A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents

We are so very proud of our Year 3 and 5 students for the way they did their very best in the NAPLAN testing this week. Congratulations students on your hard work, your perseverance and your positive attitudes! Congratulations to all our wonderful teachers and teacher aides on the work they have done in preparing our students for these tests. It will be great when all the testing and paperwork is completed and the test books are sent off for marking on Friday afternoon. It is expected that schools will receive individual students’ test results by August.

We have high aspirations for our school’s achievement in NAPLAN, but the most important aspect is how each and every student has progressed in his or her learning.

Independent Public School (IPS). At this week’s P&C meeting, our Deputy Principal, Mrs Pip Traucnieks was appointed as a returning officer to manage the election of staff and parent members to the School Council. Please note the following announcement from Mrs Traucnieks.

As Returning Officer I give notice that the election of staff and parent members to the Elanora State School Council will be held on Monday 15 June, 2015. Nominations to these positions must be received by the Returning Officer by Friday 29 May, 2015. The election will be held in the School Office for parents and in the Staff Room for Staff. Parents and staff may cast their votes from 8am to 3.30pm. ~ Pip Traucnieks.

The following role description is provided to potential applicants to assist the understanding of requirements for membership of the School Council. This information will also assist those participating in the voting process to ascertain which applicants will be able to contribute most effectively to the strategic responsibilities of the school council.

Role Description of Staff and Parent Members of School Council.

As a member of the school council you are required to:

- Be conversant with the School Council Constitution and the Education (General Provisions )Act 2006
- Be familiar with Education Queensland’s strategic plan
- Be familiar with the school’s strategic plan
- Understand the philosophy and core values on which the school’s services and programs are based
- Demonstrate a personal suite of values aligned to realising harmonious and constructive conversations and decision making
- Offer an array of personal capabilities to assist creative and productive discussions and decision making relative to the strategic responsibilities of the school council
- Be able to work cooperatively with other council members to ensure productive and constructive discussion
- Be able to leave aside personal agenda and bias
- Assist in strategic planning and development
- Understand the difference and the delineation between operational, governance and strategic ideas
- Liaise with relevant stakeholder groups to effectively represent views and opinions of staff, parent and community bodies
- Engage in shared leadership
- Work with other council members, school personnel and other decision-making bodies, for the benefit and betterment of all students and the community
- Demonstrate ability to follow through on tasks and meet associated timelines
• Attend council meetings as required
• Represent the school council and support decisions made
• Actively promote and portray a positive image of the school council
• Undertake extra activities or duties as requested by the council or the chair
• Approve key strategic documents, as well as reviewing and monitoring school performance
• Develop strategic initiatives that meet the unique needs of the students of the school
• Keep the broad school community involved in the activities of the school council.

Further information about the role of the School Council members and the Nomination Form are attached.

All teachers have nominated their classes to participate in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge – this is a fantastic response and shows how much our teachers value such a program which encourages children to read.

Our student leaders enjoyed their Grip Leadership conference last Friday. Thanks to Student Welfare Teacher, Mrs Burdett for organising the day and accompanying the students.

Parent voluntary contributions and funds from the Great Results Guaranteed Program (GRG) have enabled the school to purchase a large number of ipads this year. I’m delighted to advise parents that the use of our computers, laptops and ipads has grown so significantly this year that we are fully using our current bandwidth capacity and have recently placed an order to double the bandwidth! It is great to see that our teachers and students are taking such advantage of our technology and we’re all looking forward to a speedier server in a few weeks when our bandwidth is increased. Our DP, Mrs Traucnieks, who has responsibility for technology at our school has included an information update about ICT in this week’s parent newsletter.

Member for Currumbin, Mrs JannStuckey visited our school on Wednesday and presented Isayah Lewis with an award for winning the ANZAC Essay competition organised by Mrs Stuckey.

Parent teacher meetings should all have been finalised by Friday 15 May. Thanks parents for availing yourself of this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with the class teacher and sincere thanks to all our teachers who conducted these interviews in their own time – before and after school.

Mr Hardy will be taking a few days leave for family reasons and Mr Jamie Kelly will take his place. Ms Deb Mayne will take over the teaching of 5E during this time.

Congratulations to our Head of Special Education Services (HOSES), Mrs Leticia White on the birth of her baby on Monday night. Mrs White had a little girl, who she named Lola.

