



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2014

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

For Alpha SS, at time of issue for this newsletter, there will be less than 6 learning weeks left for the term and 2014. Attendance during this time is vital right until Friday end of term. Every minute in class counts for learning.

Well done to all our work experience students. Each student had an excellent report from their employer. The students have reinforced the school's reputation with employers and helped future students get placement through their demonstrated hard work.

Great week at Fairbairn Dam with the students engaging really well with Leadership Camp. The benefits on return will be evident in students' ability to engage learning and get along with others. The camp has a positive impact for Alpha SS.

Y2/3/4s are going on camp this week Wednesday to Friday to Wanpa-rda with Alycce Wilson and Kerry Gray. The students will be involved in a variety of activities and have plenty of fun.

Curriculum and the classroom

Students in years 5-10 will be back in the classroom learning. There will be a focus weekly on writing in class. This focus will continue into 2015.

Behaviour expectations

This week our staff will have a focus on ensuring students transitioning smoothly from class-to-class and to and from the playground. The students have been doing really well on the oval and we are looking to continue this good run

until the end of term.

We will still be working on students engaging in positive body language until the end of term.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please see me for any issues or great news stories.

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Kind regards

Pete Stansfield

A bite of Prep/1's Fortnight

Hi Everyone,

Only 6 weeks left of Term 4! From now on in as we start practising for Speech Night and finishing units/assessment tasks/reporting we need to prepare for a very busy few weeks ahead.

This week, the Prep One's have decided on a song to perform for speech night and they have also chosen their book (from book fair) that will be presented to them on the night. It is safe to say that they are very excited! In regards to Speech Night costumes for their performance, students will be creating a reindeer mask and will be dressing up in red/green or Christmas themed clothes. If you have any Christmas outfits at home, that you would like your child to wear, please send them into school for practices. If your child has a 'special' outfit they would like to wear to receive their award, they may change into this after their performance. At this stage Speech Night will be held on Wednesday night of Week 8 (26th Nov), in the BER building 😊

From Week 5 or 6 until the end of the term, I have made the decision to combine the Prep One class as a true multi-age for Math and English. The reasons for this are to prepare students for future years of multi-age and also to allow our teacher aide to work intensively with those students who are needing extension and also those needing support during this time. As a result of the amazing support from parents, the hard work of students in class time and the dedication of our classroom aides and staff, many of our students are hitting benchmarks above their current year level. I would very much like to see this continue and thank you to everyone who has made this possible. As I tell everyone, in my view Alpha is the best school in Central Queensland 😊

Homework Club will be held from 3.05-4.00 pm on Monday afternoon's. Please remember to bring along a plate of food to share. This term we will be in the 2/3/4 classroom for homework club.

Thankyou to those who have brought in glue supplies to the classroom. We are steadily increasing our supply and I am sure that this will last us until the end of term. Unfortunately we do have some students who like to 'taste test' the glue. If you get the opportunity, please speak to your child about the correct use for equipment. Much appreciated 😊

I hope everyone has a wonderful fortnight.
Miss Priddle

Year 2/3/4 Kapers

Hello parents,

It's time for an update from the 2/3/4 room.

In the classroom

Over the past two weeks we have been looking at part-part-part-whole relationships by adding three numbers together to reach an answer to a problem, as well as fact families with multiplication and division. The 2/3/4 students have now all completed their first maths assessment for the term. The grade 2's focussing on addition and subtraction word problems, the grade 3's had multiplication problems, and the grade 4's had data collection and recording questions. Currently all of the students are in the drafting phase of their first English assessment for the term, which is a persuasive letter to Mr Willy Wonka.

Other updates

Tomorrow, as you know, is the 2/3/4 camp to Wanpa-rda Outback Education Centre. **Can all parents please send in morning tea for your own child, rather than a shared morning tea . Lunch will be provided on arrival in Barcaldine.** We will be leaving after morning tea on Wednesday, so it only needs to be enough for the one break. If your child is not coming on camp, they will need to bring their lunchboxes as usual. When your child comes to school tomorrow, they do not need to be in school uniform even though we are leaving at morning tea. They should be in their camp clothes, and bring their bags straight to the classroom.

If at any time you need to contact us while we are on camp, please feel free to call my mobile on 0459 617 770.

Regards,
Alycce Wilson.

SEVEN/EIGHTS

Well finally we are all back at school and hopefully ready to finish the year off strong. It has been quite a while since we have come together as a class as a result of PD and work experience for me, and a trip for my students. From all reports the Year 7/8s had a great time on leadership camp and overcame some of their fears. Well done – I'm so proud of you!

In English the Year 7s are concentrating on writing a Biography about a person of their choosing. From the

sounds of things we have a wide range of personalities, which they are researching, so I'm looking forward to reading about them and learning things, which I never knew. In Maths, the Year 7s are looking at triangles and quadrilaterals, and learning about their features and properties as well as continuing to learn about algebra. Oh what fun – I love algebra. In Year 8 English the girls will be writing their own short stories and illustrating them. Naturally we will be looking at narratives, the language features, and what a good short story entails. In Maths the girls will also be looking at triangles and quadrilaterals as well as graphing data. So, fun times ahead – with lots of work as well.

