Dear Parents/Caregivers

Please ‘like’ and visit our facebook page. Our page is one way we try to keep parents up-to-date with events and information about our school. Thanks to all our parents and site visitors for keeping the public forum a 100% positive place for announcements. Any concerns or questions can be privately messaged, emailed or phoned through to me.

The Lexia reading program is for students to access at home for 10-15 minutes per night. This activity is for students to do by themselves. I understand parents want to assist, however, the program is designed to pick up deficits (potholes to fill) to build a complete foundation for reading and, therefore, it is imperative that students complete the required minutes independently. Any concerns please see Pete. Each student has individual access now and is able to access at home no matter how many other students are using the program.

The school has been trialling playing first at morning tea. So far the trial has resulted in more playing time for students (the students like this the best), significantly smoother transitions to and from the oval, and students being more settled at eating time. I am going to take this to P & C and ask for their support to continue for rest of the year and discuss any concerns parents may have before setting this as part of school routine.

End of term disco is on Thursday, 03/04/2014 under B block.

♦ 6:00–9:00 pm
♦ Drinks, chips and mars bars are available for purchase
♦ 70s/80s theme

Everyone so far is eligible on behaviour to attend! A fantastic result.

Easter bonnet parade is on Thursday, 03/04/2014

♦ Leaves school at 10:00 am to head down town
♦ All grades involved
♦ Parent helpers would be appreciated

Reports come home on Thursday, 03/04/2014 with students. Term 1 reports card will have an A-E for academic progress result, effort and behaviour. There are no comments on the Interim Report Card.

Parent/teacher interviews will be on, Tuesday 29/04/2014,

♦ 4:00 pm for the open classroom time when students have an opportunity to take their parents through their work and show parents their class second week back next term
♦ 5:00-6:30 pm classrooms closed for private parent/teacher booked interviews
♦ From 5:30 a BBQ for all families
♦ More information will be posted to facebook and sent home with students in the first week of term 2
♦ 6:30-7:00 pm enough time for the people feeling fit to go to touch football!!!
♦ Prize raffled Friday for students who
attended parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday evening

This term has been my best time at Alpha State School and great that every term gets better and better. Thank you for your support of the school and your child.

Curriculum
From term 2 students will have time set aside on Wednesday afternoons to learn bookwork with Mr. Stansfield from 3:15 to 4:15 pm if they are having trouble writing neatly and effectively. This is not a consequence for students but an extra resource and recognises how important bookwork is not only at school but in life and careers too. This time will also be available for students to complete their Lexia Reading weekly requirements for those who are not completing this work at home. Students and/or parents can opt for the Lexia Reading to be made up at lunchtimes instead. Students are required to complete the program.

For the most part our students take exceptional care in their bookwork. Bookwork being such an important part of effective communication we take it seriously at the school. Students will be asked to improve their bookwork if there is room for improvement and to re-write tasks when they have not made the best effort to write neatly.

Behaviour expectations
95% of the time in our school students do the right thing and engage in school life positively and with enjoyment. This is a strong reflection of our students, staff and parent group that we have such a great bunch of students who are able to work hard, play safe and get back on with school with no drama if an interruption happens or a student momentarily needs a prompt to get back on track with great behaviour.

In 5% of cases students can have a strong sense of justice even if they have acted inappropriately or challenged set routines and practice. Our staff approach each situation to help them think about;

* Being concerned about their own behaviour?
* Being safe in their actions?
* Engaging our accepted routines and practices properly?

Engaging in school life positively and effectively?

Once this is addressed we work on resolving the incident, creating a fair outcome for all involved and creating a plan so it doesn't happen again. Staff (like parents in that, we do our best) constantly have to use our judgement and definitely do our utmost to be just and get a fair outcome every time.

Please see me if you would like to discuss how we resolve issues with students further.

After discussions with students setting out the expectations clearly and the consequences for not playing properly we will try re-introducing touch football to lunchtime activities in term 2. Students will have to agree to play well together and by the rules. We use the Tuesday night touch as our test of what is appropriate and accepted practice.

The school contact details are
Phone: 4987 0888
Pete’s email: pstan24@eq.edu.au
Pete Stansfield mobile: 0419 982 413
School mobile: 0427 158 456

Kind regards
Pete Stansfield

HOME EC/MANUAL ARTS PHOTOS

Alpha State School Values - Respect, Responsibility, Honesty
A bite of our fortnight in P/1

“It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer.” – Albert Einstein.

It just feels like yesterday that the Prep and One student’s were arriving at school for their very first day - time certainly flies when you are having fun! We have had a very busy term and the students have come such a long way in ten weeks.

I would like to thank the parents for the support of their child’s learning over the last ten weeks. It is not easy to fit homework, reading and sight words into an already busy day and I hope that you are rewarded by your child’s progress. There will be a few small changes to the layout of the homework next term as students continue to move forward with their learning, please see me if you have any questions.

You will be receiving your child’s Interim Report this week. This report provides a snapshot of students’ progress in class and is the result of assessment conducted during the term as well as bookwork and observations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about your child’s progress.

We have accomplished a lot over the last ten weeks. Many of the Prep students can recognise all the letters in the alphabet by name and sound and we have started to move on to vowel blends like /ai/, /ie/, /ee/, /oa/. Remember – When the first vowel goes walking, the first one does the talking! The Grade One’s are improving on their recall of their addition and subtraction number facts. Our goal is to learn our count on one, two, three and four facts as well as our doubles and near doubles by the end of Term Two. We are definitely on our way. Early in Term Two, all students will be setting their own learning goals for the term. Goal setting is a great way to track learning and to gain a sense of achievement. If you get a chance over the holidays, please speak to your child about what they would like to achieve/improve at school.

