Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Independence - Successful choices - Conscious use of reading and comprehension strategies - Self-reflection - Individual and small group reading goals - Increase in reading and writing stamina - Student growth in reading and comprehension levels

In 2015, Elizabeth Grove PS embarked on a very exciting journey to specifically target above learning outcomes of our students through whole-school implementation of Daily 5 and Guided Reading as permanent features of our literacy lessons. In Guided Reading the teacher works with a small group of students who use similar reading processes and are able to read similar levels of texts with support. Guided reading involves ongoing observation and assessment that inform the teacher’s interactions with individuals in the group and help the teacher select appropriate texts.

Daily 5:

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<td>The best way to become a better reader is to practice each day, with chosen books on just-right reading level. It soon becomes a habit.</td>
<td>Allows for time to practice strategies, helping students work on fluency and expression, checking for understanding, hearing their own voice, and sharing in the learning community.</td>
<td>Just like reading, the best way to become a better writer is to practice writing each day.</td>
<td>Students hear examples of good literature and fluent reading. They learn more words, thus expand their vocabulary and become better readers.</td>
<td>Correct spelling allows for more fluent writing, thus speeding up the ability to write and get thinking down on paper. This is an essential foundation for writing.</td>
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Through the implementation of guided reading and Daily 5, all middle and upper primary students read to an adult, either classroom teacher or literacy support at least once a week, whilst all our junior primary students read to an adult on a daily basis. There has been positive feedback from teachers regarding an increase in students reading stamina and independence levels during Literacy time, as well as an increase in student comprehension levels and use of reading and comprehension strategies taught in guided reading.

Kind regards
Sonja Blazevic

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**Upcoming Events**

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**On Parent Noticeboard**

Woolworths Pre-employment Program running for 4 weeks from 31st August 2015.
Circus Gig Platformers Roll up and learn some deadly new circus tricks!
FREE fun weekly activity for children 8-11 years old
Tuesday 11th August—December from 4pm – 5:15pm

**School Fees**

If you have not paid your School Fees, please do so now or make arrangements with the Office to pay them off in instalments.
For year 6/7 parents, if you have not completed paying your fees then you will need to pay for Aquatics in week 8. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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Our buddy classes worked together to make our very own koinobori (carp) for Multicultural Day. We used tissue paper to decorate the scales of the fish and then we coloured them in. It was a fun art activity that we enjoyed.

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Room 5
and our Room 21 Buddies
It's been a chilly couple of weeks but despite this, the children have still been quite keen to play outside. With so much exploring to do outdoors, who could blame them! The children from both the Preschool and Occasional Care have been enjoying some back to basics fun, digging around in the sandpit for bottle tops, pebble and shell 'Treasures' as well as in the digging pit, designing roads and construction sites with trucks, loaders and diggers. It's wonderful to see the children's imaginations in full flight as they construct imaginary settings and stories for their play.

Children learn through play and at the Elizabeth Grove Children's Centre we support this learning by encouraging children to explore their surroundings, listen to each other's ideas and take part in discussions about activities and experiences they would like to try. The children work so well together to share their ideas, how they think their idea should look, what materials they need to see their idea come to fruition and how other children can be involved in their idea.

We recently had a visit from the Police at the Children's Centre. This is very important as it gives the Police the opportunity to re-enforce the importance of safety and the role they play in the community to ensure that we are all kept safe. The children enjoyed a group time where they were able to speak to the Police Constable about their role and they were able to remind the children about when to dial 000 and how to stay safe. The best part of all was when the children were able to go outside and have a look at the police car. We heard the sirens and saw the flashing lights, and were able to sit in the car while we had a closer look. We learned that Police have to carry a lot of different equipment with them while they are working.

Little Athletics SA had the privilege of attending your child’s school in 2015. The children learnt about the different track & field events at Little Athletics, whilst having loads of fun.

The LAPS Competition is provided for NEW interested participants. Parents submit their child/ren's interest with the intention to possibly register with a local Little Athletics Centre in the 2015/2016 season.

Please visit www.sala.org.au and click the big LAPS Competition button in the top right to register for the chance to win:

4 x Jetstar Airfares to and from the Gold Coast

Don't forget to collect Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths when you shop. You receive 1 sticker for every $10 you spend. You can either place them in the box at Woolworths at Elizabeth or bring them in to the school. This continues until the 8th September.

School Footy

The boys played Trinity Saturday and ran out winners 25-13 (163) to 2-3 (15). It was a solid effort by all. There was some great sportsmanship on display as we rotated players each quarter to Trinity to even up the numbers. Caleb took care of the coaches board and gave players a good variety of positional changes throughout the game.