We have a large scare-crow in our vegetable garden! The children in Prep Green, under the guidance of their teacher, Mrs Wright have made a splendid scare-crow who they have named Max! His only job is to scare away the crows and stop them eating our young plants.

SHADE PROJECT – UPDATE
A key goal of the school and P&C is to erect a solid shade structure over the concrete pad at the back of the Resource Centre. This will provide a large shaded area for students to play in and will also provide a suitable learning environment for a range of school activities. In addition, the area could be used for community activities. Thanks to generous parent support in the last two “Thons” and the use of school funds, we have $55 300 put aside. It is estimated that the structure will cost approximately $100 000. We will continue to access grants and seek financial support from our community and parents to provide the funds to complete this important project as soon as possible.

Coming Up:

Tuesday 19 May  Differability Day
                2.15 Year 3-6 Assembly
                12 -3pm - Parent Workshop – How Children make friends

Wednesday 20 May  6.30pm - Prep 2016 Information Evening

Thursday 21 May  Kids Science Conference at Currumbin Sanctuary

Friday 22 May  National Walk Safely to School Day

Saturday 23 May  Chaplaincy BBQ at BurleighBunnings

Warm regards

Tricia Neate
Principal
Ticket Sale

BRAND NEW TICKET OFFER!

4 PARK PASS
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Purchase online only at ThemeParks.com.au/sale

See website for full terms and conditions, offer valid until Tuesday 30th June 2015.
Facilities News
From the Business Manager - Improving Facilities

Shade Structure – Providing Shaded Play Area on the Oval
We are continuing to raise funds for the Shade Structure to cover the cement pad on the eastern side of the oval. The P & C have supported this project with fundraisers over the last two years. The cost of the proposed structure will be over $100,000 and currently we have a shortfall of approximately $60,000. Therefore we are continuing to submit grant applications to enable us to complete this valuable facility project.

Projects to be undertaken during the June/July Holidays
- Line Marking Maintenance of Handball Courts
- Various internal and external painting
- Carpet replacement
- Vegetable Garden enhancement with the help of our wonderful Parent Gardening Committee

Judy Adams
Business Services Manager

Sports Results - Friday 8 May 2015

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ICT For School

You Are Part Of This...Since February we have ordered...

- Clickview Online Media—school wide licence (installed)
- Other modernising our Resource Centre (changeover in progress now)
- Two huge TV/monitors for our Music Rooms (delivered)
- 36 Dell 3560 laptops (order placed)
- 2 secure mobile laptop trolleys (each is 16 bay) (order placed)
- 100 iPad minis + covers (orders placed - delivery March)
- IQ Sync and Charge Bundle charges and syncs up to 16 devices at simultaneously (ordered)
- All Prep classrooms now have a Smartboard in their room.
- Multiple smaller peripheral devices for greater connectivity of Pads and laptops.
- Upgrades of online programs
- We have brought forward $48000 for the school wide upgrade project which is anticipated to be rolled sometime in Term 2. Watch this space.

Access

Teachers like labs

TLC: 28 computers (Prep, Yr 1, Yr 2)
MOD: 28 computers (Yr 3, Yr 4)
Media Lab: 28 computers (Yr 5, Yr 6)

During Literacy and Numeracy blocks, classes use the labs in their year level groups and later in the day, classes have access to all labs. Wireless access points using existing technology have been installed while we wait for our school’s upgrade. Our current allocation has been reached, and the potential that the upgrade will bring is greatly anticipated.

The NMC Horizon Project Reaches Over 160 Countries!

When it comes to analyzing emerging technology uptake in education, the NMC Horizon Project is truly global in scope and reach. This map represents the last 2,000 downloads for the NMC Horizon Report series, which has a readership in more than 100 countries and growing. To date, over 40 editions of the NMC Horizon Report have been published, along with 50 foreign language translations in areas including global higher education, K-12 education, libraries, and museums. The regional- and sector-focused NMC Technology Outlook series has examined STEM+ education, community colleges, Australian tertiary education, European schools, Latin American higher education, Brazilian schools, Singaporean schools, and Norwegian schools.

http://www.nmc.org/nmchorizon/

Have you got the Q Schools App?

Paper Cut | What Is It?

A school wide system for printing and copying was installed at the beginning of 2015. Students have been allocated a personal code for their printing requirements. All staff and students have access to commercial quality printer copiers from numerous locations across the school. Already this system is proving its worth from a servicing perspective. This is another new ICT technology for 2015.

