



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2014

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

NAPLAN testing is on week 4 Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th of May. NAPLAN is a numeracy and literacy test given to students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is as follows:

- **Tuesday - Language conventions and writing test**
- **Wednesday - Reading test**
- **Thursday - Calculator and non- calculator numeracy test**
- **Friday - Catch up test for students who were away during the testing period**

All tests will be finished by morning tea. Students need to bring a HB or 2B pencil, eraser, calculator and water bottle. Breakfast will be supplied to students taking the test each morning.

There has been a single case of head lice reported. Please check your child's hair as a pre-caution and refer any issue to the Principal, thank you.

It was a great Mother's Day brunch. Thank you to all those who donated prizes. Congratulations to the lucky raffle winners. Thank you to all attendees of the brunch; a great turnout from the community. A wonderful couple of hours had by all. Well done to the staff and students for providing great entertainment for all. Thanks to Chanelle and Kerryn for organising the brunch and making it such an enjoyable experience.

Over 90% of our parents attended a parent/teacher interview. What a great roll out and capitalised opportunity to see your child's learning, academic progress and strengthen the relationships with teachers. The teachers enjoyed the evening as well and were appreciative of your time to update you on your child. Lesson learned for the principal Order more food for the BBQ next parent/teacher night!

Cross country is Friday the 16th of May, week 4. Races start at 12:30 pm. It will be held at the show grounds. Any parents who would like to volunteer to help please see Hannah Clarke. Students are required to run or walk in their age group unless unfit with a medical certificate or parent phone call to school prior to the race for an

exemption.

Congratulations on the students who made touch teams from the try-outs last week. Certificates will be presented on assembly this Friday. Thanks to the parents who attended in support of our students. Thanks to the staff and volunteers for your work in our extra-curricular activities.

What's make a school?

Can I thank our parents for a positive and productive relationship with the school and in return this greatly benefits your child's engagement and learning at school. I understand that being a parent you want the best for your child and it is also a very strong emotional experience having others influence and teach the most important person in your life. We strive to ensure your child improves and learns academically and emotionally every day. The following is the thinking behind how we operate. I want to be as transparent and informative as possible because, once again, you entrust us with the most important person to you.

Qualities that make our school

We have set ways of operating and these have been consistently applied since I have been principal and well supported by staff at Alpha State School that can be captured as;

- * 'Calmly relentless on improving your child in every way, every day'
- * We are constantly striving to improve the way we operate, how we teach and interact with your child.
- * We work consistently, on the principle and in action, that your child experiences a school involving set routines, high standards, consistent behaviour interaction, energetic teaching and learning and always trying to minimise any barriers to learning and engagement
- * We reflect consistently on our practice and see what we can improve
- * Teaching is based on Hattie research, Explicit Instruction, Choral learning and quality teaching practice
- * Student management is based on Andrew Fuller,

psychologist, consistent and high standards required of students, calm and positive relationships based on our mantras

There are some considerations for all involved in a school community

- * There are many ways to operate a school, approach learning and student/behaviour management
- * Our school community has worked hard to implement the best standards of operating and accountabilities consistently, to a high standard and centred on the student
- * We value your input
- * Acknowledging and working with you in the interest of your child
- * Our staff are committed to providing the best education for your child
- * We seek and need your support and thank you for helping us have consistency and high standards to maximise learning and positive school engagement for your child

Curriculum

This week in the spotlight is choral learning and chanting for engagement of students and checking/reinforcing understanding of lesson content. Choral learning ensures every student is engaged to the lesson instead of drifting away. This is the base level engagement and from there we use interesting learning and well developed questioning techniques to keep students engaged. Chanting reinforces learning area rules (such as maths rules) and learned content to make sure the right information is processed in the student's brain.

