



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2015

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 3. I trust you all had a lovely break and are managing to stay warm during this cold snap.

This term has started off very busily and all classes are in full swing with new units and exciting learning challenges.

On Monday, the High School students participated in some of the Athletics events. They all participated really well and the points so far are very close. I am looking forward to my first Athletics Day at Alpha SS and congratulate Mr Taylor and Miss Clarke for their efforts in getting everything organised and ready for the events on Wednesday.

I have a few notices about upcoming events below.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Please remember to collect your tokens from Woolies for us. This year's promotion is linked with Modern Teaching Aids and we will be able to purchase a range of resources if we collect lots of stickers. I appreciate that you may need to share your stickers with Jellybeans or other schools. We really appreciate any contributions to our Earn and Learn appeal this year. Stickers can be dropped off at the office and sticker sheets are also available there.

School Opinion Survey

A Parent Survey envelope will be sent home to every family to complete this year's survey soon. The survey will close on July 31 so the timeframes are pretty short. Both staff and I

have completed this year's survey and the students in Year 4–10 will be completing theirs soon also. I look forward to seeing the results when they are published later in the year.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with a Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- ✦ number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- ✦ level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- ✦ broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- ✦ Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- ✦ Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

P and C meeting

The last P and C meeting did not go ahead as we did not have enough executive or general members to conduct a meeting. I would strongly encourage a representative from each family to attend these meetings as the P and C work hard to support the students at this school. If there is an issue with the times of the meetings, then please let me know and I will raise this at the next meeting. If by changing the time of our meetings we get more people to attend, then we will consider this.

Attendance – Week 1

The attendance statistics for Week 1 are as follows:

Whole School -	90.84%
Prep -	92%
1/2/3 -	90.56%
4/5/6 -	98.1%
7/8 -	78.55%
10 -	95%

Our goal for the whole school attendance is 95%. We will keep striving to reach this target, this term.

Have a fantastic week.

VKoina

Vanessa Koina
Principal



Years 1/2/3 Bulletin

Welcome back to Term 3! We have had a fantastic week in terms of behaviour and learning! All students have settled back into the school routine and have been following class rules. This term in Maths, the year 123 students will continue to work on Number, Measurement and Statistics topics. In English we will be learning about poetry. Students will be exposed to Acrostic poems, Cinquain poems, Limerick poems and Rhyming poems. In Science we have begun our unit on materials and properties, while History is on 'continuity and change'.

We have also begun a reading group session this term. During this session students need to have headphones. Can you please ensure that your child brings headphones in as soon as possible. Lastly, Wednesday is the Athletics Carnival! We would love to see you all there!

Have a wonderful fortnight!
Miss Grogan

Years 4/5/6 Intelligence

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 3! I hope you all had a great June/July holiday and are ready for another school term.

I have noticed that a lot of the kids are borrowing pencils, rubbers, rulers, glue and scissors either off other children or myself. If you could please check with your child to ensure they have all the necessary equipment, it would be greatly appreciated. I want to avoid other children borrowing off each other as this then results in parents having to buy stationary for their students more frequently. All the children seem to have enough workbooks at the moment.

I'm excited about another fun-filled term in 4/5/6 and am looking forward to working with you all throughout the next 10 weeks.

*Kind Regards,
Courtney Hodge
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Years 7/8 Broadcast

Week 2, Term 3 already. Where exactly has the year gone? The holidays just seemed to fly and I hope that you got to spend a little extra quality time with your children. I actually had a holiday and never came to school, for those of you who notice where my car is all the time and think I live here ☺. A big congratulations to all my students on finishing off term 2 strongly and achieving some good results.

In English we are working on a unit which gets us to look at analysing Saskia and Noah – a drama text (also a television series) where we will examine characters and their differing viewpoints on ethical issues raised within this text. Hopefully they will also see that you need to

be wary when participating in online chats, blogs etc as things aren't always as they seem.

In Maths the Year 7 students will be calculating and comparing unit prices, investigating and calculating best buys with and without digital technology, revising rounding decimals and multiplying and dividing decimals in a money context. The Year 8 students will be collecting, organising and displaying data, interpreting data displayed in tables and graphs, exploring the effect of sample size, identifying sources of bias and applying this knowledge to make hypotheses and support conclusions.

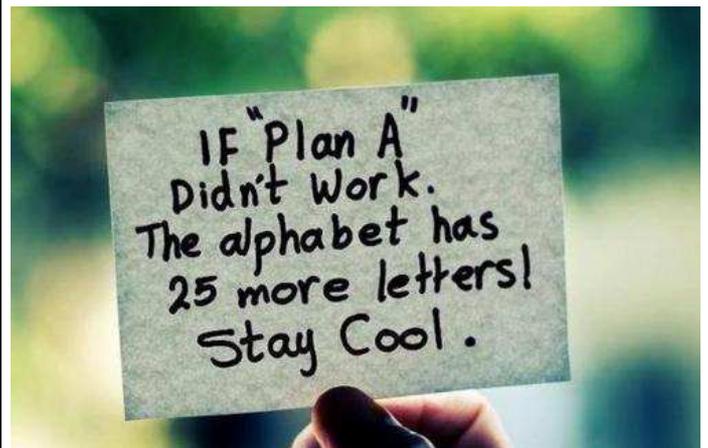
In the Electives:

Business – this term we are concentrating on Employment and getting ready for Work Experience next term. We will be looking at all areas – how to apply for jobs, getting our Resumé ready, what to wear to work, putting together our portfolio, writing a letter of application and actually participating in a real interview.

