Dear Parents/Caregivers

Positive behaviour has been displayed by students in the first three weeks of school. This really strongly correlates to all students benefiting from a more effective learning environment and ability to enjoy school life.

Welcome to Hannah Clarke! Hannah is teaching literacy and numeracy, as well as HPE. Hannah really hit the ground running and has got to know most of our students and will have it nailed in no time. Thank you to all for making Hannah feel really welcome. Hannah grew up 80 km from Burketown and did her teaching degree at UQ.

Congratulations to our School Representatives for 2014!

* Jordan Howard – School Captain
* Chloe Dixon – School Captain
* Bailey Green, Giaan Green and Kailum McGrath – Yungi Sports Captains
* Danielle Thorn, Chloe Triford and Erin Goodwin – Kabi Sports Captains
* Majella Mahon – Senior Class Representative, Student Council
* Morgan Stansfield – 5/6 Class Representative Student Council
* Ben Kime – 2/3/4 Class Representative Student Council
* Matty Bryce – Prep/1 Class Representative Student Council

We look forward to you performing an exemplary role in the school, being in service to your school, staff, students and parents, as well as, advocating on behalf of the student body. The Swimming Carnival was a big success.

Thank you to all those people who came to the Swimming Carnival and supported and encouraged the students to swim their best. Kabi won the Interhouse Trophy and the Interschool Trophy. Congratulations to the Age Champions listed below:

10 year  Catie Rogers, Lachlan Gray
11 year  Chloe Trilford, Clay Gleeson
12 year  Emily Gleeson, Bayley Van Dyk
13 year  Phillipa McGuire
14 year  Paige Stansfield, Bailey Green
15 year  Chloe Dixon, Jordan Howard

Thanks to parents for support with the school hat. The uniform not only looks great as a whole but the sun safety message with students has been made successful through parental support and follow through by staff.

For the students who own representative uniforms I am asking for parent support again. I would be grateful if students who have representative uniforms wore them only on Fridays and school uniform every other day of the week. Student representatives already are following this expectation. In time this will become a school requirement. Early backing from parents would be much appreciated.

Curriculum
The Learning Lab run by Kerryn Gray, Hannah Clarke, Bernadette Ruthenberg, Shannae Goodwin and Jan Rogers is up and running. Students are withdrawn from class for testing in numeracy and literacy,
Every child has a good day every day.

Kind regards
Pete Stansfield

Yr 5/6 Reporting Live!
Congratulations to Morgan Stansfield, Patrick Thorn, Chloe Trilford, Lachlan Gray and Megha Mathew who all received awards on parade during weeks three or four. It is wonderful to see so many students abiding by the bookwork policy and positively engaging in all facets of school life.

Just a friendly reminder that homework is due every Friday, and it is also expected that students read throughout each week. The students will be continuing to visit the library once a week also.

If you have any concerns or questions please come and see me, or alternatively contact me via email on: abgul0@eq.edu.au

Have a great fortnight!
Miss Gulliver.

High School Hi-Jinx
Another busy week of learning is occurring in the 9-10 classroom. We are speeding ahead with the curriculum and have even had our first maths exam this week. Students have been working well with learning the rapid recall routines we have at the start of each lesson. These routines are designed for students to learn the subject matter quickly and be able to automatically recall the basic facts and information relevant to the unit of work being studied.

One area that we are focussing on is organisation. This means being organised for class with all the necessary books, equipment and completed homework required for that lesson. As our mantra is Time on Task I am finding that too much time is spent going to collect equipment that should have been brought to class.

行为期望
我们已经享受了一个伟大的开始到那一学年与行为和出席由学生自始至终。这是简单一个引人入胜的方式，以在学校的生活中参与和获取的更多的学习。我正在期待学生继续这个团队的努力，以便学习可以最大化在课堂。

如在上一个通讯中提到，那些选择退出和创造问题的学生将被强烈鼓励积极参与学校生活通过积极的强化和一致的后果。

人员配置
不幸的是，由于招生人数，丹Evans将不再在我们星期一。相反，他将教另一天在Jericho。丹将在星期五与我们在这里.

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更多关于学习实验室和我们的计划将在下一年出版给父母。有关学习实验室的任何问题请参考Pete在办公室或邮件 - pstan24@eq.edu.au
Behaviour on the other hand is excellent in class. It is a pleasure to teach students who are motivated to learn and are not causing distractions to either themselves or others.

Congratulations to all swimmers who went to Longreach and won the secondary aggregate trophy.

Have a stress free week
Mrs Rogers

Gemfields Junior Rugby League News
Sign Up day is on Friday 21st February at the John Nicholson Oval at 4.00 pm if anyone is interested in playing. All new players need to bring their Birth Certificate plus a copy to put with their registration.

We have age groups of U/6, U/8, U/10, and U12’s. Cost of Membership will be advised on Sign Up day.

If any concerns please contact Dale Bryce on 07 49 853 470 or 0407139080

TAHLIA’S MISSING GOGGLES
She took them to school swimming last Wednesday and they never came home in her bag. Just thought that they may be in one of the prep to grade 4 swim bags. They are pink and purple and her name is written on the inside of them.

Quotes of the Day
Being a family means you are a part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life. ~ Unknown

While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about. ~ Angela Schwindt

BRAIN TEASERS
◊ What starts with an E, ends with an E and usually contains only one letter?
◊ Which word, if pronounced right, is wrong, but if pronounced wrong is right?
◊ What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?
◊ What kind of cheese is made backwards?
◊ Can you find a five letter word, which, when typed in uppercase, reads the same upside down?
Footy Season Begins 6 March 14

Who is going to win the Comp this Year???

Come on join the Footy Tipping Competition for 2014

Alpha Merchandise is coordinating the tipping competition for 2014.

If you are interested in becoming one of the tipsters please call Alpha Merchandise on 07 49 851 123 to register you place.

The cost is $60 per person which needs to be paid before the start of tipping.

First Game is on the Thursday 6th March 2014

More details will be available in the next two weeks
Every child has a good day every day.

Every child matters every day.

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Heavy Vehicle National Law
As of 10th February 2014, the Heavy Vehicle National Law is in force. This means that there are new laws and driver Work Diaries for drivers of heavy vehicles (GVM over 4.5 tonne). Drivers will still be able to use their old diaries for up to six months after 10 February 2014. Log books purchased prior to 2008 however, can no longer be used. If a driver does continue to use an existing work diary, it is to be completed as instructed in that work diary. The driver does however need to record work and rest hours for all work done in an area greater than 100km of their base – not 200km as noted in the old instructions. More information is available from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator at www.nhvr.gov.au.

Parallel Parking
On occasions we have observed people parking their vehicles incorrectly on roadways in town. The Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009 (s.208) states that a driver who parks on a road must position the vehicle to face in the direction of travel of vehicles on the road. This means that when you park on the side of the road, you must park facing in the direction of travel of the traffic. Essentially, you must park on the left hand side of the road – the direction you are travelling (i.e. parallel). You cannot cross over and park on the right hand side of the road facing oncoming traffic.

Mobile Customer Service Centre
The Department of Transport & Main Roads still operates a mobile Customer Service Centre in Jericho. This service can complete all the functions of a dedicated TMR Customer Service Centre. The service will be in Jericho on the 19/03/14 & 21/05/14 from about 10.30am at the Post Office.

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.

Mick Lingard & Jason Robertson

Alpha State School Values - Respect, Responsibility, Honesty

IF A CRIME'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000).
IF NOT, THINK POLICELINK. CALL 131 444.