Behaviour expectations

Students are asked, 'overall, have you had a good day at school today' before leaving class at the end of the day. If a student says they have had at school a good day the same information should be coming to you as parent. If a student says they have not had a good day overall the following process takes place:

- ✦ The teacher will ask them to stay a moment.
- ✦ If the student and teacher do not think it is significant and can be resolved with a positive plan for the next day onwards they will quickly create one together.
- ✦ If the student or the teacher thinks that it is a significant incident the student will be directed to Mr Stansfield to talk about their day. Once the issue is talked through Mr Stansfield will ring the parent about the issue. A plan to address the issue will be made. I believe this is a reasonable process because if it is a significant issue the student and parent will end up spending time with me to resolve the incident and this process allows us to be pro-active.
- ✦ Students who do not follow the process will have to address that issue first and make a commitment in the future that they will follow this particular set routine. It is very important that we are as pro-active as we

can be instead of reactionary to issues your child may experience.

- ✦ Thanks to students and parents in helping us to create the best learning environment for your child.

Fun, safe play at lunchtimes has been going very well. Students are being considerate of others and the general feeling on the playground is relaxed and fun. Well done to our students for making this happen!

Within our school community when people are working together or working through an issue we always set the interaction in terms of having the emotional space to deal with issues effectively. If people are emotionally hot, for example angry or anxious, working together or through issues will not achieve the most beneficial and workable outcome. I lead by example, that if people are emotionally hot we need to calmly work through the hot emotion first until there is emotional space to work with the other person. Then I deal with the issue/s or item/s we are working on so we can make a positive, lasting and effective change or result.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please see me for any good news stories or items you would like to discuss.

The school contact details are

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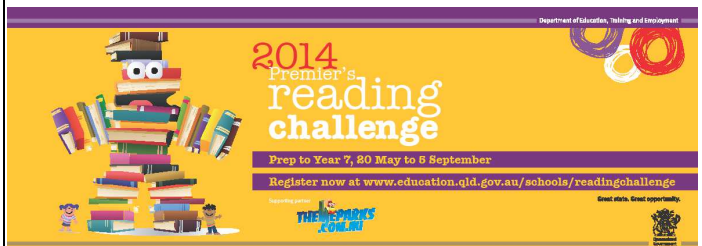
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Kind regards

Pete Stansfield



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL CW TOUCH TRIALS



High School Hi-Jinx

Well the week has arrived. NAPLAN. As I have already said in the parent email the students are as ready as they will ever be. They now need to focus on being confident, completing questions and not being stressed about the tests. There is no homework for this week except for Core 5 reading. They have to complete 100 minutes per week and many of their scheduled sessions are during NAPLAN time so more will need to be done at home this week.

I was very pleased with the Yr 9-10 performance last Thursday for the Mother's Day Brunch. Well done all.

General happenings:

- ◆ Camp notes went out on Monday so please ask for them if your child hasn't given them to you.
- ◆ Thursday is the Science exam. We have been reviewing in class.
- ◆ Cross Country is on Friday

If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me.

Have a splendid week!
Mrs Rogers ☺

ALPHA STATE SCHOOL ENTRANTS IN ALPHA JUNIOR SHOWPERSON



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL CW TOUCH TRIALS



2014 Premier's reading challenge
20 May to 5 September

Fill in your name and year in the spaces provided.

Name: _____

Year: _____

Along the way, tick off how many books you have read.

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20

Carefully cut on the dotted line around the bookmark.

Glue a piece of cardboard on the back to make it stronger.

