Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Next week, our students in Years 3 and 5 participate in the National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Our students and teachers have been working hard to prepare for these tests and we are confident that our students will do their very best.

NAPLAN is important in that it provides schools with a benchmark which enables us to compare our results and improvements over time with schools across Australia.

We are particularly interested in tracking the progress of the Year 5 students from their Year 3 NAPLAN achievements two years ago, because that shows how effective our school has added value to student learning.

We are one of the highest performing schools in our Region and have quite aspirational targets for student achievement in this year’s NAPLAN.

Parents, can you please help our students do their best by making sure they have early nights, heartybreakfasts and arrive at school on time in readiness for the tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If students are sick and absent from school during the week, they will sit the tests on Friday.

NAPLAN should not cause students anxiety. They have had several practice tests, are well prepared and have been very positively supported by their teachers.

Now that our Elanora Independent State School School Council has been formally gazetted, we can begin the process of the nomination and election of officers to the Council. At our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 13 May, a returning officer will be appointed who will be responsible for overseeing the election process.

The role of the School Council is to approve and monitor the school’s strategic direction in a way that achieves the best learning outcomes for our students. It’s role is completely separate from the P&C. We will be looking for two parent members and two staff members. More information will be included in the newsletter following the next P&C meeting.

Our Parent Reps met last Thursday and, as usual were very interested in learning about school news and had suggestions for school improvements. They will be consulting class parents about a range of issues including: school disco, report cards by email, Term Curriculum Overviews. Our next Parent Rep meeting will be held on 10 June.

Our Gardening Group and their children met on Tuesday afternoon and had fun planting our seedlings. All those apple cores and fruit scraps put through the compost bins are providing us with excellent soil!

Don’t forget Frosty Fridays are still on – every Friday afternoon from the tuckshop – buy a refreshing ice-block and support our school’s Chaplaincy.

Each month we change our display at Coles. The display boards on the left side of the store near where the trolleys are parked. This month will focus on ANZAC Day and will include some lovely photos of our services and the ANZAC Day march.

Best wishes to all our Elanora Mothers for a very happy Mothers’ Day this Sunday.

Tricia Neate
Principal
Differability Day

DIFFERABILITY DAY
TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2015
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER & SHORT FILM PRESENTATION AT
YEARS 3-6 PARADE 2:15 TO 2:55PM

At Elanora State School
WE CELEBRATE

DIFFERENCE

We acknowledge that each child is unique and we all have different talents and

‘DIFFER ABILITIES’

Different People One School
Together we can work together to celebrate difference

Learning Knows No Bounds
Science

Year Five Focus - Earth & Space Science: Our Place in the Solar System

In this unit students will describe the key features of our solar system including planets and stars. They will discuss scientific developments that have affected people's lives and describe details of contributions to our knowledge of the solar system from a range of people. With guidance, students will conduct investigations to answer questions and solve problems. They will discuss variables to change and measure to conduct fair tests. Students will communicate their ideas in a variety of ways.

Year Three Focus - Chemical Science: What's the Matter?

In this unit, students will understand how a change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat. They will explore the properties of liquids and solids and understand how to identify an object as a solid or a liquid. Students will identify how science is involved in making decisions and how it helps people to understand the effect of their actions. They will evaluate how adding or removing heat affects materials used in everyday life. They will conduct investigations, make predictions, assess safety, record and analyse results. Students will identify that science is involved in describing patterns and relationships in the way solids and liquids behave.

Class of the Week: Week 1 – 3E

For their observations and explanations of the properties of solids and liquids. They co-operated with enthusiasm during our Science Room investigation: ‘Is sand a solid?’

Class of the Week: Week 2 – 5C

For their co-operation and enthusiasm during their Space lesson on the planets in our solar system, comparing size and distance.

2015 Science Conference and Showcase

Our annual Science Conference will be held at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on Thursday 21st May - Term 2 Week 5. Students in Years 5 & 6 and selected Year 4 students have received their permission notes. Payment is due by Friday 15th May. We will continue to have meetings with the students involved over the coming weeks.

Term 2 dates:

Week 3 onwards - Year 6 Science Enrichment lessons with Elanora High School Staff
Week 5 – Science Conference
Weeks 7 & 8 – Wipe Out Waste visits for all classes
Week 7 – Friday 5th June – World Environment Day

Cleaner Greener Elanora

As our focus this term is World Environment Day and Wipe Out Waste, let’s continue to focus our efforts on reducing our daily food waste, which includes food and the packaging it comes in.

DID YOU KNOW?