ICT – students are learning about creating web sites which include numerous webpages and how to make them effective in set out. We will be adding scrolling banners, buttons, colour and tables.

Homework continues with Lexia (100 mins), spelling, and Maths Mentals to be completed each night. I do appreciate your help in making sure these things are being done. These are the things which will help to consolidate your child's basics so that progression in Literacy and Numeracy is made a little easier.

Keep smiling. ☺
Chanelle



MUSIC/ TECHNOLOGY EDITION

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am very happy to be joining the Alpha State School as the

Arts teacher. This term students will learn about Music and in term 4 - Drama. Below is a brief outline of what each year level covered in music and technology this past week. If you have any enquiries, feel free to email me. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and becoming involved in this beautiful community.

Music - Prep/1/2/3

This past week students developed rhythmic, melodic and listening skills. They learnt how to keep a beat to music through movement. Students also sang songs to match different pitches. Simple rhythmic dictation was introduced along with bar structure.

Music - 4/5/6

The 4/5/6 class was introduced to the staff, note letter names and beat value. Rhythmic dictation was practiced. Students learnt simple songs with rhythm patterns so they could play them on the glockenspiels.

Music - 7/8

The students were introduced to the lines on the staff and note letter names. Aural exercises were taught to develop the recognition of higher and lower pitches. Value of beats was taught and the various names used for notes.

Music - 10

Daniel and Beau revised letter note names, positions on the staff, key signatures, beats and their values. As there are two classes a week, Wednesdays will be dedicated to music theory and Thursday's - performance. Over the next two terms, both students will be assessed on performing, creating and analysing.

Tech - Prep

This past week the prep students were taught how to log on to the computer, use a mouse and a keyboard. They also learnt how to press keys simultaneously.

Tech - 7/8

The 7/8 class was introduced to a computer gaming program called Gamesalad. Students were taught how goals, decisions, balance, rewards and flow all have great impact when it comes to making and playing a game. As the schools computer system is not corresponding well with this program, we will be switching to another program called Scratch.

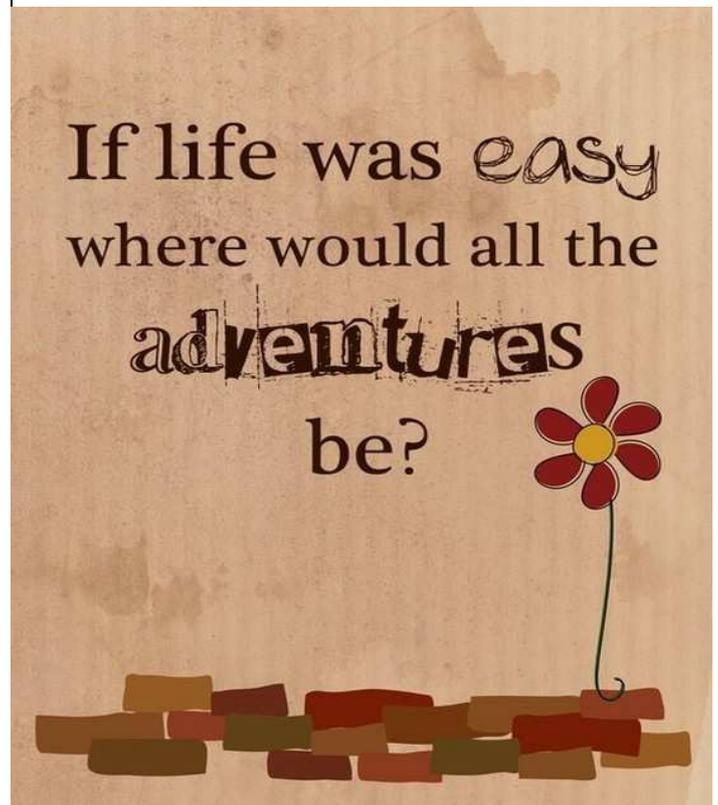
Thanks
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P & C NEWS

The P & C Meeting set down for the 14/07/2015 was unable to go ahead due to work and other commitments by the majority of the Executive Committee members and that a quorum could not be met.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11/08/15 at 4.00 pm.

Mick Lingard
Secretary - Alpha State School P & C



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



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Emergency + Smartphone App – The Triple 000 Awareness Working Group has developed a Smartphone App for iOS, Android & Windows devices to:

- ✦ Provide the caller with information on when to call 000
- ✦ Assist the caller to dial the relevant number
- ✦ Display the GPS Co-ordinates of the phone's location that the caller can read out
- ✦ Provide the caller with information about who to call in various non-emergency situations
- ✦ SES – 132 500
- ✦ Policelink - 131 444
- ✦ Crime Stoppers - 1800 333 000
- ✦ Health Direct Australia – 1800 022 222.
- ✦ National Relay Service (hearing of speech impairments).
- ✦ The App is free and available from iTunes, Google Play or Windows Stores.

Purchasing a Second Hand Vehicle - If a second-hand car, motorcycle, heavy vehicle, caravan or trailer changes hands, the vehicle registration must be transferred within 14 days after getting the vehicle. There are fees you may need to pay when you transfer registration (transfer fee and/or stamp duty).

QPS Blog – 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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RIGHT NOW, CALL
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IF NOT, THINK
POLICELINK.
CALL 131 444.

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Alpha State School Values - Respect, Responsibility, Honesty