A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents

Our 10 minute daily writing program, which all students participate in, continues to be highly successful with students being trained to commence the school day with high level thinking (that writing requires) and developing stamina. Results from all year levels are really pleasing. We are noticing that students are writing more, that the quality of their writing is improving in terms of vocabulary development and sentence structure and that most students really enjoy this opportunity to express their thoughts and show their creativity.

The Year 6 students really enjoyed their team building day at Tallebudgera Camp School. Thanks teachers for organising this great day.

The term is coming to an end with only a few weeks to go before the Easter Holidays. All parents will be issued with a brief interim report card – which will indicate whether students are achieving at or below year level standard. All parents are encouraged to attend Parent teacher meetings which will be scheduled over the next few weeks up until May 15.

Our Student Leaders officially welcomed all the new students to our school at an informal get-together on Wednesday organised by one of our Student Welfare Teachers, Mrs Greenwood.

ANZAC DAY - 2015
This year, marks the 100th anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli. Our school is planning special ANZAC Day assemblies on Friday 24 April as well as a range of activities throughout the week. We would like to collect and share stories from our students’ parents and grandparents about their personal and family ANZAC stories. If you would like to share your family’s stories, can you please email me at the.principal@elanorass.eq.edu.au so that we can arrange to meet. Thank you.

Interested in Teacher Aide Work?

From time to time, the school has temporary work for teacher aides. If you would like to add your name to our register of interested people we can call upon, please email our BSM, Mrs Judy Adams jadam55@eq.edu.au with your contact details, your availability and any experience you may have that could contribute to your suitability to work at our school.

Warm regards

Tricia Neate
Principal
### Coming Up

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### Parents Update Your Contact Details

To ensure the accuracy of our OneSchool records we ask parents and carers to please use the form below to update your details. Please include at least one emergency contact who is not the child's parent/carer.

### Welcome To Our New Students In 2015

**Student Leaders Host New Students for Morning Tea**

There were lots of smiles and stories to share when our 'new' students came together to meet each other at a special Welcome Morning Tea hosted by Elanora's student leaders. This year, we welcomed just over 50 new students to our school.

**Karen Greenwood**

Student Welfare Teacher
Clean & Green

Clean and Green Committee News

Wow! What amazing results we are seeing at Elanora State School already in 2015. It has been weeks since Ibises were spotted patrolling the school grounds in search for food. This is due to the massive reduction in litter around the school.

Congratulations to the parents and students who have already jumped on board the worthy cause.

So far we have seen the Green Bins put out for collection drop from 32 bins per week to only 8!

Is there still room for improvement? Yes there is. What can we do to continue the quest for a litter free school? Well here are a few tips:

Make sure your child has a lunch box. This will give them a place to store any packaging or food scraps they need to return home.

Try to remove packaging or have no packaging at all. **NUDE FOOD**

Educate your child on what can be recycled. Elanora State School now has 2 Recycle Bins in the Tuckshop area. Unfortunately these are sometimes being used as rubbish bins.

Check the Lost & Found Bin located outside the tuckshop for any missing containers or drink bottles. A great idea is to label all containers bought to school.


PE Extension Class

This week we have been doing the Beep Test with the students who are interested in joining the PE Extension class this year. This test measures the level of endurance in the athlete and the ability of the student to keep going for a long period of time. Students run a 20 m shuttle run over an 8 minute period, with the shuttles getting faster and faster as the time goes along. This week we have had early sessions to make it easier for the students to perform well, rather than having to do their test at 2pm after a whole day at school! Wednesday morning we had 30 students turn up for the trial and we will again be doing an early morning trial on Monday coming. It’s great to see so many students turn up and try their best in a test that is far from easy! And a big thanks to parents for getting them there early as well. I am hoping to have the squad finalised by early next week and then we can start working on our fitness in some exciting and challenging sessions.

