



# ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2015

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## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Week 8! With only 3 weeks of Term 2 left to go it will be a busy time for staff and students. Teachers are busy preparing and checking report cards which are due to be sent home in the last week of school. It is really important that all students remain focussed on the remaining 3 weeks of school and maintain the high level of behaviour that is expected at Alpha State School. At behaviour parades, I have been discussing a focus value or expectations for the week. This has been identified by staff on duty or by what has been happening in the classroom for that week. Generally, the expectation is something like, 'Manage your own behaviour' and then we discuss what this means. I have also uploaded the value/expectations for the week on the website.

Congratulations to Zack Bryce and Clay Gleeson on being selected into the NW Touch Team which will travel to Toowoomba in August for the State Trials. This is a huge achievement for these two players and also for Alpha State School. We wish them the best of luck.

### Attendance at School

- \* Everyone is aware of how vitally important it is for students to be at school every day and on time, to help them have every chance in making the most of their education.
- \* Students are at school only 13.9% of the year and every percent counts.
- \* Understandably so, research tells us that there is a clear link between student attendance and academic success. With consideration to our target of 95% attendance, students can only afford to have 1.5 days off per term. While we understand that students will be sick from time to time, I

ask parents to really work at the ideal concept that every child is at school every day (health permitting). This is merely a reminder of one of our keys focus' for this year and a commendation for our school for tracking towards our goal. With your support we will be successful.

### DETE Parent Information about Attendance

- ◆ It is important that your children attend school every day. Taking a day off because the fish are biting, or you want to go shopping on your birthday, is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school.
- ◆ If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible with an estimation of how long your child will be away from school.
- ◆ If your family has to travel away for family or cultural reasons, and expect to be away for more than 10 days you will have to apply for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal of your child's school before you travel away.
- ◆ You can find more information about exemptions:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/student-services/inclusive/exemptions/index.html>

Our attendance statistics for last week are as follows. (Week 6)

Prep - 84%

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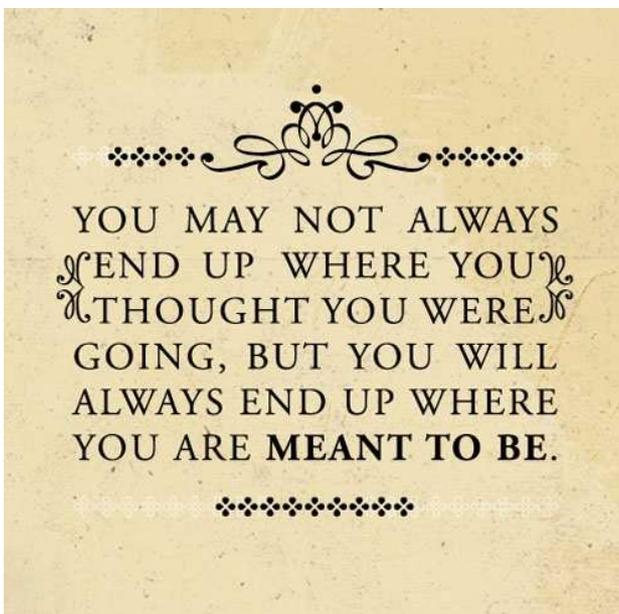
1/2/3 -	93.3%
4/5/6 -	95.7%
7/8 -	89.65%
10 -	100%
Whole School -	92.53%

Our attendance for Week 5 was much better and we actually reached our target of above 95% with a total of 97.7%.

Prep -	100%
1/2/3 -	98.6%
4/5/6 -	100%
7/8 -	100%
10 -	100%
Whole School -	97.7%

Please remember the importance of attending school every day. We have a great little school and look forward to seeing our students learning new work and accepting challenges each day.

Take care  
*Vanessa Koina*



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## **Years 4/5/6 Intelligence**

*Dear Parents,*

*Welcome to week 8! We are well and truly into our assessment now and have a lot more work ahead of us. If you could please help out by making sure they get a good night of sleep and a*

*decent breakfast in the morning, it would be greatly appreciated. This just enables them to apply themselves that bit more in the morning session.*

*Report cards are almost finished, just waiting on a few more marks to be finalised. Most students should know their marks for each learning area, as I often have conversations with them about how they are going and what needs to improve in order to get a better mark. I have tried to include as much detail in the comments as possible, just to ensure we are all on the same page regarding your child's academic progress. If you have any questions when you receive them, please feel free to organise a meeting with me and I can discuss it further with you.*

*The children will be receiving homework for the next two weeks. It is becoming more frequent that children are handing in their homework not completed. I am taking note of this and it will be written on report cards if it has been an ongoing issue. If you could please make sure that your child/children are both completing their homework and bringing it to school on Friday to be handed in, it would help me out a lot.*

*Thanks for your ongoing support and help throughout the term.  
Enjoy your fortnight!*

*Courtney Hodge  
[chodgils@eq.edu.au](mailto:chodgils@eq.edu.au)*

## **Years 7/8 Broadcast**

*Only three weeks to go and I'm wondering where exactly the rest of that time went to. It only seems like yesterday we were starting the year and now here it is June and we are already halfway through. Hard to believe really. I hope your long weekend was great and that you got to spend some quality time with your children. ☺*

### **Now what's happening in our classroom this week:**

*In English we will continue looking at our Aboriginal unit on values. We will be working on this piece of assessment until the end of term. The good copy of their persuasive essay on snail mail was handed in Tuesday. Hopefully they have used all the feedback I have given them over the last five weeks to produce an amazing argument. I look forward to reading them this week.*

*In Maths, the Year 7s will be plotting ordered pairs on a Cartesian Plane and looking at probability (eg what's the probability of pulling a 2 of diamonds out of a deck of cards) while the Year 8s will revise Measurement using formulas for parallelograms, circles and triangles.*

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Both classes will have their exams for Maths on Thursday Week 9.

