



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2014

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to another term. Our focus this term in the classroom is raising the literacy and numeracy levels of each student concentrating on mastering the foundations of each area. Ensuring that students can use effectively the rapid recall (pull quickly and automatically from their memory) elements in writing and maths.

First week back and we had a successful week of learning and students demonstrating emotional intelligence to get the most out of school. Thanks to parents for supporting our uniform policy. The students look great and it really enhances our approach of consistency in all areas. Students can rely on the predictability and familiarity of our routines and practices and concentrate on learning in the classroom.

The tuckshop is closed due to the resignation of our tuckshop convenor. If you are interested in running the tuckshop please see our P & C President Ben Standerwick or Pete. When we are able to offer this service again a flyer will be sent home.

There have been a few questions asked about the Chaplaincy Program and whether it will continue due to the High Court decision a few weeks ago. Putting aside funding and other issues the court case raised, for our school the program has been a success. At this stage due to strong community financial and people support our Chappy, Tony Dodge, who offers such great support to our school and community will continue his role. For Chappy and Mrs Chappy (Billie!) a kind word of support to them when you see them would be much appreciated by our crew.

Curriculum and the classroom

Teachers will be sending home a fortnightly email to keep parents informed on what is happening in their classroom. Each teacher will develop a personal style of email to communicate with you honestly on how our students are progressing in learning, effort put into class, behaviourally and emotionally.

The more you know as parents about what is happening in the classroom, where your child spends a majority of time, the better we can operate as a team. As I have said in a previous newsletter as parents, you (I include myself as a parent in this case) are the most influential person in your child's life.

Behaviour expectations

We are still bedding down the mantra:

"The only person who has time to rock the boat is the one not rowing."

A really good way of encapsulating that is if everyone is rowing together the team is effective and can reach high performance. It only takes one person to drop the oars and the drag will be significant. We are on the way to rowing together all the time and I am looking forward to an excellent term with students engaging school life really well.

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Kind regards

Pete Stansfield

A bite of our fortnight in P/1

“No one should teach who is not in love with teaching.” ~ Margaret E. Sangster

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I hope you all had a refreshing holiday and are ready for another busy term. It is great to be back in the swing of things and I am very much looking forward to the fun times and learning that will be happening in the classroom over the next ten weeks.

I have been working on my leadership journey over the past twelve months, and I was fortunate enough to have taken on the role of Principal over a few days last week. I would like to thank the students, staff and parents for their support, making those few days enjoyable and the best possible start to Term Three. I look forward to more of these opportunities in the future.

Homework starts again this week and a reminder for parents to please ensure that the homework folder, with readers, is brought back to the classroom on Friday mornings. Remember that Homework club for the P/1' is on Tuesday afternoons from 3.05 pm to 4.00pm with afternoon tea provided. This is a great, stress-free way of ensuring that h/w is completed on time.

I wish everyone all the best for Term Three.

From Miss Priddle
& the Prep One's

2/3/4 CAPERS

Welcome back to school for term 3!

This semester we are starting to learn History, as we are now finished our Geography units. We are currently learning about explorers like Christopher Columbus and Captain Cook. In Science this term we are learning about the Earth and the sky, while in Health and Technology we are learning about healthy living. In Maths this fortnight we will be learning about money and number representations. In English we will be continuing our work about the way authors use different language features to create

moods and involve a reader in the text.

Homework this term will run differently to last term. The students will still be receiving spelling words and times tables, but the remainder of their homework will be completing their minutes on Reading Lexia and on Matholia. Each week the students will have a note in their book with the activities that need to be completed on Matholia. It is up to you and them whether they would like to complete the Matholia tasks all in one night or spread them out through the duration of the week. The Lexia minutes however should be a minimum of 15 minutes each night.

Homework club will continue this term, however it will be running on Wednesday afternoons instead of Tuesdays.

Enjoy your week.
Miss Wilson and the 2/3/4 class

Year 5/6 Reporting Live

Hello All,

Welcome back to Term Three.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on parade. Catie Rogers for always adhering to the school mantras. Patrick Thorn for starting the term with a positive and hard-working mentality and Clay Gleeson for exceptional bookwork.

Good luck to those students travelling to sporting events this week. I am looking forward to hearing about great sportsmanship and effort from the participants.

The students commenced the term positively and quickly adapted back into the school routines. They have started all of the new units.

I look forward to another great term at Alpha State School.