4-10th May is International Composting Awareness Week: Better Soil, Better Life, Better Future. It is a week of activities to raise awareness of the importance of composting. For further information visit http://www.compostweek.com.au/core/

Science Competition – Though this competition is on in Term 3, now is the time to start thinking and looking at ideas for entries. There will be more information on categories and dates as they come to hand throughout this term.

Jeanette Simpkins & Shirley Ashburn

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A Message From The Clean & Green Committee

Tired of the same lunch box fillers? Looking for something new? Looking for something tasty? Try these delicious, easy to make fillers. They are bite size, easy to handle, and are just as delicious cold as hot. Enjoy!

Lasagna Cupcakes

- 500 grams Mince beef or chicken
- 1 tsp Crushed Garlic
- 1 Brown Onion finely diced
- 420 grams Tomato Soup
- 24 Wonton Wrappers (available in the fresh pasta section of the supermarket or near the filo pastry)
- 1 cup Ricotta Cheese
- 1/2 cup Cheddar Cheese grated
- Canola Oil For Spraying
- Salt And Pepper To Taste

1. Brown the onion and garlic.
2. Add the mince and brown well.
3. Add the tin of tomato soup.
4. Simmer for fifteen minutes or until thickened. Set aside.
5. Spray a twelve hole muffin tin liberally with canola oil.
6. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees.
7. Place a wonton wrapper in each hole and push down to the bottom.
8. Take half of the ricotta cheese and divide it up evenly amongst the 12 holes.
9. Add a little bolognai sauce to every hole on top of the ricotta cheese (not too much!).
10. Take another wonton wrapper and press over the mixture quite firmly - this acts as a lasagna sheet.
11. Repeat the process with the remaining ricotta cheese and bolognai sauce.
12. Top with cheddar cheese and place in the oven for 15 - 20 minute or until cooked and golden.
13. Let the lasagna cool slightly in the pan before removing. Serve hot or cold!

Tortilla Stack

- 500 grams Mince Beef
- 1 tbsp Oil (olive)
- 1 Onion finely chopped
- 150 grams Red Capsicum
- 1 tbsp Garlic crushed
- 2 tbsp Tomato Paste
- 400 grams Kidney Beans
- 6 Tortillas
- 1 cup Cheese grated

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan and cook the onion, garlic and capsicum until tender.
2. Add the mince and cook until well browned.
3. Add the tomato paste, the kidney beans (drained) and a small splash of water to moisten. Simmer for five minutes.
4. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees.
5. Grease a cake tin or springform pan, place one tortilla on the base, spoon the mince mixture over the top, sprinkle with a small amount of cheese, keep repeating until you finish with a tortilla on top.
6. Sprinkle with more cheese and bake in the oven 25 minutes or until golden.
7. Cut into wedges and serve with salad and sour cream.
From The HOC (Head Of Curriculum)

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a free, annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9, and children attending an approved kindergarten program or long day carecentre.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, and we have registered our school to participate. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.

Within the coming weeks, you will receive a letter from your child’s teacher inviting you to encourage your child/children to participate. All students who become involved will receive a Certificate of Participation from the premier of our state, Annastacia Palaszczuk.

Scholastic Book Club

We now have the newly formed Elanora Book Club Action Team which consists of volunteer parents. Please support Katrina Beikoff, Melissa Roots, Kelly Shepherd and Tanni Clancy in their efforts to ensure our students have access to competitively priced books.

Did you know that our school receives rewards for every dollar that you spend with the Book Club? That money enables us to purchase literacy resources for our classrooms, so, please support the Scholastic Book Club.

P-2 Reading Workshop for Parents

Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend yesterday afternoon’s session. We are mindful of the fact that it is extremely difficult for many parents to attend school events due to work.

We looked at what reading looks like in our lower school and Novita Yamin, our ICT Coach, shared some great Literacy Apps for iPads. Below are a few Phonics Apps from Abitalk Incorporated that Novita shared:

Instrumental Music

This week we welcome Mr Tony Paye who is replacing Chanel Worton as the Instrumental Music Teacher.

Tony Paye is an educator and performer who holds degrees from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Education from RMIT. He has taught both classroom and instrumental music in Victoria, South Australia as well as in Queensland. As a performer/conductor he has appeared at such events as the “G'day USA” events in Los Angeles and New York as well as the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. He is currently a PhD candidate at Griffith University.

Robyn Diaz
Deputy Principal
Caring for Kids
dental care

Parents play an important role in establishing their child’s good dental habits from an early age.

Healthy baby teeth are important. They are particularly important in maintaining the correct space for permanent teeth, by guiding them into their correct position. They assist with both the development of clear speech and an attractive smile, which enhances self confidence.

