A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2015 school year and congratulations and thanks parents for having your children so ready for school-in full school uniform and on time and ready to learn! Special welcome to all our Prep students and their parents.

We are very proud of the way all our students settled back into the school and class routine. Congratulations to our marvellous teaching and support staff for all their work in getting the school and classrooms ready for Term One.

Our teachers spent three days last week involved in professional development activities relating to implementing our school priorities for the year – with a focus on Writing, Reading, Maths, Student Welfare and developing our understanding of the needs of students with disabilities and learning difficulties.

We are introducing quite a few changes to school activities this year:

- From next week, the bell to commence school will ring 5 minutes earlier and the home bell will also be five minutes earlier. The first bell will ring at 8.45am. This will indicate that students stop playing, go to the toilet and go to class. The second bell will ring at 8.50am which is when classes begin. School will end at 2.55pm.

- All classes will have a daily 10 minute writing challenge from the beginning of the school day.

- We are implementing our “Elanora–Clean and Green” program for 2015- trying to have a greater focus on sustainability and reduce waste. Students will eat in the classrooms, verandas or at designated lunch seats throughout the school. All our students are encouraged to have healthy, nutritious lunches. Any wrapping paper or plastic will be sent home in the students’ lunch boxes. Organic food scraps such as apple cores etc. will be placed in designated buckets and collected each day. Parents please get behind us with this initiative – from the very first day, our cleaning staff have noticed that the school grounds are much cleaner.

- In order to maximise our support for the teaching of Reading and Writing, we have made significant changes to our specialist timetables so that all classes from Prep to Year 4 can have an uninterrupted hour for Literacy from 9-10am and Year 5 and 6 can have theirs from 10 to 11am. We have also made times throughout the week for Numeracy Blocks. Our students will be supported in their classrooms by a team of staff, including Admin, specialist teachers and teacher aides. The team will be called TT – for
Target teaching. This additional support will enable teachers to have students working in groups with a trained adult who can provide explicit teaching and support. Some of the additional teacher aides who will be employed for Literacy Blocks will be paid for from the State Government’s Great Results Guaranteed funding.

These changes will be explained further by our class teachers when they meet with you for our upcoming Parent-Teacher Meetings. Please check the dates below for your meeting day. From the feedback we received last year from our 2014 Parent Reps we are ensuring that each year level meeting is held on a different day and that the meetings are held after school. Parents, these are adult meetings which we want to be as professional and informative as possible for you and we encourage you not to bring your children. If however, you can’t arrange babysitting and have to bring your children, we understand but would ask that you make sure you supervise your children and that they bring along something to do so they can wait quietly during the meeting.

### PARENT TEACHER MEETING SCHEDULE

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Please note that 5G, the V Class will have their meeting on Monday 2 Feb commencing at 5.30pm.

### ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Towards the end of 4th Term, last year, I was advised by Education Queensland that, due to increased student enrolment, our school would become enrolment managed and enrolment would be restricted to students who reside in our catchment area. The catchment area is the geographical area from which our school is to have its core intake of students. The catchment area can be viewed online at [http://gqso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/](http://gqso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/).

Parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol their child will need to demonstrate that the student’s principal place of residence is within the catchment area. Current proof of residency at the address indicated can be provided by one of each of the following:

- One primary source – a current lease agreement, or rates notice or conditional sale agreement and
- One secondary source – a utility bill (e.g. electricity, gas) showing this address and parent’s/legal guardian’s name.
A warm welcome is extended to our new tuckshop convenor, Mrs Sharon Dick, who is also a parent at our school. She would really encourage parents to help support the school by volunteering to work for a few hours each week in the tuckshop.

I look forward to working with you during the year to make our school one of the best primary schools in Australia. Now that we have become an Independent Public School, we are encouraged to show greater initiative, become more entrepreneurial and engage our community more in decisions that relate to school direction. I invite all parents to provide feedback to me on what they see as the positives aspects of our schools and ways that we can provide a better education to our students. Please direct emails to the.principal@elanorass.qld.edu.au

We will send home our Term One Calendar next week.

Warm regards

Tricia Neate
Principal

Expression Of Interest - Teacher Aide Literacy & Numeracy Support Position

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Location: Elanora State Primary School
Duration: 9 February 2015 – 26 June 2015
Classification: Teacher Aide TA2
Hours: 20 hours per week
Days: 9am – 1pm Monday to Friday.

Position Vacant - School Crossing Supervisor

- Casual rates start at $27.49 per hour
- Training provided
- Equal opportunity employer

Ask at school office for an application package. Closing date 13th February 2015.

* All staff are required to undergo a medical and working with children Blue Card check, which will be provided by DTMR.
Cleaner Greener And Rubbish Free In 2015

Thank you to everyone for supporting our initiative of educating our children on creating a sustainable future by going ‘Rubbish Free’. Our aim is to educate our students on the amount of waste food packaging creates and ways we can reduce the costs both economically and environmentally. Here’s a reminder of the amount of waste we produced in a single day back in 2014 - **57 kilograms of rubbish in our outside bins in one day!!** The amount of uneaten food was 53kg alone!

To our new families joining us at Elanora this year...

- **All children are encouraged to bring rubbish free lunches**
- **We provide compost bins and recycling bins. There are general waste bins in our classrooms for emergencies.** Any uneaten food such as sandwiches, cakes and biscuits will be taken home. Our composting system only caters for fruit and vegetable scraps.
- **Rubbish from tuckshop orders will be put back in the paper bag and sent home.**

Our first day on Tuesday was a huge success! Our cleaners reported a definite reduction in the amount of rubbish they had to pick up around the school grounds. It was such a delight to see our message resonating with the children, there were so many nude and healthy lunch boxes to be seen!!