Thanks,
Miss Gulliver

SEVEN/EIGHTS

Aloha and welcome back – term 3 already, how incredible we are halfway through the year. For

those of you who don't know aloha can mean three different things. In this case it means hello but can also mean goodbye and I love you – just a bit of trivia for you. ☺I had a wonderful time and the absolute highlight of my trip to Hawaii was flying in a helicopter over a volcano which has been erupting for 31 years. It was incredible! The Year 7/8 class have been learning a little about Hawaii. Ask them what they have found it. It may surprise you how much they have learnt. Now back to work

This term in Year 7 English we are going into bushranger mode and concentrating on reading the novel Black Snake about Ned Kelly and from this our assessment task will be to pretend we were there during one of Ned Kelly's exploits and write a recount about this event. Should be an interesting topic. In Maths we are looking at ratio and best buys (money, discount, unit price etc).

In Year 8 English we are looking at Noah and Saskia, a television series about two teenagers who develop alter egos when they meet online and form a friendship. The assessment task is about analysing a television series. In Maths we are looking at financial maths as well – calculating discount, profits, GST etc.

In my Elective Subjects:

In Business we will be learning the four credit journals and incorporating GST into them, posting them to a Ledger and extracting a Trial Balance. We will be learning how to do them manually and electronically and will also be preparing various business documents – invoices, purchase orders, cheques, deposit slips etc.

In ICT this week we are finishing off our claymations from last term. The ones I have seen so far are amazing and a lot of time and effort has gone into developing them. I'll keep you posted as I may decide to have a "share" afternoon so you get to see what they produced. All the students thoroughly enjoyed this unit.

So as you can see in all subjects we are right back into work with lots happening again this term.

Keep smiling. Aloha
Mrs Goodwin

High School Hi-Jinx

Welcome back to Term 3.

The Yr 9-10 students had a great first week on camp in Rockhampton. They spent the week at CQU and TAFE looking at different offerings available to them after Yr 12. Thanks must go to Mrs Ruthenberg and Miss Clarke for supervising them. From all accounts our students were exceptionally well-behaved.

I have sent home on Tuesday the Reading Lexia reports for Term 2. Please have a read to see where your child is. In our class the minimum number of minutes per week required is 100. We are hoping to have most of the students off this program and onto Reading + by the end of term. The next program will develop their reading and comprehension skills rather than fill in the potholes in their reading road. If you have any questions about this program please come and have a chat.

Our class goal for the term is 100% of the class completing 100% of the weekly homework. The set homework each week is made up of Reading Lexia, Matholia and Grammar/Punctuation. All these tasks are completed online. If for some reason your child is unable to complete the set work please contact me. Their homework week will run from Monday through to Sunday with homework due the following Monday. This allows the students who are busy with sport and jobs to have the weekend to complete the work. However I cannot stress enough that by leaving their homework until Sunday night to complete is not an effective homework plan.

At the end of last term we looked over our term goals and asked the hard questions "Did I do everything possible to follow my homework and study plan?" Some students acknowledged that they did not follow their plan and as a result they were often disappointed with the results they received for assessment. Students have to start being accountable for their time and how effective they study. The work only gets harder from now on so they need to start applying themselves every week not just prior to the assessment date.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and have a chat.

Have a great week
Mrs Rogers ☺

Arty Treats

Welcome back to another busy term! This Term students in years P-8 are studying music, particularly how melodies (tunes) are made, and the sound quality of different instruments. Students will have the opportunity to play and experiment with many of our fantastic collection of musical instruments. I'm looking forward to a noisy but productive term!

Choir and guitar ensemble will continue at the usual times: Choir – Monday 2nd break play, Guitar ensemble – Wednesday 2nd break play.

I'm looking forward to a noisy but productive term! Please come and have a chat anytime (or email) if you want to know more about what your child/ren is learning in the Arts.