Tips for good dental care at home:

- Begin cleaning teeth with a toothbrush or moist clean soft cloth as soon as teeth appear
- Introduce a thin smear of low fluoride toothpaste after two years of age
- Brush teeth daily to remove plaque (bacteria that forms on teeth) to help prevent cavities and gum disease. Use of fluoride toothpaste protects the tooth surface against decay
- Children under four require adult assistance for effective brushing
- Children from four to nine years should be encouraged to brush their own teeth to develop tooth brushing skills, under adult supervision
- It is especially important to brush teeth at night before bed
- Aim to reduce the number of times children eat sticky/sugary food, especially between meals. Sugar in food reacts with plaque to produce acids which attack the tooth surface leading to tooth decay
- Choose water and plain milk drinks for your child, instead of drinks containing sugar; such as soft drinks, cordial and sports drinks
- Begin dental visits early to prevent minor dental problems from becoming major ones.

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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 schooluniform@elanorass.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

P&C News

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Wed 6th, Thurs 7th, Fri 8th May  8:15am – 11.15am in the P & C ROOM (next to Uniform shop)

Most gifts available to purchase are under $5. This year we have a huge number of treats to choose from thanks to some lovely donations by parents and a selection of giftware from a gift supplier.

Mothers’ Day Stall Timetable

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Mothers’ Day Raffle:

Tickets only 50c or 3 for $1. Buy tickets at the P & C Room until Friday lunch. For all the mums…….Have a wonderful weekend!

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

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their Youthsaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items
To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

Invisible Ink Martian Pen
Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland
Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
P & C Meeting

13th May 6:30pm In the Staffroom. All welcome.

Melanie Allen
P & C Secretary

From the beginning of Term 2 for 10 weeks, just by shopping at Wray Organic market & café you will help raise money for our school. Even the purchase of a cup of coffee in their café will go towards raising money.

Wray Organic is a one stop shop for all your certified organic groceries, fruit & veg. It also has a certified organic café which means all the ingredients really are organic. The café serves clean, tasty food & drinks with lots of dairy free, wheat free & gluten free options.

All you need to do when you shop at Wray Organic is place your receipts in the entry box located at our school or an entry box located in the Wray Organic store. At the end of Term 2 we will tally up the receipts & Wray Organic will present us with a cheque… it’s that easy!

Shopping at Wray Organic Palm Beach benefits our school & also your health!

www.wrayorganicschoolfundraiser.com.au

155 19th Avenue, Palm Beach
P 5576 7111
**Tuckshop News**

Hi again all

Firstly a big shout out to all of the wonderful mothers who have helped out in the tuckshop this week, you're all amazing and your time is much appreciated. Jasmine, Skye, Beth, Genna, Jane and Mary. It really does make a huge difference in the day to day routine we have going in there. Secondly, I had a box of apples donated from one of our families this week and I wanted to say how awesome that was. I made Apple, pear and banana bread, apple and banana muffins, mini Apple pies (kids version) Apple, bran and sultana slice and stewed apple to compliment our morning coffee and cake!

Thank you to all of you who are using flexi schools. We have noticed a huge difference in the mornings. Remember there will be no paper bags by term 3.

I attended my first ever tuckshop meeting on Monday afternoon and much to my surprise I met some very like minded and inspiring ladies changing the direction of there tuckshop menus. We shared ideas, recipes and menus. So keep an eye out on flexi schools for some of the new nutritious dishes that I will be trialling.

Help is always needed. I have a roster happening if you would like to pop in to put your name down.

Have a great week. Eat clean.

Sharyn Dick

Tuckshop convener

**PBC Enrolment Information Evening**

**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! www.pbc-shs.eq.edu.au

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PARENT WORKSHOP
HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS:
Supporting children in their journey to establish and maintain friendships

This half-day workshop aims to establish an understanding of how to assist children to make friends and maintain friendships. The presentation will be delivered with the view of giving parents an insight into how to support children to navigate the world of friendships and weather the highs and lows these types of relationships sometimes create.

TUESDAY 19th May 2015

Presented by:
Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre
16 Third Ave, Palm Beach, QLD

Celebrate 25 years

VIP INVITATION

When - Friday 15th May 2015
Time - 9.30am to 11.30am for Morning Tea & Cake-Cutting.
Showcase of PBNC Services 11:30am to 3pm.
Where - Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre,
16 Third Ave, Palm Beach, Queensland 4221
Ph: 0735 98 1505
R.S.V.P. 1st May 2015
Email: reception@palmbeachnc.org.au
See www.palmbeachnc.org.au