

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, through student fundraising for both the Leukaemia and Breast Cancer Foundations, I was delighted to see so many students supporting these worthy causes.

On Friday Year 12 students sitting the Queensland Core Skills Test attended a full day inservice to better prepare them for the 'Short Response' Writing Paper in the QCS Test that they will sit in September 2009. The seminar is being run by 'Mighty Minds' who have expert knowledge in this area. Further practice sessions will be held to ensure that Year 12 students will perform at their best in the Tests.

I would urge parents to please discourage their child from visiting the Saffron Street Shops immediately before and after school. I will write to the proprietors of the five shops seeking their support as well. Large groups of students at these premises are not desirable, and proprietors have said that they discourage their patrons from visiting at these times.



Learning at home is too often an under-appreciated element of education success. A good home learning environment can make a huge difference to the experience of schooling. Whilst this appears an easier task

for students in primary school, the important role of parents in supporting their secondary school student through fostering routine habits and a quiet learning time at home cannot be underestimated.

With Term 1 exams fast approaching I encourage you to discuss these arrangements with your student.

Till next week, best wishes

Jim Baker, Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Indigenous Constitutional Convention

On Friday 27 February Ethan Ziebarth represented Elanora SHS at the Indigenous Constitutional Convention at Parliament House. The theme of the day was "Should Australia be a Republic or a Constitutional Monarchy?". Students from over 40 different schools heard from the National Chair for the Australian Republican Movement, Mike Keating, and then conversely from Malcolm Badgery from Australians for Constitutional Monarchy. Students had the opportunity to vote on a number of different issues centred around the theme and looked at various international Republican models. The concept was to expose students to democracy in action.

Nominating students vied for one of two places on the state team to travel to Canberra and as such were required to provide a 3 minute speech to the audience of students, elders, teachers and parents on one of the positions of the debate. Ethan spoke for Elanora and presented a number of convincing and well-researched arguments. Unfortunately he was not successful in gaining selection but he represented himself and the school articulately and with pride. It was a wonderful opportunity for indigenous students and it is one that will enable Ethan to help mentor our candidate for the 2010 convention.

Uniform

Staff at Elanora SHS encourage students to wear their school uniform with pride, as wearing the uniform correctly and neatly helps prepare students for the work place and also helps the reputation of the school in the community. One of the things that distracts from a neat and tidy appearance is the tendency for girls in particular, to wear their shirts with their sleeves rolled up. This is not a professional look and not how the uniform is intended to be worn. We ask parents for support to ensure that students wear the uniform as designed and that is with sleeves rolled down and likewise with shorts. The only form of acceptable shorts are the school shorts. Rugby shorts are not to be worn at any time. Thank you for your co-operation with this. It is in everyone's best interest when the uniform is worn correctly.

Kym Dickinson, Deputy Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council has been busy at work this week.

Last Wednesday during assembly, 'Shave for Cure' took place. Teachers and students from various year levels bravely had their hair coloured and shaved in an effort to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Lots of money was raised for cancer research. A huge congratulations to all students and staff who participated in this event.



Also, a big thank you to past student Jemma Rangeley, now an apprentice as well as stylists from Just Cuts, Stocklands, Burleigh who generously gave up their time to help shave and colour hair on the day.

On Thursday, a free dress day was held to raise money for the Breast Cancer Foundation. The theme of the free dress day was 'Pink'. Students were encouraged to wear one item of pink coloured clothing. The day was a huge success with lots of money being raised. Thank you to everyone who participated.

One of our coming events will be the 'Biggest Morning Tea' which will be held in Term 2. Information will be given out closer to the date.

Corina Barnwell and Georgia Dal Broi
Student Council Presidents

FROM THE INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER

Information Night – Warner Village Theme Parks –

An Information Night for school-based traineeships will be held on Tuesday 17 March at 6.00pm at Sea World. Any student wishing to attend should phone 5588 2277 to register.