Easy App | The free NMC Horizon EdTech Weekly App is the constantly-updated mobile extension of the NMC Horizon Project. This app, available for iOS or Android, helps inform the daily decisions of education professionals by putting the latest edtech news and field examples of emerging technology in action right at their fingertips.
Sports News

Congratulations to Charli Farmer from year 6 who was selected in the South Coast Soccer team. Well done Charli, best of luck at the State Trials.

Jared Frazer
PE Teacher

Uniform Shop News

GRADUATION SHIRTS
I have had some expressions of interest regarding a change to the graduation shirt for next year. Students and parents alike seem to really like the new sports shirt, so perhaps we may look at this sort of design for the graduation shirts. Please let me know what you think, email Leah at schooluniformaloranass.eq.edu.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Thank you to those parents who volunteer in the Uniform Shop, your help is invaluable and the shop could not operate without you. We are currently seeking a few more volunteers, particularly for Friday, so if you could spare any time, between 8.15am – 9.00am please contact Leah in the Uniform Shop.

Leah O’Reilly
Uniform Convenor
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Hi All

I hope all the Mums had a wonderful day last Sunday and delighted in their gifts that their children purchased from the P & C Mothers Day Stall. The stall volunteers certainly had fun helping them.

Thank you so very much to all the volunteers and again to those who donated some lovely things that we could sell. We raised approximately $2000!

Congratulations to the Mothers Day Raffle Winners:

Cian O’Reilly
Mia Croxson
Erykah Copcutt Miller
Lilly Jones

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Elanora State School is once again pleased to be offering the Brand New Entertainment Book Memberships to our families to help raise money for the P&C Committee. The books are still only $55 each and have over $20,000 worth of value and savings in them! Filled with many buy one get one free offers or 25% off discounts! To purchase your brand new edition now please go to: www.entbook.com.au/1447k59 or alternatively come to the uniform shop.

Thank you for your support towards the P&C Committee as 20% of each book sold contributes to our fundraising.

THE CADBURY® FUNDRAISER CONTINUES !!

You’ve got to be in it to win it! Prizes include:

A double pass for one child in EVERY class to Air Factory!

An iPad mini for our top seller!

An iPad mini for one other lucky seller!

All fundraising packs need to be pre-purchased using Flexischools or by paying cash upfront for your box. PLEASE NOTE – there will be 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!

Freddo & Friends Fun Pack $50
Fundraiser Variety Pack $50
Easter Eggs Mix - 20 Bags of Eggs $80

Regards
Melanie Allen
P&C Secretary

From The HOC (Head Of Curriculum)

NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests were completed by our Years 3 and 5 students this week. Thank you for supporting the children who were involved in NAPLAN by ensuring they were well rested and feeling positive about the tests.

What is in those NAPLAN tests?

What students learn about literacy and numeracy in the classroom is what ends up being assessed in NAPLAN. Check out ACARA’s new graphic that explains this connection. You can also see example test questions for yourself on the NAP website www.nap.edu.au
How does My School link to NAPLAN?

Student reports will be distributed in August–September and school-level NAPLAN data will be published on the My School website early next year.

ACARA - Improving the Australian Curriculum  @ 8 May 2015

ACARA is seeking to improve the learning of all young Australians through the development of a national curriculum. Work is underway to improve the Australian Curriculum addressing themes endorsed by the Education Council. These themes are: uncrowding the curriculum; rebalancing the curriculum; improving accessibility for students with disability; and parental engagement.

For information on the improvements, click on: [what ACARA is doing to address themes to improve the Australian Curriculum](#)

**Years 3-6 Reading Workshop for Parents**

Thank you to Lesley and Pauline for attending our workshop. Victoria Jackson, Senior Teacher working on Year 5, shared detailed information on what reading looks like in our middle-upper school classrooms (Modelled, Guided, Shared and Independent Reading focusing on comprehension). Comprehension (an understanding of what is read) is one of the most challenging issues facing teachers of reading today. We know that although many students are accurate and fluent decoders, this does not always translate into having a good understanding of the text.

Did you know that by the end of the primary years, students who are not proficient silent readers begin falling further and further behind in school? If students aren’t adept at silent reading, they simply can’t keep up. But for many students, good silent reading habits do not come naturally. In particular, silent reading habits do not smoothly transfer from frequent oral reading events.