The Year 9/10 students well and truly loved their work experience placements in Rockhampton and Alpha and gained a lot of insight into their chosen fields of work. They all did themselves proud, their school proud and of course I am extremely proud of each and every one of them. Parents feel proud as well! They all got excellent reports and valuable experience into the world of work. Whether they have decided 'yes it's the career for me or no I never want to do that ever again' – that's an experience worth having at their age. What a great opportunity for them. Our school is one of only a few who offer work experience to their Year 9 students. Our reputation continues to precede us – so thank you students.

A big thank you to Mr Mick Lingard (our Adopt-a-cop) for coming with us, getting us to work on time without breaking the law and speeding and keeping me sane with good coffee and numerous laughs. I really did appreciate it – it was a big week for all of us. Another big thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Darren Thorn for donating \$700 to the extra curricula activities, which we were able to participate in. We had a heap of fun and the students have all unanimously said that 'Work Experience was the best trip they have been on in High School'. That always makes it worthwhile. So thank you students it was our school's pleasure to provide you with this experience.

As you can see, the end is nearing fast so it is heads down and bushy tails up as we knuckle down and give our all for the final six weeks of term.

Keep smiling. ☺
Mrs Goodwin

Highschool Hi-Jinx

Welcome back again to the students

They have had a fabulous 2 weeks out of the classroom both on Work Experience and Leadership camp.

A big thankyou must go to all the staff and

volunteers who gave up their time to take the students away.

But now it is back to business

This week students are completing an in-class assignment for science. They have been studying diseases; their causes, transmission and vaccination. They are putting all this knowledge together and looking at the current epidemic Ebola.

In English the Yr 9 students are reading a novel and will be preparing a book trailer as their assessment task.

Yr 10 students are studying all the various media texts which they will then analyse for their assessment task.

So it is a busy few weeks ahead.

Have an awesome fortnight
Mrs Rogers ☺

Miss Gray's Jottings:

Students in Prep–Year 8 are doing a fantastic job learning all about bush dancing. Some classes have started creating their own moves for a class dance, which will be performed in the near future (TBA).

Although I haven't seen much of my senior students lately due to Work Experience and Leadership Camp, I hear everyone had a great time. I am looking forward to having them back in class!

Guitar and Choir groups have been off to a slow start with such an eventful term, and with speech night approaching there may be a few extra rehearsals announced.

This week I am away with Miss Wilson and the 2/3/4 class at Wanpa-rda Outdoor Education Centre (Wednesday to Friday Morning). This should be a fantastic experience, I know the students are looking forward to it - stay tuned for photos and stories in the next newsletter!

Have a great week,
Miss Gray



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Vehicle Registration Labels

As of the 01/10/2014, you will no longer receive or have to display a registration label on your vehicle for all light vehicles under 4.5 tonne gross vehicle mass. That means that these changes apply to your car, motorcycle, light trailers, light caravans, light buses and motorised wheelchairs. This is as a result of a decision made by the State Government to reduce red tape. You will still receive a registration renewal for your vehicle about one month before the registration is due. Vehicle registration is still compulsory. Ensuring vehicles are currently registered will be very strongly policed. If you are driving an unregistered vehicle and you are intercepted by Police you will receive a fine and if you are involved in a crash, you may not be covered by insurance. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that the vehicle they are driving is registered as they are the party responsible if they are intercepted by Police. Heavy vehicles (vehicles over 4.5 tonne gross vehicle mass) and recreational vessels (boats & jet skis) will continue to receive labels. If you need more information, then go to the Department of Transport & Main Roads website – www.tmr.qld.gov.au.

Drivers Licencing

Please be aware that the previously mentioned connectivity issues between the QPS computer system and the Department of Transport & Main Roads computer system is still occurring. While we can still do drivers licencing matters, it can take a bit longer than usual, so please be patient.

Contact Phone number for Weapons Licencing Branch – 3015 7777.

The Alpha Police Station counter hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8.00 am and 12.00 pm when possible. **There will always be exceptions to this such as emergency callouts and other operational policing demands**, so it may be best to check in advance or phone before attending.

Take care

Mick Lingard & Jason Robertson

IF A CRIME'S HAPPENING
RIGHT NOW, CALL
TRIPLE ZERO (000).

IF NOT, THINK
POLICELINK.
CALL 131 444.

Alpha District Tourism & Development Assoc. Inc

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THE ALPHA CHRISTMAS TREE

Saturday December 6

6:00 pm at the Alpha Town Hall

Nomination Forms are now available at
Business Houses throughout Alpha

Cost per child has remained at \$15.00
For children 12 years & under
Child must be present to receive gift.



NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON 15 NOVEMBER