Mrs Penfold
PE Teacher
I could hear the bus pull into the waiting zone outside the gates of the school. I could feel the excitement in the room as the teacher called the role. I let my mind wander off to a place of fun and sun. Before I knew it we were outside the school in our line and boarding the bus! I took my seat and stared out the window. On the way there I watched as we zoomed past trees and thick bushes and raced past lonely petrol stations. “The wheels on the bus go round and round,” the bus sang together. After a painful 5 minutes of song, the bus slowed to a stop. Finally we were here. After 5 and half weeks of waiting we had arrived at Tallebudgera Camp School. We walked to a spacious room and all 52 of us sat down. After a speech about leadership and 3 warm up mini games, we finally got located to different groups. Scotland, Japan, Russia, Italy and France. We applied a coat of thick sunscreen and walked out to the field. My group, Japan, went to a shaded corner and painted our flag on each other’s faces. Then we had to practice our war cry. After a long 5 minutes of agreeing and disagreeing, it was our turn to go up. We did our routine perfectly and for the final we threw our hats at the audience. I think mine hit the judge. Whoops! We took our seats and cheered for the other teams. The judge walked out at the front and announced that Japan was the winner. We cheered. After a quick celebration of jumping up and down, we all headed out for morning tea under the shaded platform. After eating our fruit and sandwiches we started our rotations. The first rotation was Crazy Golf. The aim of the game was to get the golf ball to the other side without touching it with your hands. You have v shaped tiles and must move the golf ball all the way to the cone at the other end of the playing length. We scored 17 points altogether. The next game we played was Catapult. 3 people with safety glasses would line up and shoot and the other members of the team would grab the parachute and move it around so the 2 tennis balls that were fired landed on it without rolling off. We scored 12 points for that one. The next game was very difficult. There was a metal hoop and long ropes all along it. There were three poles placed around the field. A tennis ball sat on the top of one. We all had to work together to move the ball to one of the other poles without dropping it. We decided we’d try to score three points on the smallest pole. We went around the goal posts and made it above the pole without dropping it. “Slowly!” Our team chanted. After 5 tries the whistle blew and our concentration was broken and we dropped the ball. We scored 0 on that game. We grabbed our water bottles and ran to the next game. This one was called A-Frame. A person must stand on the middle of the wooden frame shaped like an A with a helmet. Each side would have 6 ropes attached to the top of the frame. We had to pull the ropes to move the frame along the coned area. We scored 10 points, a much better result. The last rotation we did was Crate tower. I along with 2 others lifted the crates while the others held tension with the ropes above. When you hear TIMBER! You need to move! We got to 16 before we heard TIMBER! After all the groups had lunch, we walked with our bags to the creek and got changed. Finally we had a long swim before we were told we had a beach activity to do. Laid out on the sand was 5 large poles. The group were told that we must dig a 30cm deep hole and place the pole in it. Then you must fill the hole with sand. Once you completed the first step, the second is to place a tennis ball into the pole. We had to get it to the top using buckets of water. The only problem was, there was 14 holes in the pole. “Ready, Set GO!” Yelled the coordinator. Japan dug the hole the quickest and soon enough the pole was standing upright. Half of our team offered to plug the holes and I along with the rest of us, collected buckets of water. Soon enough we grabbed the ball at the top. We cheered. We won! After everyone had finished and collected their balls we went for a second swim. Afterwards we were told we had one last activity left. Small poles were laid flat and horizontal across the sand. We had to dig a hole under it so all of our team could fit through, without touching the pole. The only problem was, you had to dig on the same side until one of your team members make it across. We dug hard, and soon enough 1, 2 and 3 people were on the other side. We had the tall people to do now. Scotland, beside us, had already had most of their team members through. We didn’t give up though. Eventually we were all under and we raced to the water’s edge, unfortunately though Japan was announced second. We were rewarded with one last swim and then boarded the bus. Just as we were about to leave a voice shouted, “I HAVE FORGOTTEN MY DRINK BOTTLE!” Everyone waited as he and another boy ran as hard as they could to grab the drink bottle. One minute later the bus was driving off. Ready to take us all home. Man, were we tired!
Uniform Shop News

MARCH MADNESS SALE!!!
All discontinued stock now on Sale. Prices start from $5.00. Limited sizes available. Yamaha Recorders $10.00

Second Hand Uniforms
The uniform shop is now accepting second hand clothing. As per our terms and conditions we can only accept officially approved school uniform for re-sale. Please ensure that all items are freshly laundered.

