



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2014

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Issue 10

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home Wednesday in Week 10. Students away Wednesday will have their report sent home Thursday. Students not at school on Wednesday/Thursday the report will be mailed home. Please contact the class teacher if you would like to discuss the results of your child.

This term really demonstrated the culture that is developing at Alpha SS. Due to training required by EQ there have been a number of staff out at times. That has not stopped the relentless learning journey the students are engaging with really well. With the Principal out at times the students still involved themselves positively with school life. My staff have been well prepared and flexible going the extra mile so our small school can run smoothly throughout term 2 demonstrated by our weekly monitoring of mastery of tasks in class by students. Thanks to our parents who consistently support the school so we can maximise the learning experience for your child.

Goals attained this term

- ◆ 100% reaching the behaviour goals and not one student with 10 or more yellows.
- ◆ 93% attendance so far this year (end of year goal is 95%)
- ◆ An excellent Junior Secondary review
- ◆ High level of students reaching their academic goals
- ◆ Improved A, B, C achievement rate (final rate will be calculated after end of term reporting)
- ◆ High level of student engagement in class with less than 10 referrals for in class issues this term across the school to the principal

It is winter again. Alpha gets reliably cold at this time of year. We were fortunate it came a little later and with some rain. Uniforms are an issue at this time of year. Our uniform policy, has been put through the P & C and helps support the high standards of Alpha SS. If you would like to discuss our agreed uniform policy please see me.

Whether my children, Paige, Morgan and Georgia have been in my school or not over the years I view schooling matters this way for my own children if I take the uniform policy as an example. The uniform requirements are worth following because I support my child following high standards, I support the school, my children need to know I support the school and I support the P & C. My feelings about the school affect my child's attitude to schooling because I am the most influential person in their life. Therefore as a parent and as a principal I need your support in all aspects of schooling to provide your child with the best educational experience. Looking forward to term 3 with all students in full school uniform and your support.

End of term three is only a couple of days away. Our students, other than some time to clean up and organise their classroom, will be learning up until 3 pm on Friday and attendance is required to keep up with unit work that will continue.

Curriculum

We have started to implement whole brain teaching with the students and the effect for classes already on board has been significant in terms of engagement and understanding of what is happening in the lesson. You can youtube whole brain teaching for examples of this type of teaching in practice. I can also organise for you to view a class well along the way with whole brain teaching.

Behaviour expectations

Our new Mantra:

'The only person who has time to the rock the boat is the person not rowing', quote attributed to Jean-Paul Satre.

This statement encapsulates the way teamwork operates for students, staff and parents. If everyone is rowing hard and working as a team

performance is sustainably high. If even one person decides to drop oars it decreases performance, causes issues and puts an extra drag on the rest of the crew. At times everyone has moments where they want to drop oars and rock the boat. It is this moment where a person demonstrates the grit and resilience to stay with the crew and perform or give in to the emotional moment.

Student Invoices

With respect to finance could payment of outstanding student invoices would be appreciated by Friday. Any issues with payment please see Pete.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. Any good news stories or issues to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Kind regards

Pete Stansfield

Year 5/6 Reporting Live

I hope everyone had an exciting and relaxing weekend.

Congratulations to the 'Blue Birds' who made a fantastic parachute. They won with an average time of 3.82 seconds.

The Year 5/6 students have been very busy this term. Rather than writing too much, I thought I would share some of it through different photos from the year.

Thanks for all of your support throughout the term.

Have a wonderful holiday!
Miss Gulliver.

The Year 5/6 class with the best chaplain in Australia.



The students learning about the new mantra.



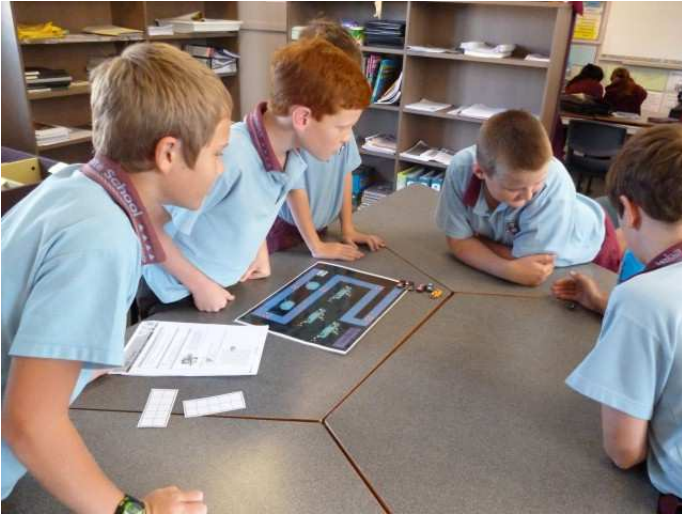
Patrick and Kailum getting ready to launch their parachute.



The 'Blue Birds' creating a master parachute.



Some of the boys playing an addition Maths game.



High School Hi-Jinx

Hi Parents

Well Term 2 down and what a busy one it has been.

Students have been working well throughout the term but we still have a few assessment pieces due. I noted in my parent email the date of the final assessment task. If you have a child who is going to be away please notify me asap so we can organise an alternate due date. We will be busy right up to and including Friday so it is important that all assessment items are completed. A couple of extra tasks that we will be completing this week include a review of our individual term goals as well as PROBE testing –reading.