Things to look forward to in Term Two are:

- The Mother’s Day Morning Tea
- Prep/One Fun Day
- Under 8’s Day
- Parent Teacher Interviews

Reminders:

- Homework will resume Week One – Term Two. Please make sure that reading folders are returned at the end of the week.
- Homework Club will resume Week One – Term Two, on Tuesday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm
- P/1 PE is Wednesday from 2.00pm-3.00pm. Students may wear their sport uniform on this day.
- Morning Reading is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday and a very special Easter. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for a wonderful Term Two.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday! 😊
From Miss Priddle & the Prep/1's

High School Hi-Jinx

Well how fast did the term go? It has been a wonderful term with the Year 9-10 students and I can honestly say that I have enjoyed teaching them. I am extremely proud of their behaviour with 100% positive behaviour for the term keeping up the Year 9-10 record of no ‘yellows’.

On the learning front we have had a steep learning curve, but one that everyone has been willing to take. We are starting to be able to memorise our rapid recalls which are the fundamentals the students need to know for the subject they are studying. Students have been applying themselves to the assessment tasks and I am receiving quality work for marking from all students.

I have started a ‘tutoring’ afternoon on Thursday afternoon. This is a time I have set aside for students to have extra time to focus on
problem solving in Maths as well as revise topics that they have not quite grasped from last year.

Once again the 9-10 students will be helping out at the Easter Bonnet parade on Thursday. Some students will be accompanying students on the walk whilst other students remain at school to hide the Easter eggs. Don’t forget that it is free dress day on Thursday to assist in raising funds for a worthwhile cause. I also look forward to “cutting up the rug” with some students at the behaviour reward disco on Thursday night.

I hope all students have a restful holiday and come back energised for the new term.

Happy Easter everyone
Mrs Rogers 😊

REMINDERS
DON’T FORGET - FREE DRESS DAY THIS THURSDAY, 3 APRIL.
$2.00 GOLD COIN DONATION. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT APPROPRIATE CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR IS WORN ON THIS DAY.

SCHOOL DISCO WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY NIGHT. 6.00 PM-9.00 PM.

EASTER BONNET PARADE IS AT 10.00 AM, THURSDAY, 3 APRIL.

LEXIA CORE 5 IPAD APP UK VERSION
Is now available at the App Store. REMEMBER - YOU NEED TO DOWNLOAD LEXIA CORE 5 IPAD UK VERSION.

Mrs Ruthenberg

STUDENTS LUNCHBOXES
The School Cleaners have been collecting student lunchboxes from around the school. If your child has lost their lunchbox please contact or call in and see the cleaners.
# Alpha State School
## Tuckshop Menu

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**Tuckshop Orders Need to Be In by Tuesday Morning 9.00 AM**

*Cash Payments Only*

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Alpha District Tourism & Development ASS INC

Guess the number of M&Ms in the jar!!!

$1.00 per guess
or
$2.00 for 3 guesses

Drawn 12/04/2014

Alpha Market
Shakespeare Street

HINT.....
No less than 1,500 and no more than 3,500

Bottle on display at local BOQ Branch

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Flooded roads
Firstly, just a quick follow-up from the last newsletter. The Council and Main Roads are the authorities responsible for closing and opening flooded roads. Council and Main Roads have their own criteria for when to close the roads and then for when they are re-opened. The role of Police is to enforce the road closures. The key to all of this is the safety of motorists. We (Council, Main Roads & Police) do not set out on purpose to inconvenience motorists when roads are closed due to flooding, we are only thinking about your safety and that of other road users. The flooding of roads is out of the control of any of us. Road report updates are available by utilising the 131940 phone number or the 131940.qld.gov.au website.

Criminal Motorcycle Gangs (CMG)
While I believe it is safe to say Alpha does not currently have any issues in regard to CMG’s, the topic is constantly in the media and there is a lot of misinformation being spread via rumours, gossip, social media and bush lawyers. Basically, the legislation (Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Act) relates only to members of declared CMG’s as defined in Schedule 1 of the Act. These are CMG’s such as the Bandidos, Rebels or the Hells Angels and such. Recreational motorbike riders are not the focus of this legislation, unless they are members of a declared CMG. However, this does not mean recreational motorbike riders will not be intercepted by Police. Motorbike riders have been getting intercepted by Police for RBT’s and drivers licence and registration checks since motorbikes were invented. This is part of the role of Police. Section 60 of the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 gives Police the power to intercept a vehicle (i.e. a motorbike) for the purposes of a breath test and to check whether the vehicle and/or a person is complying with a transport Act. If you have any further questions check with us or look up the legislation online.

The Alpha Police Station counter hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8.00am and 12.00pm when possible. There will always be exceptions to this such as emergency callouts and other operational policing demands (it may be prudent to phone in advance to make sure we are in the office).

Take care
Mick Lingard & Jason Robertson
Every child has a good day every day. | Every child matters every day.

**ALPHA DISTRICT TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**ARE HOLDING**

**MARKETS**

**AT**

**INFORMATION CENTRE**

8.30 am

12 APRIL 2014

**SLUSHIE & SOFT SERVE**

**STEAK BURGERS**

**SAUSAGES ON BREAD & PANCAKES**

$5 per SITE

**BRING OWN TABLE CHAIRS & SHADE**

**CONTACT:** 07 4985 1050 or 07 4985 1370

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Alpha Uniting Church
Hoy – Cent Sale

Alpha Uniting Church Hall

Sat 19th April 2.00 pm

Cost: $5.00 with One game

Extra cards: $1.00 EA

Cent Sale Tickets: $1.00

Raffle

Afternoon Tea