A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Mrs Robyn Diaz who has now been appointed to the permanent position of Deputy Principal at our school. Mrs Diaz has been acting in the role this term.

Congratulations also to Mrs Janet Fitzgerald who has been appointed to the position of Acting Head of Curriculum. Mrs Partridge is taking leave.

Farewell and best wishes to our Head of Special Education (HOSES), Mrs Leticia White who will be taking maternity leave for the remainder of the year. We welcome SEP teacher, Mrs Christie Fox to the position of Acting HOSES.

Congratulations to all our School Councillors and SEAS coaches who were honoured at a special assembly on Tuesday afternoon and received their badges. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend.

Parents please note that SEAS is an acronym for our school rules, which relate to:

S – Safety
A – Achievement
E – Effort
S – Self

Interim Reports Cards will be sent home this week. Parent/Teacher meetings are currently being held and will continue to be scheduled up until 15 May.

Thank you to our small group of enthusiastic, community gardeners who met last week and quickly set to work weeding and mulching our gardens – setting them up for planting after the holidays.

Thank you to our P&C for organising the Disco on Wednesday – it was a terrific end of term event and our students just loved it!

We have already been planning our special commemoration of ANZAC day and some of our activities include:

- Year 5 and 6 students have written essays for the annual ANZAC Day Essay competition sponsored by Member for Currumbin, Jan Stuckey.
- Our Student Leaders – Ambassadors and Community Development have been selected to attend the Dawn Service at Elephant Rock and take part in the “Releasing of the Doves”.
- We are building a “Memorial Wall” in the Resource Centre – each class will paint a “brick”, which will make a wall and each child will place a poppy on their “brick” – similar to the War Memorial in Canberra.
- We are already practising our ANZAC Day Services for Friday 24 April.
- Each student in our school will receive a personalised ANZAC Day Certificate.

In addition, earlier this term, our student leaders created a school message on a special cross given to our school from the Education Department. This cross, and those from other schools, is being taken to Gallipoli and the Western Front by a group of secondary school students.
Our cross, along with a poppy and an Australian flag will be placed on the grave or memorial of the service person we have "adopted": His name is Private Harry Alexander Aberdeen, Western Front, TroisArbres, Grave Reference: 1.S.11.

Best wishes to all our Elanora families for a safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday. School resumes on Monday 20 April.

Warm regards 

Tricia Neate 
Principal

Community ANZAC Events

- Pop-Up Museum: Week of 19th - 23rd April. Offering a FREE rich and powerful experience of education and interactive displays.
- Symbolic Sleepout: Hosted by Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on the eve of ANZAC Day, this event will enable sleeping under the stars with ANZAC - themed entertainment.
- Bottles to Poppies - a large sculpture of red poppies that will cover Elephant Rock for ANZAC week. Poppies are being made from recycled bottles by seniors groups and school children.
- Cenotaph Poster - available for purchase from various outlets to fundraise for Soldier On
- WW1 Commemorative Newspaper - printed as a commemorative souvenir for the Centenary and including stories from local veterans of their experiences at war
- Outdoor Photographic Exhibition - free to public. Large exhibition of approximately 30 images of WW1 installed at Currumbin Beach for the week.

Book Club

Book Club Orders will be arriving and distributed on the first day of term 2. Thank you for your patience.

Janet Fitzgerald
Acting Head of Curriculum

Sport Results

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Sports News

Congratulations to Cody Grainger from year 6 who has been selected in the Oceanic Touch Football team. Well done Cody!!!

One of our Year 6 students, Lucy Garufi, has had a very successful first term in sport. She placed 2nd in the Swim event at the recent Nippers State Titles held at Maroochydore as well as great results in the schools State Swimming Championships where Lucy placed 2nd in the 100m Breaststroke as well as 3rd in the 50m Breastroke finals. This means she will now represent the state at the National Swimming Titles to be held in Adelaide in November. What a great effort! Congratulations and well done Lucy and best of luck for November.