SHOCKWAVE FESTIVAL

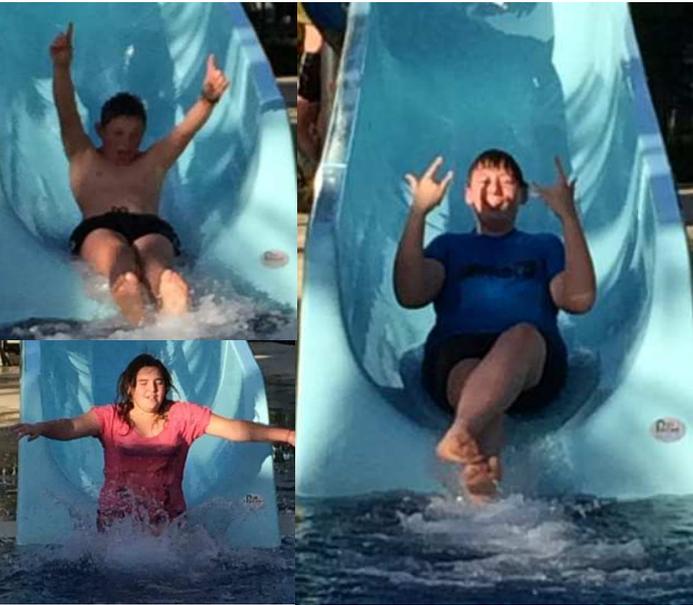
Students in years 8-10 have the opportunity to come along to the Shockwave Youth Creative Arts festival in Blackall. This is a free event for young people, showcasing a variety of different Arts performances and activities. If your child wishes to come along please return permission and medical forms along with payment to Chappy or myself as soon as possible.

Miss Gray

YEAR 9/10 UNI CAMP PHOTOGRAPHS



| Player | Score | Rank |
|-------------|-------|------|
| 1 Talon | 32909 | 27 |
| 2 Paragon | 20053 | 38 |
| 3 Dayglo | 19154 | 31 |
| 4 Krieger | 14263 | 35 |
| 5 Reaver | 13220 | 17 |
| 6 Lithos | 12350 | 31 |
| 7 Napalm | 12350 | 25 |
| 8 Macro | 10850 | 37 |
| 9 Gauntlet | 10800 | 29 |
| 10 Blade | 8000 | 35 |
| 11 Sable | 8600 | 41 |
| 12 Eclipse | 8500 | 27 |
| 13 Quazar | 8200 | 53 |
| 14 Yeldarb | 5550 | 35 |
| 15 Xyon | 5250 | 34 |
| 16 Vortex | 4950 | 26 |
| 17 Javelin | 4700 | 56 |
| 18 Hellfire | 3600 | 20 |
| 19 Umbriel | 3500 | 46 |
| 20 Celcius | 3300 | 24 |
| 21 Falcon | 3250 | 11 |
| 22 Inferno | 2850 | 32 |
| 23 Whitecap | 1550 | 27 |



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



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EFTPOS – I had previously mentioned that the station now has EFTPOS facilities. However, it can only be used for Weapons Licencing and vehicle registration payments. EFTPOS cannot be used for drivers licencing payments. This is because our station is in a unique position in that we conduct both Transport & Main Roads business as well as our core QPS business. As such, the technicians cannot create a dual link to utilise both banking systems. Complicated and frustrating I know, but no-one told us and we only found out the hard way.

Penalty Units – As of the 01/07/14, all fees and charges have been increased as determined by the State Government. This also means that the value of a penalty unit has increased to \$113.00 and as a result all fines have been increased. For example, below is a table of the new fines for speeding offences (demerit points stay the same):

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|------------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| Exceed 100km/hr Speed Zone: | 1-12km over | \$151 | 1 point |
| | 13-20km over | \$227 | 3 points |
| | 21-30km over | \$379 | 4 points |
| | 31-40km over | \$531 | 6 points |
| | 41km and over | \$1062 | 8 points |

Social Media – We often receive inquiries in relation to the use or misuse of social media sites such as Facebook. Be very aware that once you type anything or put any photos onto these sites it is next to impossible to remove them or to limit their circulation. Also, entering or forwarding inappropriate content and images may lead to you being investigated and charged with State or Commonwealth offences.

Unregistered Vehicle/Single Trip Permits – These permits can easily be applied for online at the TMR website: tmr.qld.gov.au.

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.

Alpha State School Values - Respect, Responsibility, Honesty

- Bar & Canteen
- Bottomless Boat Races
- A Grade Teams
- B Grade Teams
- Alpha Gift
(80m Sprint Race)

Nomination forms
available from Anna Gulliver
at abgul0@eq.edu.au

Cost: \$10 per player

Nominations close on
6th August 2014

Saturday

16th August 2014

Captains Meeting @ 11:30am

Alpha State School P & C Touch Football Carnival

Watch the children in
action with their
homemade
bottomless boats.

Lots of fun for the
whole family.
Come along and
enjoy an action
packed day and night.

**Touch Footy Finals
played under lights.**

