

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I am pleased to announce the election of the following members of the Elanora State High School P&C Executive following their Annual General Meeting last week.

President Paul Kerwick
Vice-Presidents Kym Dickinson, Shirley Booth
Hon. Secretary Laura Veitch
Hon. Treasurer Marion Commandeur

The P&C have supported the idea of a fortnightly E School Newsletter to replace the weekly hard copy. There are many benefits including reduction of the School's carbon footprint by significantly reducing the number of paper newsletters. The number of paper newsletters will be reduced as more parents subscribe to receiving the E Newsletter. Families will receive an email reminding them that the new school newsletter has been uploaded to the school website. Please let me know if you have any concerns with our school moving in this direction.

As you may be aware, I am keen to ensure that Elanora State High School remains a uniform school in accordance with the current school position that was reaffirmed by the Parents & Citizens Association last week. I will be asking all staff to enforce the expectations as outlined in the Student Diary and of particular importance will be the school's position regarding jewellery and make up which is as follows –

Jewellery – students may wear a watch and one flat ring, students with pierced ears may wear gold or silver studs or sleepers. Any facial piercings must be clear.

Make up – make up and coloured finger nail polish are not permitted.

The Education (General Provisions Act) at 2006 allows schools with Dress Codes, like Elanora State High School to impose an after school detention (30 minutes) for a student who breaches the Dress Code on each day the breach occurs. This consequence will commence from Monday 30 March 2009.

I seek your full support in reminding your student of the school's position and once again, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have concerns regarding this matter.

Regards,

Jim Baker
Principal

ANOTHER SOSE SUCCESS!

The year has started with a bang for the SOSE Department at Elanora High! On the 28 February to 4 March, twenty eager students, accompanied by Miss Davies and Mr Hogan took in the sights and sounds of key cultural and historical sites around Melbourne and Ballarat.



Students were engaged in many different educational experiences and cultural activities



including Italian cuisine and entertainment at Lygon St, the amazing displays at the Melbourne Museum, viewing the city from the tallest building and experiencing life on the glass edge of the building,

entering the Old Melbourne Gaol that is full of interesting stories, re-enacting the court case of the last woman that was hung in Australia, talking with Holocaust survivors, mining for gold at Sovereign Hill, dressing up as ladies and gentlemen, learning about life in the Gold Rush era, entering the medieval Kryal Castle, learning how to cure the plague and re-enacting the court cases during the Eureka period!



Not to be forgotten were the bargains and fresh produce at the Victorian Markets (and some interesting smells in the seafood pavilion!), the multicultural shopping experiences in the city of Melbourne, the exotic foods of China Town, viewing "Blood on the Southern Cross", meeting interesting people and using trams for public transport.

In the not so distant future, look out for the Medieval KUBB Club, playing between B and C Blocks.

Congratulations are extended to all students who attended this tour for their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm. This was commented on by numerous tour guides we encountered along the way. These students were a credit to our school!

We hope that Elanora students continue to show an interest in supporting the Australian History Tour, as both students and staff found it to be a most enjoyable and educational experience.

Watch out for our next major SOSE tour where we will travel to Canberra for ANZAC week in 2010!

Julianne Davies, HOD – SOSE and
Glen Hogan, Supervising Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Heleena Ethell who recently competed in the Australian Canoeing 2009 Junior Sprint Kayak Team. Heleena was placed 2nd in the K4 200 metres event and has now been chosen in the team to compete at the Junior World Championships in Moscow from 31 July to 2 August.

We congratulate Heleena and wish her all the best for the World Championships.

NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER

Traineeships currently available include –

- Cert III Hospitality Palm Beach, Surfers and Burleigh Heads
- Cert II Salon Operations at Carrara
- Cert III Multi Media at Varsity Lakes
- Cert II/III Retail at Burleigh Heads
- Cert II Warehousing at Bundall and Tweed Heads

Full time positions available –

- Cert III Business Admin at Ashmore
- 1st Year Automotive at Southport
- 1st Year Chef at Chevron Island

Expo – Gold Coast Job Matching Expo –

Gold Coast City Council in partnership with leading employment agencies invites you and your friends to this expo. Job seekers to be matched with job opportunities and free seminars on resume writing and interview techniques. The Expo will be held on 30 March 2009 from 9.00am – 2.00pm at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Courses –

Beauty Therapy Training Australia at Shop 7 Airport Central, Coolangatta has several certificate courses on offer.

Reminders –

HIA Blue Card Course – to be held at school – date to be advised (must have 20 students before the course can go ahead).

Brisbane Post School Options Expo – will be held on 29 April 2009.

Please contact Jan Hargrave in G Block for further information on any of the above.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 30 March – Friday 3 April –

Heron Island Trip

Thursday 9 April –

Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 21 April –

Students Return for Start of Term 2

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

EF High School Year Overseas –

An Information Evening will be held on Saturday 28 March from 10.00am – 11.00am at the Burleigh Heads Library for students interested in an International Student Exchange. Please call 1800 241 866 or email highschoolyear.au@ef.com for further details or to register your attendance.

‘STUDY WITH QANTM FOR A DAY’ –

Qantm College is offering **one free** pass to a Year 12 student to participate in their ‘Study with Qantm for a Day’ program. This innovative program is open to Year 12 students who are interested in studying creative digital media – games programming, animation, games design, interactive digital media, graphic design and digital video production. The day will be held on 18 April at their Brisbane Campus. Please see the GO if interested.



LITERACY AND NUMERACY MAKING LEARNING FUN!

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

A Answers for week ending 13/03/09

1. jazz
2. quiet
3. yucca
4. extra
5. violin
6. bashful
7. grown
8. defeat
9. koala
10. molar
11. porcupine

Five 8s = One 9

Q Arrange five 8s so that they equal 9. You may not use a plus or minus sign.

Q Logic: Athletes in Place

Five athletes were returning from a cross-country race. Athlete C placed third, and athlete E placed second. From the following information, can you tell how athletes A, B, and D were placed in the race? Athlete A was not last. Athlete A came in after E. Athlete D was not first.

Watch this space next week for the solutions!

Community Notices

Anaphylaxis & Allergy Seminar –

This seminar will be held on Monday 30 March from 6.30pm – 9.30pm at the Academy for Health Sciences, Lecture Theatre, Edmund Rice Drive, Southport. It will provide useful information about the management of severe allergy and anaphylaxis – what is food allergy – how to recognise and treat a reaction including EpiPen demonstration – management in the home, childcare and school community. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information and bookings phone 02 9482 5988 or email coordinator@allergyfacts.org.au