Jared Frazer
PE Teacher
Science

Year Level Focus - Prep - Our Living World

In this unit, students have been learning that living things have basic needs, including food and water. They have used their senses to observe the needs of living things; both animals and plants. They are beginning to understand that observing is an important part of science and that scientists discuss and record their observations. Students have learnt that the survival of all living things is reliant on basic needs being met and there are consequences when needs are not met.

Class of the Week 2/3M

For their enthusiasm during our Science lesson on the effects of heat on dissolving sugar, also for their effort in completing our investigation planner.

Class of the Week 3B

For their enthusiasm, effort and success at creating a cold bag during our Science investigation.

Term 2 Science Units

Prep- Earth & Space Science: Weather Watch  
Year One- Chemical Science: Material Madness  
Year Two- Physical Science: Toy Factory  
Year Three- Chemical Science: What’s the Matter?  
Year Four- Biological Science: Ready, Set, Grow  
Year Five- Earth & Space Science: Our Place in the Solar System  
Year Six- Physical Science: Energy & Electricity

2015 Science Conference and Showcase

Our annual Science Conference will be held at Curumbin Wild life Sanctuary on Thursday 21st May - Term 2 Week 5. Students in Years 5 & 6 who have expressed their interest, as well as teacher selected students from Year 4, will be given more information and permission notes straight after the Easter holidays."

How did you celebrate Earth Hour on Saturday 28th March?

Resource donations needed - Plastic milk bottle tops (rinsed please). Tops can be given to your class teacher or brought directly to the Science room. Thank you very much. This will assist the Year 2 students with an activity in Term 2.

Wishing everyone a happy & safe Easter!

Jeanette Simpkins & Shirley Ashburn  
Elanora Science Co-ordinators

P&C News

On behalf of the P&C we bid a sad farewell to Renee Lipinski from the Tuckshop. Best wishes for your future - an exciting change ahead!

Thank you so very much to all our volunteers in Term 1. It certainly has been a busy one. The new volunteer Sign Up Genius app has been really helpful for us. Check it out next time we have a fundraising event.

All this volunteering .....What’s it for?

Our Easter Raffle and Cadbury Fundraiser is going towards air-conditioning for rooms that do not yet have any. The Disco is going into the pool of funds for Shade Sail, Art supplies, grounds and more.

THE CADBURY® FUNDRAISER CONTINUES NEXT TERM!! EASTER EGG BOXES NEED TO BE SOLD! UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN THURSDAY 2nd APRIL FOR COLLECTION.

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 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

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!

P & C MEETING - WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL - All welcome.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday.

Melanie Allen
P & C Secretary

Our Trip To Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Students in Year 5 recently visited the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Promise and Jacob recount their experiences from the day.

Yesterday was the best day in my entire school life here at Elanora State School I enjoyed seeing and feeding the kangaroos. I loved seeing the baby joey. I also loved seeing the koalas and snakes. There was a cane toad bigger than my hand. We also went to the wildlife hospital and saw a Tassie Devil. We went on the train around the sanctuary.

By Promise M in 5D

Yesterday I went to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and it was awesome. We saw heaps of animals up close and we got to touch them like a snake, a lizard and an echidna. We also got to go up close to an emu that was drinking out of a water fountain. It was so funny. His name was Humphrey. The best this was the cassowary. We had to stay nice and quiet so be didn’t scare it. The fascinating thing was it's claws. They were huge talons! They were massive! We also saw some snakes and my favourite one was the death adder. My favourite animal was the tree kangaroo. Even though I got to feed the kangaroo the tree kangaroo was the best. He was really high in the tree but he was ok. It was such a good day but the best thing was the swirly slide and everyone loved it and that was the day when we went to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

By Jacob A in 5D

PE Extension

This Week in PE Extension Class

On Monday the PE Extension students worked hard in animal walk relays, Flag Tag and repetitions of strenuous exercises in a competitive situation. We discussed the importance of elevating the heart rate during extended periods of exercise to improve personal fitness. This picture was taken at the end of a long, hard hour. Students worked enthusiastically and earned their chance to relax and rehydrate. We will continue classes on Day One of Term 2.

Mrs Penfold
PE Teacher