

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2 which is 10 weeks or 48 school days. It is a very busy Term as it is traditionally the time when we implement many school initiatives that were planned for this year, and would you believe, we start making plans for 2010.

NAPLAN

As you may be aware, our Year 9 students will sit the all important tests under the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy, otherwise known as the NAPLAN Tests from 12 – 14 May.



These tests will benchmark our students' performance in Literacy and Numeracy against their peers in Queensland and across Australia.

The tests will cover Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. If you believe your child will be absent on any of these days please contact the school.

REPORTS

All Term 1 Reports should be ready for distribution at the end of next week. I am aware that past practice has been to give these Reports to students, however, I believe your student's Report is so important that they will be mailed directly to you by 5 May 2009.

Please ensure that we have your correct mailing address to ensure that you receive the original copy of the Report.

I encourage you to accept the invitation to meet with teachers at our Parent/Student/Teacher Reporting Evening from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on Thursday 7 May 2009.

This interview should be attended by your student as it is their Report not yours.

ABSENCES

It is very important that parents of senior students understand the difference between 'Approved' and 'Unapproved' absences. These definitions are defined by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA), who as you know generate the Senior Education Certificate that is posted directly to students from their Brisbane headquarters in December at the end of Year 12.

'Approved' absences are only those approved by a Medical Officer e.g. Doctor, Orthodontist, Dentist etc. or the Principal who approves school related absences such as School-based Traineeships, Apprenticeships, representative sport, excursions etc.

All other absences are 'Unapproved' in their eyes.

Parents can explain by way of a note or phone call an 'Unapproved' absence.

The serious implication is that a student must meet course requirements of a senior subject, irrespective of their grade, and this means that they are allowed fifteen 'Unapproved' absences per year.

Students who exceed this limit may be issued with a 'Show Cause' letter.

Please don't hesitate to contact Gary Dawes, Deputy Principal or myself if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

IN MEMORY

It is with much regret that I inform you of the death of another long-serving teaching staff member. Mr Endre Hencz passed away during the recent Easter Vacation.

Mr Hencz was appointed to Elanora High at the beginning of 1992 as a Manual Arts teacher. In recent years he has suffered a number of health problems forcing him to take extended leave on a number of occasions.

He will be missed by his teaching colleagues as well as by many past and present students.

He was happily married and the proud father of three sons. We offer our sincere condolences to his family.

Till next week, best wishes

Jim Baker, Principal

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY 27 APRIL IS NOT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY – SCHOOL WILL OPERATE AS USUAL.


2010 ACE INFORMATION EVENING

Elanora State High School will hold an information afternoon / evening on Tuesday 19 May from 5.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre for parents and students interested in entering the 2010 ACE class. The Elanora High ACE class is designed to be an accelerated class of excellence.

At the information session parents and students will have an opportunity to:

- view showcased work from the current ACE class
- talk to current ACE teachers
- look at the proposed 2010 program
- hear about the laptop program
- hear about extra curricular activities including the international program
- understand the program entrance requirements and expectations
- be aware of scholarship opportunities for academic, arts and sport areas
- hear about the strong emotional and social welfare program
- ask questions
- interact with Heads of Department and staff.

ACE and Scholarship applications will close on 5 June. Applications will be available from Monday 18 May from the Elanora High Administration Office on 55339299. Enquiries about the program can be directed to Kym Dickinson, Deputy Principal Elanora SHS on 55339299.

Kym Dickinson, Deputy Principal

**QUEENSLAND
CORE SKILLS TEST -
1 & 2 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Applications are called for the position of Chief Community Representative for this year's Queensland Core Skills Test. An application package may be obtained from the school's front office.

Maureen Romanet, Chief Supervisor

**FROM THE INDUSTRY LIAISON
OFFICER**

Work Experience with the Queensland Police Service for 2009 – Any student wishing to participate in the work experience placements with the Queensland Police Service Gold Coast District are to submit an application by Friday 1 May 2009. Placements are for one week only during July. Placements will be in areas such as District Crime Prevention, Police Youth Clubs, Gold Coast Water Police, Police Prosecution Corps and Police Beat Shopfronts. For safety reasons, students will not be offered work in operational policing situations.

Please see Jan Hargrave in G Block for further information.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

We are very pleased to inform you that we are now selling the Entertainment Book 2009/10. They are a brilliant way to save money on hundreds of different activities, restaurants, cafes, cinema, sporting events, holidays etc both on the Gold Coast and beyond. Buy one book for \$50 and save thousands of dollars over the coming year.

For every book we sell, we are able to give \$10 to the school's League for Life Program, so the school benefits as well as you. They are being sold at the Uniform Shop.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free workshop: Parents Helping Their Children at Home with Organisation and Technology! By Speld Qld Inc.



Do you have a child who is articulate, intelligent and outgoing but just can't master the skill of reading, spelling, writing and comprehension? Come along to this workshop and find out how using technology can 'level the playing field' for your child in terms of academic achievement. Speld Qld Inc. is a non profit organisation dedicated to helping children and adults who have a specific learning difficulty or learning disability. This workshop is part of our direct service agreement with Education Queensland.

Where: Mudgeeraba State School, Old Coach Road, Mudgeeraba
When: Wednesday 27 May
Time: 12.00 – 2.30p.m (Registration From 11.45am)
Bookings Essential: Call Speld Qld Inc 33942566 or 1800671114 (outside Brisbane) or email: speld@speld.org.au or www.speld.org.au

2009 Gold Coast Airport Marathon –
Enter the Gold Coast Airport Marathon to be held on Sunday 5 July. There will be the Gold Coast Airport Marathon over 42.195km, the Asics Half Marathon, Southern Cross University 10km Run, the new Gold Coast Bulletin 5km Run/Walk and Queensland Health Junior Dash races for the kids over 4km and 2.25km. Visit www.goldcoastmarathon.com.au for more information and entry details.



**LITERACY AND NUMERACY
MAKING LEARNING FUN!**

Answers for week ending 03/04/09

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a. $3 \times 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 5$
b. $4 \ 4 \ 4 \ 4 = 5$
c. $5 \ 5 \ 5 \ 5 = 5$

A TOURNAMENT
Solve these

Q Spatial Awareness
Cups Up

Take three paper cups and put them in a row. Turn the first and third cups upside down, but leave the middle cup right side up. Your task is to get all the cups right side up, but you must follow these rules:

You have only three moves. For each move, you must turn over two cups at a time—never one at a time.

Q Lost in the Translation

"Translate" these groups of words so that they make sense. It will be a familiar sentence or an expression. Use the arrangement of the words as a clue. Add in punctuation, capitals and grammar.

Example: the sky cast today **Answer –** The sky is overcast today.

Your Turn!

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- sit down ME 7.DON'T STAY your welcome

Watch this space next week for the solutions!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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- Tuesday 28 April -**
ACE Showcase Evening
- Friday 1 May –**
School Cross Country
- Monday 4 May –**
Public Holiday (Labour Day)
- Wednesday 6 May –**
Brainstorm Production for Year 10
- Thursday 7 May –**
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 12 May –**
NAPLAN Tests
Year 8 Course Selection Evening
- Wednesday 13 May –**
NAPLAN Tests
- Thursday 14 May –**
NAPLAN Tests
- Friday 15 May –**
Morning Crew Free Breakfast