**From the Principal’s Desk…**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Three and a half weeks to go. Not a long time so attending every day is vital.

Speech Night is on the 26th of November starting at 7 pm. This year the event will be held in the BER Building.

Graduation dinner is on the 27th of November at the Golf Club to celebrate our graduating year 10 students and school captains Jordan Howard and Chloe Dixon.

The last P & C meeting for the year is on Wednesday, 12th of November at 4 pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Prep transition day will be on Friday, 28th of November. The preps will spend the day with Alycce Wilson doing transition activities and getting to know the school. More information for our 2015 Prep parents will be coming through the Kindy.

On the same day students will be spending the day with their 2015 teachers. This will be an opportunity to get used to the new class dynamics.

**Curriculum and the classroom**

Students will be focussing on numeracy and literacy strongly as the term wraps up. Teachers will be making sure all areas are strengthened and improvement is being made in the fundamental areas of numeracy, writing, reading, grammar and punctuation, and spelling are covered before the end of the term.

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**Behaviour expectations**

The students are behaving well in general and the effort students are putting into making sure the uniform is correct is excellent.

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**
Hi Everyone,

I hope you have all had a great weekend and are ready to tackle yet another school/working week! Can you believe that there is less than 7 weeks until Christmas? Time flies when you are having fun teaching and learning ☺

Last week students and staff were excited to have the Assistant Regional Director, Mr David Roach visiting our school. Mr Roach spent some time in the Prep/One classroom, asking students questions and speaking with them at length about their learning. Mr Roach was very impressed with the quality of teaching and learning happening in the classroom which reaffirms our school's position as one of the Top Twenty in the state. What the Prep One students have achieved in 35 weeks of learning this year is phenomenal and as I have said before, it can be attributed to a true love of learning and teaching on behalf of our students and staff and most importantly, the continued support of our fantastic parents. The Early Years is a fundamentally important time for learning in a child's education and there can be no doubt that here at Alpha, we are doing it right!! ☺

Last week students completed their Assessment tasks for English. The Prep's wrote a letter to a fictional character and the Grade Ones created a multimodal presentation on the computer. What made the completion of these tasks even more effortless was that we had 100% attendance during the assessing period. This meant no catching up and all students generally finished at the same time. The next 4 weeks of school are ever so important as we work to prepare your child for transition into the next year level so let's keep the great attendance levels up.

This week the Prep/One's are also very much looking forward to being filmed by the Education Department's Film Crew, how exciting!

Reminders:
* Homework Club – Monday afternoon from 3.05 pm to 4.00 pm in Miss Wilson’s classroom.
* PE/Sport – Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm – remember hat & drink bottle.
* Please start thinking about your child’s Christmas costume for speech night – We only have a few short weeks left for practice.
* I will be away from school this week on Thursday and Friday. Mr Hammer will be replacing me on these days.

I hope everyone has another wonderful fortnight. ☺
Miss Priddle

A bite of Prep/1’s Fortnight

SEVEN/EIGHTS

Another week down and only 20 days left of school for the year. As you would no doubt be aware there is still plenty of stuff to do before we close the doors for the Christmas holidays though with finalising assessment, writing report cards, organising Speech Night and of course the Year 10 Dinner.

In English the Year 7 students are completing the good copy of their Biography by making the necessary changes to their rough drafts. I’ve had them give me some interesting choices this year ranging from an Archer to an Aussie Wildlife Warrior, a British suffragette who helped women win the right to vote, a princess plus many others. All interesting reads and I’m looking forward to seeing the completed stories. In Year 8 English the girls will be completing the good copies of their own short stories and illustrating them. I’m also looking forward to reading these and seeing exactly what the girls have come up with regarding creativity.

In Maths, the 7/8s will be looking at compound shapes and working out the area of these shapes. They will also be looking at the volume of rectangular prisms and revising triangles and quadrilaterals. So there will be a big emphasis on using formulas and setting work out neatly and accurately.

Please note that each night your child should be doing at least 20 mins of Lexia, and learning their spelling and if they still don’t know them their times tables.

We also have the Flag-raising ceremony on Monday morning and filming in classes during the day where we get to showcase our wonderful school. What an opportunity for everyone at Alpha State School to shine and show the rest of the state what makes our school such a great school. I am so proud to be a part of this school.

As you can see another busy week is in front of us. Until next time …..

Keep smiling. ☺
Mrs Goodwin

Alpha State School Values - Respect, Responsibility, Honesty
LEADERSHIP CAMP - FAIRBAIRN DAM

During week 3 of this term the 5-10 students travelled to the distant land of Emerald to attend Camp Fairbairn for four days. Henry, world renowned chef, happily cooked for the 36 students and teachers that participated in the camp. Two of the instructors at Fairbairn, David and Sophie, taught the students skills that influenced leadership and teamwork. Many of the campers conquered personal goals and fears on the rock wall and high ropes. Other students demonstrated their helpfulness and leadership during rogaining, GPS canoeing, sailing or catapult building. Even though there were a few hiccups over the four days, all the students enjoyed themselves.

Anna Mahon
Congratulations to Alpha’s Upper Primary Cricket Team who travelled to Rockhampton for the Regional Schools T20 Blast Schools Cup. They played three modified games, winning their first game by 4 runs. Lachlan and Clay both hit sixes while Joel and Nick snared multiple wickets. A big thank you to Mick Lingard for driving the bus down to Rocky for us.

Miss Clarke
Alpha District Tourism & Development Assoc. Inc

presents

**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**