In ICT we continue looking at word processing, manuscript signs and following instructions in order to produce a document that is mailable. Again I will be emphasising proper fingers and proper hands while keying in information. Students are beginning to see there are numerous things which they can use in order to make life easier when typing up a document in Word.

**Homework** –this is still not being done as consistently as it should be by some of our children. Students have to do 100 minutes of Lexia, Maths Mentals, practice their spelling and do a Wonderword. It is all about filling in the gaps of their knowledge so it doesn't get harder as they go further into high school.

**In the Electives:**

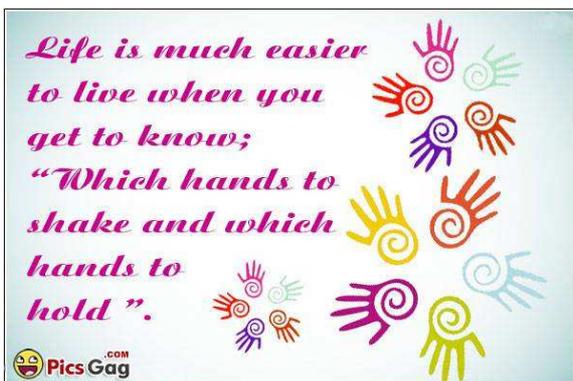
**Business** – General Journal Test Tuesday and may take an ICT lesson to finish on Wednesday (if necessary).

**ICT** – students have started working on designing a game for a particular group of people. They have been looking for sprites, backgrounds and sounds which relate to their particular theme. This week they should be able to actually start creating their game which will be quite challenging as it is very much about problem-solving and it can be quite intense and frustrating when things don't work – I will be encouraging them to work through it logically and calmly. This assignment will be one where they will have to put in extra time outside of class lessons in order to get it finished as we only have two lessons a week. Please keep asking them how they are going with this assignment.

So the end of term is near but there's still heaps of work to be done in order to measurably improve every day, in every way, in every subject. We will need to continue pushing forward and doing the best we can in the time we have – 100% time on task. 😊

Until next time .....

Keep smiling. 😊  
Mrs Goodwin



## Sports News

Congratulation to Clay Gleeson and Zack Bryce on their selection in the North West U12s Touch Football Team. They will travel to Toowoomba in August to compete at the State Championships.

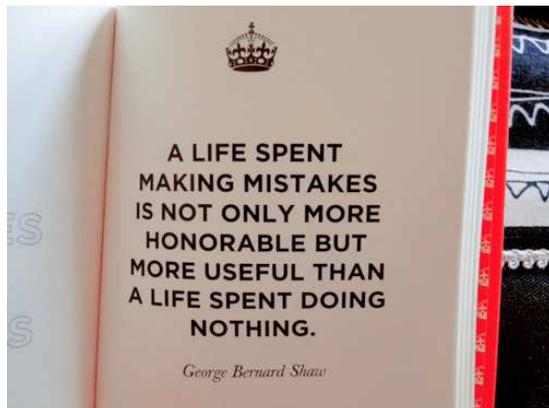
Thank you to all the people who helped out at the NW Trials the other day.

Special thanks to the P & C for feeding us,

Rachel Bryce for her help with First Aid and to my subordinate, Mr Taylor for marking the lines.



Miss Clarke



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## **Alpha Police Station**

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**SCAMwatch** – The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has a website called SCAMwatch ([www.scamwatch.gov.au/](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/)). It provides information about current and past scams such as banking scams or romance schemes that are operating and trying to get access to your money or your personal details. The website also lets you report a scam and gives advice on how to protect yourself from being a victim of a scam.

**Weapons Licencing Processing On-line** – Individuals and businesses can now apply on-line for a weapons licence and a permit to acquire. Further information can be found at [www.police.gov.au/programs/weaponsLicencing/applyOnline/](http://www.police.gov.au/programs/weaponsLicencing/applyOnline/)

**Mobile Phone Use** – Handheld mobile phones cannot be used while driving your vehicle. Only hands free set-ups can be used while the vehicle is in motion otherwise the vehicle must be stationary and the vehicle parked before it can be used. “Use” includes phone calls and/or texting etc. Mobile phone use while driving is a distraction and can lead to a crash with fatal consequences, even in a low speed situation such as driving along Dryden Street, Alpha.

**QPS Blog** – [mypolice.qld.gov.au](http://mypolice.qld.gov.au)

**Phone numbers:** Weapons Licencing Branch – 3015 7777.  
Qld Transport & Main Roads – 132 380.  
Road Conditions Reports – 131 940

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, training, meetings and other operational policing demands**, so it may be best to check in advance or phone before attending.

Take care  
Mick Lingard & Darin Coetzer

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## Enrol today and become part of the C&K community!



C&K Jellybeans Community Kindergarten and Limited Hours Care is still taking enrolments for 2015.

Kindergarten places are available for children turning three years of age by 30 June 2015 on Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00 – 3:30.

Limited Hours Care places are available for children from 6 weeks to school age on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8:30 – 3:10.

### About us

At C&K Jellybeans Community Kindergarten and Limited Hours Care, your child will experience many opportunities to explore, solve problems, develop friendships, imagine, use their creativity and extend their capabilities in language, literacy and numeracy through a play based approach to learning!

Call us today and make a time to visit.

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