Keep your eye out in next weeks newsletter and on our facebook page for ‘Lunchbox Tip of the Week’ and the date and time of an information session for parents will be confirmed.

Yours in sustainability and healthy eating,

The Cleaner Greener Committee

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**Uniform Shop News**

**New Sports Shirt for Grade 5 and 6**

A new sports shirt has been introduced this year for Friday Sport. The shirt will be worn by students every Friday regardless of which sport they choose to participate in. The shirts are now available for purchase from the uniform shop and cost $38.00.

For all grade 5 students this will be a compulsory purchase; however for grade 6 students this will be optional. Any questions please email schooluniform@elanorass.eq.edu.au or see Fiona or Leah in the Uniform Shop. Thank you

**Fiona Steele**

Uniform Shop Convenor
**District Swimming**

Any new students to the school have the opportunity to try out for the Elanora District Swimming team. The selection trials were held at the end of 2014. Can I ask any new students that would like to be eligible for the team submit paper times for their chosen events by Wednesday of week 2. A team will be announced by Friday of week 2. All paper nominations can be submitted to Mr Frazer in the PE office.

**P&C News**

Welcome back everyone and hello to all the newcomers!

**STUDENT BANKING**

Account opening day on FRIDAY 30 January 8:15 - 9:30am and 2:30 – 3:15pm. Middle of Prep area.

If you would like your child to start student banking bring your photo ID with you and we will fill in paperwork, give your child their Dollarmite bank book and all information required to start.

Student banking will start again on Tuesday 3 Feb. Remember to bring your Dollarmite Account books to class and place in the Grey CBA satchel that your teacher will have.

There are more prizes to be won this year and of course more reward gifts for regular banking. During 4th Term last year the CBA Dollarmite Banking had a competition of various prizes for regular banking. Ryley Griffiths was lucky enough to have his name drawn to win a Slip n Slide. I bet he had heaps of fun with it over the holidays.

The P & C would like to welcome Sharon Dick as the new Tuck Shop convener. Thank you to Liz Ellerby who has been with us for the last 7 years. We wish her the best for the future.

Regards

Melanie Allen
P&C

**Tuckshop News**

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Sharyn and I have taken on the role as Elanora state school tuckshopconvenor. I have a background in the catering industry, am passionate about good food, I have 2 children attending Elanora State School and am super excited to be planning and preparing your children's meals!

Elanora State School is committed to having a healthy and nutritious menu that meet the requirements of the Smart School Choices Strategy that is currently mandatory in all QLD schools.

I am planning a new menu which will be available during the middle of this term. I will be promoting healthier food and drink choices, adding new and more nutritious recipes including home cooked gluten-free and vegetarian options, crustless quiches, salad wraps and sushi.

Therefore I would also like to take this opportunity to convey the importance of having help in the tuckshop. Volunteers are a valuable resource in the running of the school tuckshop. I would appreciate and welcome your time even if it is for a half hour before school. There are many benefits of volunteering in the tuckshop:

- contributing to the school community and to the health of our students
- making new friends
- learning new skills
- getting fit!!!

I am offering a free booty camp session on a Wednesday afternoon at 3.15pm to all of my volunteers. This will be for all ages, all fitness levels and children are welcome to either join in or play nearby on the oval. It will run for 40 minutes starting on Wednesday 5th February at 3.15pm. Please meet at the tuckshop.

Please come and see me if your child has any special dietary requirements or would like to contribute your ideas for the new menu.

Finally just a reminder of a few things:

We are serving breakfast on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.15am. A menu will be displayed in the tuckshop.

Fruit smoothies made with organic yoghurt and local honey - $4
Wholemeal raisin toast - $1
Pikelets - 30c
Organic yoghurt with muesli - $4
Whole meal muffins with scrambled egg, chives and ham - $4

Flexi schools is online ordering made simple (ask me if unsure). Look out for the daily home bake specials. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to meeting some new faces.

**Sharyn Dick**
Tuckshop Convenor

**Frosty Fridays**

Frosty Fridays are back from the Friday 30 January
Community Notices

CURRUMBIN EAGLES JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN ON
When: Saturday 31st January 2015
Where: 26 Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters
Time: 10am – 4pm

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Children First Program – for students who have experienced divorce or separation in their families.
- Six week duration – 2 hours per week (in place of regular class program)
- Small group – maximum 6 students of similar age
- Program designed by counsellors from Centacare Family and Community Services – please call Centacare on 07 5527 7211 if you require more details about this program
- Location: Elanora State School PAC (Conference Room)
- Dates – Term 1 Week 3 to Week 8
- This course is provided free of charge for students at Elanora State School
- Limited placements available

If your child has experienced divorce or separation in your family and you would like them to attend this program, please register your interest no later than Friday 6 February.

by Contacting Karen Greenwood, Student Welfare Teacher kgreen@ec.qld.edu.au | telephone 55399222.

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CENTACARE is conducting a
TRIPLE P
POSITIVE PARENTING GROUP PROGRAM

TO BE HELD AT: UPPER COOMERA
COMMUNITY CENTRE
90 RESERVE ROAD
UPPER COOMERA

DATES: MONDAYS (FOR 6 WEEKS)
START 16 FEBRUARY 2015

TIME: 9:30AM-11:30AM

COST: $25 INDIVIDUALS (ONE OFF PAYMENT)
$30 COUPLES (ONE OFF PAYMENT)

THIS GROUP IS FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN
THE AGE RANGE OF 2—10 YEARS OLD

For more information or to register for this program please phone

(07) 5527 7211