

Orders close this Friday, 5th December and as we have a new supplier, no late orders will be accepted after this date.

Would parents of Year 5 please complete the order form and return to the office as soon as possible. Spare order forms are available at the office.

PLEASE NOTE:

If your child brings home a Rod Jones Real Estate santa colouring-in competition flyer, the completed flyers have to be returned to the real estate office. No entries will be accepted at our office.
**Musicale Night**
Congrats to all musicians who played at the Musicale Night! It was a huge success with parents and siblings raving about your performances! Well Done. You sounded superb and your parents should all be very proud!! A BIG thank you to Mr. Gerald Steinmann and Miss Carla van der Wallen for their amazing hard work with the children.

**Music Program Parent Information Night**
Thursday December 11th at 7pm in the school hall – come and see what our program can offer your child/ren. Meet the Band Conductor, Gerald Steinmann and String Emsemble Coordinator, Genelle Van der Wallen.

**No ensembles are required to play**, but we ask all current band/strings parents to attend as we are setting up a new enrolment/data system and will discuss this as well as information regarding band/strings for all new prospective band/strings students and their parents for 2015.

**Carols Night: Friday, 12th December @ 5:30pm**
**ALL ENSEMBLES will perform.** A great way to come together as a school to celebrate the Christmas season and raise money for the Stella Program and GATS.

**Volunteers are needed to run the BBQ and help setup.** Please contact Beck Heather: becko1@optusnet.com.au if you can help.

**BAND INSTRUMENT TRY OUTS** last Tuesday were a huge success with about 160 students coming through to try all the instruments.

If your child wants to play in the BAND next year please return your PINK “new Band Member Form” ASAP to the music box in the office so they don’t miss out on getting the instrument of their choice.

If your child has lost their forms or forgotten to bring it home, please ask our lovely office staff for another one.

**NEW STRING PLAYERS**
Any students from K-2, and 3-6 who are interested in learning VIOLIN, VIOLA or CELLO - please collect a YELLOW “New String Members Information and Form” from the school office. (Forms can be returned to the music box at the office).

**Outstanding fees**
There are still a number of parents who have outstanding monies owing on their fees. Please settle these as soon as possible. If you are unsure what is owing can you contact the Treasurer. If you are experiencing financial difficulties can you please contact the Treasurer – Halina Royle on 0403 309180 or halina@roylebookkeeping.com.au to discuss.

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