The students have been working hard on completing their homework each week and we have a 90% success rate in this, this term. Our class goal is to have 100% of students completing the set tasks each week. The compulsory tasks include reading, maths and grammar.

Student behaviour has been exceptional this term and what has been even more exceptional is the way the students have worked for other teachers and DRT's (District Relief Teachers) when I have been away. It is a real credit to them and shows the improved maturity of the students this semester. Well done.

I hope both students and parents have a restful but enjoyable holiday. See you next term.

Mrs Rogers ☺

2/3/4 CAPERS

As the term is coming to an end, the 2, 3, 4's are doing a good job following our classroom routine. Many of them also join us on Tuesday and Thursday for morning reading in the Prep/1 room.

In Maths this term, we have been working on our word problems, time, multiplication, fractions, perimeter and turnarounds. In English, we have been working on our comprehension skills, and using them to comprehend the novel 'Matty Forever.' In Science we have moved on to the states of matter, and how these are effected by different temperatures. Finally, in Geography, we have continued our work on co-ordinates and scales as well as how significant places are and can be protected.

Homework club has been running on Tuesday afternoons each week, from 3:05 until 4:00, and will continue next term. There is no homework club on Tuesday the 24th. A reminder that homework is due each Friday, and will then be sent home on Monday for the following week. Please also remember to bring reading folders as soon as they are finished, so that they can be swapped with new readers for your child.

Have a great week, and enjoy your holidays!

From Miss Wilson & the 2/3/4's.

A bite of our fortnight in P/1

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”
— Benjamin Franklin

After one very busy term, it is hard to believe that we are counting down the last five days until holidays. We have accomplished so much over the first semester and I am very proud of what students have achieved. Thank you to our fantastic parents for your support this term and for taking the time at home to help your child with homework, spelling and sight words.

Semester One Reports will be sent home this week. This report is reflective of your child's progress across all learning areas in Terms One and Two. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about reporting.

Reminders:

- Home Readers will be sent out over the holidays, if you do not wish your child to have these sent home, please let me know.
- Homework will resume Week One – Term Three.
- Homework Club will resume Week One – Term Three, on Tuesday from 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm
- P/1 PE is Wednesday from 2.00 pm-3.00 pm. Students may wear their sport uniform on this day.
- Morning Reading is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to for a wonderful Term Three.

We hope you have a wonderful week! ☺

From Miss Priddle & the Prep/1's

Arty Treats

Arts - Students in P-8 have had a busy term studying how language, time and space are used to enhance actors' performances. We have also been putting the new iPads to use, recording footage on them and experimenting with special effects.

Manual Arts - Despite a busy term, students have put their best foot forward in an effort to finish their woodwork projects. I am constantly impressed by the effort and skills that students put into designing and creating their pieces.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday!!

Miss Gray

SEVEN/EIGHTS

Well another term done and here we are already at the June/July holidays. We have worked hard in our class throughout the semester and everyone is well-and-truly ready for a holiday. This week we are revising and catching up on work covered this term. So it will still be a busy week for us.

I hope my students enjoy their well-earned break and have a safe, wonderful time away from school.

I look forward to catching up and hearing about all their adventures next term.
Keep smiling.

Mrs Goodwin

REMINDERS

- **School re-commences on Monday, 14 July.**
- **Year 9/10 Students will be leaving at 11.30 am on Monday 14 July for CQ Uni Experience**
- **Matt Scott Shield and Vicki Wilson Cup will be held on Friday, 25 July for 9/10/11 year olds**
- **Central West Athletics will be held on Monday, 21 July, 2014**
- **Alpha State School P & C Touch Football Carnival is being held on Saturday, 16 August.**

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



Alpha Police Station
19 Milton Street
Alpha Q 4724

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The Alpha Police Station front counter is closed for Transport & Main Roads and Weapons Licencing matters this week 23/06/14–27/06/14 due to end of financial year reconciliations. The counter will re-open again for Tuesday and Thursday mornings commencing next week.

EFTPOS – The station now has **EFTPOS** facilities to make available another payment option.

Weapons Licencing Renewals and Permits to Acquire – Please be aware that due to staffing and budget restraints, the Weapons Licencing Branch in Brisbane is experiencing prolonged delays in some instances with the processing of new weapons licence applications, renewals and Permits to Acquire. If you wish to make an inquiry about the status of your application you can try phoning the Weapons Licencing Branch on 3015 7777 between 9.00 am–4.00 pm Mon–Fri. We do not have access to the WLB administration system so we cannot inform you of the status of your application. Otherwise, we have been informed that if you submit your new weapons licence application or Permit to Acquire on-line, it will be processed much more quickly. However, at this stage you cannot do your weapons licence renewal on-line.

School Holidays – To all the students, teachers and parents at Alpha State School, have a safe and enjoyable school holiday break. If you are travelling away from Alpha, please drive safely – be aware of the Fatal 5 (no drink/drug driving, wear your seatbelt, watch the speed limits, do not drive when fatigued and do not get distracted when driving) and also drive to the prevailing road conditions. No-one plans to have a traffic crash, but we can plan to reduce our chances of being involved in a crash. The consequences of a traffic crash can be catastrophic and have a lifelong effect on those involved. We want everyone to return home safely.

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