ALPHA STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU

AMOUNT \$	AMOUNT \$
HOT FOOD	TOASTED SANDWICHES
Pie 2.00	Ham 3.00
Sausage Roll 2.00	Ham & Cheese 4.00
Party Pie 0.60	Ham/Cheese/Tomato 4.00
Hot Dog 4.00	Ham/Cheese/Pickles 4.00
Pluto Pup 3.00	Chicken & Cheese 4.00
Lasagne 4.00	Chicken/Cheese/Onion 4.00
Mac Cheese 4.00	Chicken/Cheese/Mayo 4.00
Pizza Rounda 3.00	
Pizza Slabs 2.50	BURGERS
Omelette (Ham & Cheese) 3.00	Steak & Onion 5.50
	Steak & Salad 5.50
SAUCES	Chicken & Salad 5.50
Tomato Sauce 0.30	
BBQ Sauce 0.30	TREATS
	Popcorn 0.50
WRAPS – Plain or Spinach	Muffin – Chocolate 3.00
Chicken 5.00	Muffin – Blueberry 3.00
Fish 5.00	Fruit Cup 3.00
Ham 5.00	
Salad 3.00	DRINKS
	LOL – Tropical 2.50
SALAD DISHES	LOL – Razz 2.50
Chicken & Salad 5.00	LOL – Strawberry 2.50
Fish & Salad 5.00	
Ham & Salad 5.00	FLAVOURED MILK
	Chocolate Milk 2.00
	Strawberry Milk 2.00
	ICE CREAMS
Goey Toffee Apple Paddle 2.00	Vanilla cups 2.00
Pop	
Rainbow Paddle Pop 2.00	Shaky Shake Cups 2.00
Chocolate Paddle Pop 2.00	Cyclone 2.00
Banana Paddle Pop 2.00	

**TUCKSHOP ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY TUESDAY MORNING 9.00 AM
CASH PAYMENTS ONLY**



Alpha Police Station
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New laws for motorists – Last month, Queensland introduced a new law aimed at improving the safety of cyclists on our roads. In areas where the speed limit is 60km/hr or under, all motorists passing a cyclist must give them a minimum distance of 1 metre clearance. In areas where the speed limit is over 60km/hr, motorists must give cyclists a clearance distance of 1.5 metres. This new law also allows motorists to cross centre lines on the roadway to give cyclists this extra space, but only when it is safe to do so. This new law does not take away from the responsibility that cyclists also have to obey the road rules and to ride safely. The key thing is safety for all road users – motorists, cyclist and pedestrians.

Easter Long Weekend Traffic Statistics – The Easter long weekend saw the QPS again focus their efforts on road safety. On that weekend in Alpha we conducted 78 x Random Breath Tests, completed 18 x Street Checks and issued 20 x Traffic Infringement Notices (including 13 in 3 hours) as well as arrested 2 x people on 3 x charges. The best result was that there were no reported traffic crashes in the Alpha Police Division over this period. In fact, traffic crashes in the Alpha area are down by almost 20% in the last 12 months.

In numerous situations where we have detected offences, we have used our discretion and chosen to verbally warn and educate local people as opposed to prosecuting them. However, there is zero tolerance for life endangering and alcohol related offences and this policy is dictated by our hierarchy. We would much prefer people seek us out and discuss the truth rather than rely on rumours. We are a community and we must all work together to ensure it remains a safe place to live. We as the Police are part of this community as well and live in this community. As such, we show a great deal more discretion and tolerance than you would be shown in a larger centre.

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

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

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

Alpha State School & C & K Jellybeans
present:

UNDER 8'S DAY

Monday, 19 May 2014

9.00 am - 12.00 noon

Alpha State School

Theme: Teddy Bear's Picnic

Please bring a plate of food to share for
morning tea.



Bring along your favourite Teddy Bear.



2014
Premier's

reading challenge Reading record for school participants



Please return this form to your teacher by 5 September 2014

Student name:		School:		
Teacher name:		Class:		
Book number	Book title	Author	Rating 1-10 (10 being the best)	Signature of witness (parent/guardian)
1				
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Students in Years 5 to 7 meet the Challenge here! Prep to Year 4 Students: keep going, just a little further!				
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Please visit www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge to view the 2014 suggested booklist.

Did this student read any books from the 2014 booklist? Yes/No (Please circle)

PARENT/ GUARDIAN:

(Please print name)

Signature

Date