Silent reading involves self-monitoring and also the stamina to keep reading and thinking, even when content is challenging.

Check out how parents can help their children to develop [reading stamina](#).

NovitaYamin, our ICT Coach, also shared some great [Literacy Apps for iPads](#).

**Term 2 Overviews on school web site**

Newly formatted overviews for term 2 have been uploaded to our school web site. Please share your opinion of the format back to your child’s classroom parent representative.

**Janet Fitzgerald**

Head of Curriculum

**Elanora Bookclub Action Team**

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to introduce our Elanora Book Club Action Team of Katrina, Melissa, Kelly and Tanni.

Our Scholastic Book Club kicks off with the next Scholastic catalogue, which comes out next Monday, MAY 18. With this catalogue we will have two weeks to order!

One of the big changes is that Elanora is now using a new, simpler ordering system. It means no cash, no paper order forms, and no lost orders!

The system is called LOOP, which stands for Linked Online Ordering and Payment platform.

The LOOP system means you do your own orders and payments online through our special school account. Please see the LOOP How to Guide with this letter or access it at [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au).

Scholastic Book Club is a great way to buy books and for our school to earn rewards that are spent on more books and classroom resources. Plus, there are great competitions for our students.

Some of the advantages of the Scholastic Book Club include:

- Knowing that your kids can make their own selection from the book list because experts have carefully chosen the books, so all will be a good choice.
- Each catalogue includes an extended range of product to offer reading choices beyond the core year levels, for gift and sibling purchases.
- It’s convenient because the books get delivered not only to school, but we will be taking them right to the classroom.
- Scholastic sales benefit the school, so you are helping ESS earn free books and other educational resources.
We encourage you to try this new simple process for purchasing from Scholastic’s great book selection and for you and your children to enjoy the benefits of the Elanora Book Club. Remember we have two weeks to get orders in from the new catalogue.

Thank-you from the Elanora Book Club Action Team.

Tuckshop News

Hi to all our lovely Elanora families.

I want to do a big shout out again to all of the volunteers that have made the running of the tuckshop smoother this week. I also want to shout out to any helping hands out there. I am so desperate for some helpers to take one of the many jobs off our shoulders. I have introduced lots of home style recipes and more nutritious choices which means more work in the kitchen. Please pop in for a cuppa, a chat and lend us a hand. I have a roster up in the tuck shop where you can put your name down. Also there will be a an app shortly for volunteers where you can pop your name into our roster system. Similar to the the fundraising committees app.

Keep your eyes out for our Origin tuckshop special meal deal that will be available closer to the first State of Origin. You can choose a maroon or blue surprise.

I am changing the flavoured milk that comes in a meal deal to a plain carton of milk, same size, but you can choose a flavoured straw to go with it instead. I feel that 6 teaspoons of sugar that are in the flavoured milks is a lot for our children and feel the plain milk with a flavoured straw is a better alternative. What do you think?

Save time and order online. It's easy.

Go to www.flexischools.com.au

Click register now and enter your email and follow the prompts.

You can then charge up your online account and place orders the week before if you wanted too! No money at school. No paper bags through the window term 3.

Have a safe and happy week.

Eat clean!

Sharon Dick
Tuckshop Convenor

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PBC General Enrolment Information Evening for Students entering Year 7 in 2016

The year is passing quickly and the minds of many Year 6 parents are turning to secondary school options. Palm Beach Currumbin State High has established itself as one of Queensland's leading high schools with a proud record of academic, sporting and artistic achievement.

At the heart of this success is our school culture which is woven around our school motto 'NilSedOptima' which means 'nothing but the best'. On a day to day basis our culture demands that every student and member of staff, do their best in every lesson, every day.

PBC is holding a General Enrolment Evening where parents and current Year 6 children can tour PBC and find out more about our offerings and expectations. The transition to high school and the enrolment process will also be explained.

When: Wednesday 10 June 2015
What: School Tours from 6:00 pm
       Presentation 6:30 pm
Where: School Hall, Thrower Drive Palm Beach

For students and parents who reside within our catchment area and who are not applying for entry into an Excellence Program.

To book your seat for the Year 7 2016 General Enrolment Information Evening, please email Lyn Bortolin at lbort5@eq.edu.au or call 07 5525 9340.

We look forward to meeting your families!

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