Leah O’Reilly
Uniform Shop Convenor

P&C News

THE CADBURY'S FUNDRAISER IS BACK!!!
Last year we raised over $10,000 towards air conditioning in classrooms doing this great fundraiser! Lets be serious, who doesn’t love a bit of chocolate?! It sells itself! This year we are also selling the Easter Eggs Mix so get in quick as they are sure to sell out!

All fundraising packs need to be pre-purchased using Flexischools or by paying cash upfront for your box. PLEASE NOTE – there is NO service fee charged for using Flexischools when it is for a Fundraising Item! Boxes can be collected from the P&C Room or the Uniform Shop before school Monday, Wednesday, Friday!

CadburyFreddo & Friends Fun Pack 50 Units @ $1.00 each
Cadbury Fundraiser Variety Pack 50 Units @ $1.00 each
Cadbury Easter Eggs Mix 20 Bags of Egga @ $4.00 each

Once again, there are going to be some very exciting prizes to be won for those who sell a box! Watch this space as to what you can win! GET SELLING IN THE MEANTIME!

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS
Following the amazing success of last year’s Easter Raffle we have decided to do it again! For those that are new to the school, we ask for donations of any Easter Eggs – small or large, that we can use to make up hampers! We will also run a “Guess the number of eggs” in a jar contest! Tickets will be sold in the Tuckshop area before school in the lead up to the Easter Holidays. Any donations can be left in the box in the office! Your help would be much appreciated! If you would like any further information, please email fundraising@elanorass.eq.edu.au

Flexi Schools Online Ordering is Here!
Our school has a great online ordering system for Tuckshop and has now extended to all Fundraising events called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also done online, so less paper bags, cash, cheques, and envelopes are sent via your student to school. As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for the school coordinator to process - so it makes everyone’s life a little easier. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia.

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit) and Bank Transfer. The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you no longer have to worry about the manual process of sending payments into school, and you can easily budget your students spending and expenses throughout the year.

The system is now available, so we look forward to seeing your next order online!
If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please ask at the Tuckshop, Office or and P&C Members!

Melanie Allen
P&C Secretary
ARE YOU A CRAFTIER?
We are looking for hand made donations for the Mother’s Day Stall to be held in May. Smallish items that we can sell for $10.00 or less. There is a donations box in the new P&C room next to the uniform shop. Please email fundraising@elanorass.eq.edu.au if you would like any further information! Thank you!
The Fundraising Committee

Easter Hat Parade

The Prep - Year 2 Easter hat Parade and Prep - Year 3 Cross Country will be held on Thursday 2 April from 9am to 11am.

At 9.10am students in Prep - Year 2 will begin the hat parade. Following the parade there will be class photos before a morning of rotational activities on the oval.

Year 3 students will join in for the cross country event following the parade.

The P&C will be running raffles and a stall with fabulous sweet treats for sale.

We look forward to seeing you there!
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## Community Notices

**Children’s Art Competition**

as part of the Elanora Uniting Church

Art Show - April 17th – 19th 2015

There are two categories:
8 years and under
13 years and under

This year the theme is:
**All Things Bright and Beautiful!**

Entries in each category will receive a blue ribbon, a certificate, and art materials. More information about the children’s and adults’ competitions is on our website: www.elanorarevealing.com.au

Contact Dianne 5522 5102 for details and entry forms

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**Successful Co-Parenting**

Wednesday 25th March

Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre

9:15am (Registration)

1:30pm

The focus of this workshop is to:

- Build resilience in your children
- Promote flexibility in difficult co-parenting communication
- Honest between parents and children
- Strategies to assist parents who are dealing with challenging ex

Light refreshments provided

For more information please contact Mella from the FNFC team on 077 5598 1505