



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2014

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our Junior Secondary review is on this week. Chanelle Goodwin and I are going down to review Springsure on Wednesday and we are being reviewed on Thursday. This process is to assess and audit the year 7-10 area of our school.

Reports will sent out Wednesday in the last week of school. This is a full semester report with comments for your child. Please contact your child's class teacher if you like to discuss your child's progress before the reports are issued. If your child is at risk of not passing a subject the subject teacher will make contact with you before the report card is issued.

There are less than three weeks until the end of term as of issuing of this newsletter. This term has once again moved along quickly and I'd like to thank our parents and students for another great term.

Curriculum

Penny Rogers and Kate Priddle went to Melbourne for Explicit instruction immersion that underpins how we teach at Alpha State School. This training/professional development confirmed the journey we have undertaken as a school and give a renewed focus on student learning 'tools and techniques' after meeting with other high performing schools.

Behaviour expectations

Over a four week period we had/have staff out at mandated training and conferences by Education Queensland and one curriculum training that was relevant to continuing the results we are achieving for your child. Education Queensland has endeavoured to put the training/conference in term 2 to minimise disruptions for the year. We have endeavoured to have senior staff in charge of the school when I have been out and relief teachers replace all teachers wherever possible. We are looking forward to having our team back to full staffing strength.

Thank you to the staff, students and parents for your support to continue the learning each day at our school and the day-to-day operations of the school with our school community positively engaged. I appreciate and value the established culture with parents, students and staff and the pro-active and supportive approach each person takes for our community.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. Any good news stories or issues to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Kind regards

Pete Stansfield

**P & C MEETING THIS
THURSDAY, 12 JUNE,
4.00 PM. ALL
WELCOME.**

High School Hi-Jinx

Let me start by first saying how pleased I was to come back to reports that the students had worked exceptionally well with Mr Hammer whilst I was away. J It is always reassuring to know that their behaviour for me is replicated when they have other teachers supervising them.

Students will be working on their science assessment task which is due next week. I have emailed the task to them and discussed in class last week.

They will also need to learn their speech for their English oral which is on Monday 16 June.

Students are expected to email me their completed powerpoint by Friday so I can edit.

I have sent camp letters home this week as well as the invoice to pay. The \$33.50 is to cover the nightly activities we are planning to do – bowling and movies.

Please note on the letter that students have to supply their own linen for this camp. Please do not send swags.

Any spending money that the students take will be their responsibility.

They will need some money for the trip home to purchase lunch.

I am away this week but can be contacted by email if you have any issues.

Have a great week and **GO KABI!**
Mrs Rogers ☺

Seven/Eight Classroom

Well only three weeks to go and heaps to do before then. I am off to Springsure with Pete on Wednesday to help with their Junior Secondary Review and then back to Alpha on Thursday where we will be having our review – so people will be coming and watching lessons in the High School – lucky us – another performance I have to give (as I tell the kids).

Anyway the 7/8 classes this week will be working hard on writing their Memoir in English as it is due next week for assessment. A Memoir is simply as snapshot moment in their life – but something they remember vividly and remember heaps about. They can add extra to in order to make it more interesting/comical/emotive in fact I hope they do. In Maths they are working on Square roots, square numbers, index notation and shapes and will be having a small test on these operations on Monday probably in order to see what they know so they need to be studying.

From all accounts the students who went to the CQ University trip had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed with filming experience. I look forward to watching their creations later on in the year and seeing them perform.

Time is getting away and we are extremely busy and will be right through till the end of term however, that's what learning is all about – it is non-stop (even for me).

Keep smiling.
Mrs Goodwin

Thank you GVK Hancock Coal

Every year our Year 9/10 students travel to Rockhampton to participate in Work Experience with a wide range of employers. It is a real life experience and something which the students gain a lot of knowledge from and has been operating at Alpha State School for over 30 years. Last year was no different however we were extremely lucky to have received funding from GVK Hancock Coal which paid for our accommodation and our travel costs. Without their support we would have struggled to fundraise the required funds in order to make this worthwhile project happen.

So a very big thank you to GVK

Every child has a good day every day. | Every child matters every day.

Hancock Coal for paying for our accommodation and fuel costs. We really did appreciate your generosity.

Chanelle Goodwin



YR 7-8 CQ UNI Camp Photographs



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(Queensland) 24 hours, 7 days a week

DVConnect Mensline - 1800 600 636
(Queensland) 9am–12 midnight, 7 days a week

In an emergency call the police on 000 (triple zero)

1800 RESPECT - 1800 737 732 - (Australia) 24 hours, 7 days a week

Kids helpline - 1800 551 800 - (Australia) 24 hours, 7 days a week

Elder Abuse Helpline - 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday
1300 651 192 (Queensland only)
07 3867 2525 (rest of Australia)

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** (it may be prudent to phone in advance to make sure we are in the office).

Take care
Mick Lingard & Jason Robertson

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

IF *NOT*, THINK
POLICELINK.
CALL 131 444.

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