Blue Card –

Queensland Workplace Health and Safety laws require all persons working on a construction site to have a Blue Card. Any student interested in completing this General Safety Induction (Construction Industry) course at school must pay at the Cashier's office and a date will be set when 20 or more students have paid. Cost is \$45.00.

13 March 2008

Brisbane Post School Options Expo for Students with Disabilities and Special Needs –

This Expo will provide students, families and carers the opportunity to gather information from a wide variety of service providers and training organisations, including TAFE, government and non-government agencies for opportunities for students when their schooling has finished. The Expo is on Wednesday 29 April between 9.00am and 3.00pm at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank. Entry is \$2.

For further information on any of the above please see Jan Hargrave in G Block.

LEAGUE FOR LIFE

This year Elanora has started a new League for Life class with 27 boys. I am pleased to report that the boys are working hard both on and off the field.

On the field the boys have been playing well as a team, beating Benowa High 32-0 and just going down 16-12 to Robina in the last 2 minutes. (Unfortunately the video referee was on holidays.) Best players have been Jerram Utai, Jed McIntosh and Brandon Dietrich.



Off the field, the boys are averaging 90% attendance and have registered minimal RTC referrals. I recently shaved my head as part of 'Shave for a Cure' and the boys were given the task of seeking sponsorship. Together we have achieved an outstanding amount of sponsorship which will now be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation. Our current total is \$805 with both Rhys Alexiou and Jaiden Ratcliff collecting more than \$200 each. Well done boys!

We would like to thank everyone within the school and community who have donated so generously.

Darren McSwaine, League for Life Co-ordinator

If you have not received the information pack and consent forms it may be advisable to contact the council directly to ensure the consent is returned in time for your child to be immunised at school on the 20th. The GCCC Immunisation phone number is 5581 6709.

On Friday morning it is essential that all students have a good breakfast, bring a water bottle to school and bring food and snacks as they may not be able to attend the tuck shop at the usual times.

It is advisable that students do not bring any non essential or valuable items to school on Friday as it is not safe to take bags etc into the Immunisation and Recovery areas.

Jackie Atkinson, School Based Youth Health Nurse

Usual days: Thursday, Friday and second Wednesdays
Rm: D7 - D8 Ph: 0432 00 5265 email: jatki89@eq.edu.au

Head Lice are again present in the community. Head lice are a regular occurrence in schools in all age groups, including senior students. All parents / carers are therefore advised to check their students and family members' hair for lice / eggs as soon as possible as no one with head lice can attend school or childcare until they are being properly treated.

BRAIN BOOSTERS! **LITERACY AND NUMERACY MAKING LEARNING FUN!**

Watch this space every week for the answers and another brain booster

Alphabet Challenge

Q Use all twenty-six letters of the alphabet to complete the following eleven words, but use each letter only once in the course of this puzzle. To keep track of which letters you use, cross off the letters:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R
S T U V W X Y Z

__ a __ z; __ u i e __; __ u __ c a;
e __ t r __; __ i o __ n; __ a __ f u l;
__ r o __; __ e __ a t; __ a l a;
__ o l a __; __ o r c __ p i n e

DATES TO REMEMBER
Wednesday 18 March –
P&C Annual General Meeting
Friday 20 March –
Immunisations for Years 8 and 10
Monday 30 March – Friday 3 April –
Heron Island Trip
Thursday 9 April –
Last Day of Term 1



P&C

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 18 March at 5.30pm in the school Administration

Building. Everyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments available.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

Immunisations Friday 20 March -

Next Friday, 20 March, the GCCC will be offering Immunisations at school to those students in Years 8 and 10 who have completed consent forms and posted them back to the Council in the free post envelope.

All Year 8 students will be offered Hepatitis B vaccination (two injections) and Varicella (Chicken Pox) - one injection if not yet 14.

Year 8 girls will also be offered HPV (Gardasil) that helps reduce the risk of Cervical Cancer (three injections).

All Year 10 students will be offered DpTA, a single injection which boosts immunity to three diseases; diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough.